November 29, 2005

BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Michael W. Reynolds
Acting Assistant Secretary of Transportation
for Aviation and International Affairs
Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street S.W. -- Room 10232
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Boston-Maine Airways Corp.,
Dockets OST-00-7668 and OST 03-14985

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

In a letter to you dated November 28, counsel for Boston-Maine Airways Corp. (BMAC) requested “your Office, and other affected offices within OST particularly including the Fitness Division,” to “expedite grant of the relief requested” by BMAC in a pleading labeled “Final Petition,” which was filed in the above two Dockets. Counsel suggested that such action was appropriate because “no Answers in opposition to its Final Petition were filed by any interested party to the referenced proceedings.”

Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) has been an active participant in these proceedings for the past three years, and has consistently opposed the relief sought by BMAC -- including, but not limited to, the relief sought by its “Final Petition.” The only reason ALPA did not respond to the Final Petition is that this latest pleading by BMAC presented nothing new, but merely restated claims, arguments, and requests that BMAC had made repeatedly in previous filings, to which ALPA had repeatedly responded. We took it for granted that the Department was well familiar with ALPA’s views, and that there was no need to burden the Docket with more paper.

Counsel for BMAC surely understands that ALPA has not changed the position it has taken consistently throughout these proceedings -- namely, that BMAC is not fit to be a certificated air carrier. We therefore believe it was disingenuous for counsel to attempt to attach significance to the fact that ALPA had not responded to his “Final
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Petition.” For a fuller statement of ALPA’s position in these proceedings, we respectfully refer you to the above dockets.

A copy of this letter is being filed in the dockets and served upon all parties named on the attached service list.

Sincerely,

Russell Bailey
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Attachment

cc: Dockets OST-00-7668 and OST-03-14985
   All persons named on the attached Service List
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Janice A. Reed, hereby certify that on this 29th day of November, 2005, a true
and correct copy of the letter to The Honorable Michael W. Reynolds, Acting Assistant
Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, dated today, was
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