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Order 2000-9-3



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Issued by the Department of Transportation  
on the 7th Day of September, 2000

Served: September 12, 2000

Essential Air Service at:

FLAT, ALASKA

under 49 U.S.C. 41731 *et seq.*

Docket EAS-170

OST-2000-7907 - /

**ORDER ALLOWING TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SERVICE**

**Summary**

By this order, the Department of Transportation is acknowledging the temporary suspension of scheduled air service to Flat, Alaska, from September 30, 2000, until April 30, 2001.

**Background**

On August 25, 2000, the Director of the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities notified the Department that the airport at Flat, Alaska, was being closed for winter operations effective September 30, 2000, until at least April 30, 2001. The reason given for the closure is that all the residents of Flat will have moved out of the community for the winter.

While the airport is closed, Tanana Air Services will be unable to provide the community with the Essential Air Service (one weekly scheduled flight to McGrath, Alaska) that it is required to provide by Docket EAS-170, Order 80-1-167. Therefore, we will allow Tanana Air Services to temporarily suspend scheduled service to Flat, Alaska, from September 30, 2000, until April 30, 2001, or until the residents return to the community.

This order is issued under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.56a(f).

**ACCORDINGLY,**

1. We allow Tanana Air Services to temporarily suspend scheduled service at Flat, Alaska, for the period from September 30, 2000 until April 30, 2001, or until the airport reopens and the residents return to the community in the spring of 2001;
2. Tanana Air Services is directed to notify the Department and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities when it begins scheduled service from Flat, Alaska, in 2001;

3. We will serve a copy of this order on the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, and Tanana Air Services; and
4. This order will be effective immediately.

By:

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Assistant Secretary for Aviation  
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