



Order 2004-3-11

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

Issued by the Department of Transportation  
on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004

Ninety-day notice of intent of

**SHUTTLE AMERICA CORPORATION  
d/b/a US Airways Express**

to terminate service at Williamsport,  
Pennsylvania,  
under 49 U.S.C. 41731 *et seq.*

**Served: March 18, 2004**

**DOCKET OST-2004-17012**

**ORDER ALLOWING SUSPENSION OF SERVICE**

**Summary**

By this order, the Department is allowing Shuttle America Corporation, d/b/a US Airways Express (Shuttle America), to suspend its scheduled service at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on May 1, 2004.

**Background**

On January 30, 2004, Shuttle America filed a 90-day notice of its intent to suspend service at Williamsport effective May 1, 2004. The carrier currently operates four daily nonstop round trips between Williamsport and Pittsburgh using 34-seat SAAB 340 aircraft.

Williamsport also receives service provided by Allegheny Airlines, also a US Airways Express carrier, consisting of two daily nonstop round trips to Philadelphia, with 37-seat de Havilland Dash-8 aircraft.

**Decision**

After careful consideration, we have decided to allow Shuttle America to suspend its service at Williamsport, effective May 1, 2004. Even without Shuttle America's service, Williamsport will still receive the nonstop service operated by Allegheny Airlines to Philadelphia, providing 74 seats outbound and 74 seats inbound, meeting Williamsport's guarantee of 67 seats inbound and outbound each day. In this case, we conclude that the service provided by Allegheny Airlines will meet the core responsibility of the EAS program to provide Williamsport a continuing link to

the national air transportation system. In addition, as a code-share partner of US Airways Express, Allegheny Airlines will be able to offer Williamsport travelers on-line connecting service through US Airways' system.

As a final matter, before suspending service, we expect Shuttle America to contact all passengers holding reservations for flights affected, to inform them of the suspension, and to secure alternate air transportation for such passengers or to provide a refund of the ticket price, without penalty, if requested.

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

**ACCORDINGLY,**

1. We will take no action to prohibit Shuttle America Corporation, d/b/a US Airways Express, from suspending its scheduled service at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on May 1, 2004;
2. We will rely on Allegheny Airlines, Inc., d/b/a US Airways Express, to meet the EAS needs of Williamsport, Pennsylvania;
3. Docket OST-2004-17012 will remain open until further action by the Department; and
4. We will serve a copy of this order on the parties listed in the Certificate of Service of Docket OST-2004-17010.

By:

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