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Dear Mr. Breed:

By Order 2000-10-1, issued October 2, 2000, the Department issued to Boston-Maine Airways Corp. d/b/a Pan Am Services a certificate authorizing it to engage in interstate scheduled passenger operations using small aircraft. As you know, effectiveness of this certificate was conditioned upon, among other things, Boston-Maine's providing evidence that it had obtained the required FAA authority to conduct scheduled passenger operations. Furthermore, in accordance with our rules (14 CFR 204.7), Boston-Maine had one year from the date of our order granting this certificate (that is until October 2, 2001) to complete the steps necessary to have its authority made effective and commence the scheduled passenger operations authorized. Failure to do so within the year provided would result in loss of the certificate granted.

On September 21, 2001, Boston-Maine filed a request for a 90-day extension of time in which to become operational. In support of its request, Boston-Maine stated that, while it had encountered some difficulties in completing its FAA Part 121 certification, it hoped to complete its required FAA certification shortly. However, in order to allow adequate time for completion of this certification process, followed by the preparatory steps (advertising, schedule publication, etc.) necessary for Boston-Maine to commence scheduled passenger service, Boston-Maine was requesting an 90-day extension of its revocation-for-dormancy date.

After review of Boston-Maine's request, we have decided to grant the extension requested. Therefore, Boston-Maine now has until January 2, 2002, to receive effective certificate authority and commence actual scheduled passenger operations.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to call Janet Davis of my staff at (202)-366-9721.

Sincerely,

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