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# “Member Alert”

## DOT NPRM

### “DEMAND MANAGEMENT IN DISGUISE”

#### *‘It’s Impact on Small Community Air Service Communities’*

Since September 24, 2007, the Senate has been hung up on the **FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007 (H.R. 2881)** largely as a result of their inability to agree on new ATC funding and whether the additional funding would come from a \$25 per flight user fee or from increases in aviation fuel taxes.

The **Regional Airline Association (RAA)** has put together an extensive Policy Analysis and review<sup>1</sup> of this new NPRM which I believe that accurately reflects the true effect of the NPRM and its impact on Small Communities, including EAS communities who are losing air service and air service providers at an alarming rate.

We (RAP) are providing the RAA Policy Analysis to you in original form and format and we ask you to review it critically and strongly consider the impact of the NPRM and the effect it will have on your community.

Aviation Policy determinations have a “trickle down” effect and as all of you know by now, small communities are at bottom of the food chain and without strong advocacy, it is a certainty that we will feel the brunt of any uncontested decision/rule making long after it has been decided.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.raa.org/news/03-19-08\\_Airline\\_Service\\_Small\\_Communities\\_Threatened.cfm](http://www.raa.org/news/03-19-08_Airline_Service_Small_Communities_Threatened.cfm)

It is for that reason that we ask you to carefully review the attached presentation and **respond immediately with a comment on the FAA/DOT docket with your viewpoint on the NPRM.**

It is critically important that you also provide us with feedback and support as we work through this period to determine what is in the best interest of both small communities and airline companies that provide that vital link for us to the National Air Transportation System (NATS).

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# HOW TO FILE A COMMENT ON THE FAA/DOT DOCKET

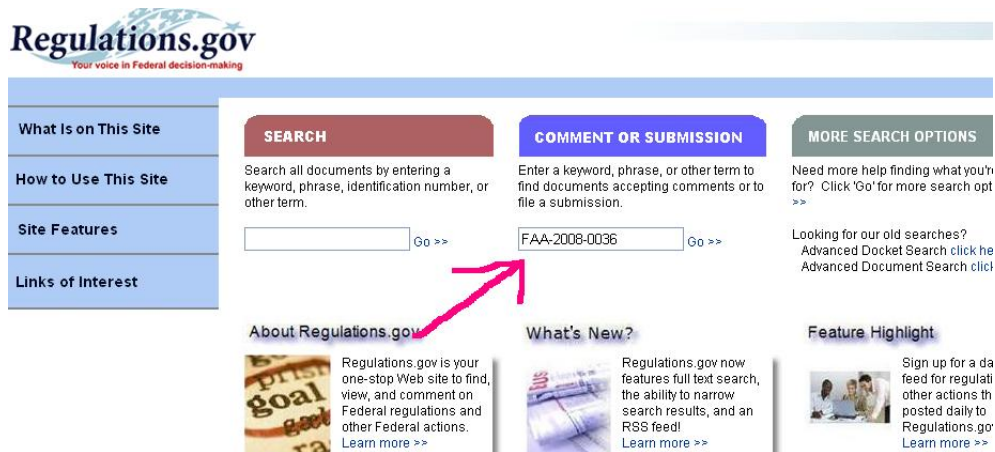
**Comment deadline is April 3, 2008.**

Comments must include the docket number **FAA-2008-0036**. Fax and online submittal are the preferred methods for filing comments.

**BY FAX: (202) 493 -2251**

**ONLINE:**

1. Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)
2. Enter FAA-2008-0036 in the search box under “Comment or Submission” and click go



3. Click on “Send a Comment or Submission” – it will take you to a new page where you can enter your contact information and comment online

