



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20590

April 11, 2014

The Honorable Scott Walker  
Governor of Wisconsin  
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Governor Walker:

Thank you for your letter regarding service from Madison's Dane County Regional Airport (MSN) to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), which had been operated by Republic Airlines (Republic) under an agreement with Frontier Airlines through January 31, 2013.

On January 6, 2014, Republic, along with Shuttle America and Chautauqua Airlines, all wholly-owned subsidiaries of Republic Airways Holdings, Inc., filed a joint proposal to continue service from Madison to DCA, operating as Delta Connection. I am pleased to tell you that, on March 4, 2014, the Department issued Order 2014-3-3, allowing Republic to retain the slot exemptions that it uses for the service. The requisite Federal Aviation Administration authority was issued the next day. As such, Shuttle America, operating as Delta Connection, will be able to continue providing nonstop MSN-DCA service.

As is our standard practice, I am placing a copy of your letter and my response in docket numbers DOT-OST-1999-6240 and DOT-OST-2013-0086, as a contact outside the record of this case.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony R. Foxx", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Anthony R. Foxx



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December 11, 2013

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
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Administrator  
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Dear Secretary Foxx and Administrator Huerta:

Continuing nonstop service between Dane County Regional Airport (MSN) in Madison, Wisconsin and Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA) in Arlington, Virginia is a crucial issue for Wisconsin. Direct air service to smaller communities, especially capital city to capital city is very important.

Republic Airlines currently operates daily nonstop service from MSN to DCA under an agreement with Frontier Airlines. Although this service is popular and well-utilized, Frontier was recently sold to a private equity firm and is terminating its agreement with Republic and therefore ending its nonstop MSN to DCA service in February 2014. It has come to our attention that Republic's sister carrier, Shuttle America, would like to continue direct flights to DCA under the Delta Connection brand.

In light of this, and to avoid any possible disruption in service, the State of Wisconsin asks you to please ensure that Shuttle America is allowed to utilize the slots in question for nonstop service from MSN to DCA.

Continued MSN-DCA service is important to Madison, Wisconsin and surrounding communities as it helps connect business and leisure travelers to the nation's capital, state officials to their federal counterparts, and provides faculty, researchers and students at the University of Wisconsin convenient access to Washington, DC.

Furthermore, if Shuttle America is not allowed to continue service to DCA, Madison will lose its only direct flight to a Washington, DC area airport. Neither Dulles International nor Baltimore Washington International offer nonstop service to MSN.

The State of Wisconsin respectfully requests that your Department allow the DCA slots currently operated by Republic Airlines under the agreement with Frontier Airlines to be used by Shuttle America under Delta Connection.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and please let us know any way that we may help to further expedite this issue.

Sincerely,

Governor Scott Walker