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Dennis J. DeVany, Chief
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RE: DELTA AIRLINES PROPOSAL FOR EAS CONTRACT CHANGE
DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM FOD TO MSP

Dear Mr. DeVany:

Our Airport Commission enthusiastically endorses the recent proposal by Delta Airlines to provide us with two daily direct round trip flights connecting with Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport. These flights are proposed to be seven days per week. Since this proposed change necessitates a revision within our Essential Air Service (EAS) program contract, we encourage you to support and approve this service enhancement for Fort Dodge.

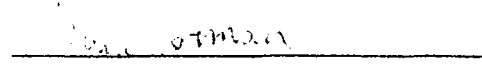
The transition from NWA to Delta has been seamless and the service levels have been well received. The EAS is a vital component of our region's economic and transportation model and we encourage your continued support.

We are confident that the adoption of the proposal will serve Delta and our region well. Our anticipation is that the direct flight component will increase utilization and support for our service by our area businesses and customers. Perception of our accessibility to the nation and world would also be enhanced.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to our EAS contract as Delta is offering a great enhancement and benefit to our air service.

Respectfully,


Richard Jacobson, Chairman


Debra Johnson, Vice-Chairman


Dean Getting, Airport Commissioner


Tom Kregel, Airport Commissioner


John Birkett, Airport Commissioner