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**INTRA ALASKA BUSH SERVICE MAIL RATES**

**Docket OST-2003-14694**

**NOTICE**

On July 22, 2004, pursuant to Rule 302.11, the Department granted the Consolidated Carriers an extension until August 9, 2004, to submit comments to Order 2004-6-4, establishing linehaul mail rates for Part 135 carriers. On July 15, the Department issued Order 2004-7-11, requesting comments by August 16 on the new intra-Alaska terminal mail rate.

On July 29, 2004, Peninsula Airways requested that the filing deadline for response to all of the bush mail orders be extended to August 20. Peninsula says it needs the additional time to complete its analysis of the many complex and inter-related aspects of the Department's proposed new rate-making policies, and such an extension will facilitate the issuance of a comprehensive and well-reasoned decision by the Department. Peninsula further notes that the proposed rates are already in effect, and the requested extension of time will not prejudice any party.

We have received no objections to Peninsula's request. Procedurally, at this stage in the process it should be simpler to put all of the inter-related issues on the same procedural time frame. In addition, there is an informal meeting among the parties scheduled for August 19. The results of that meeting may influence parties' positions. For these reasons, we will extend the initial filing deadline for all three linehaul rates (Part 121, Part 135 and Amphibious) and the terminal rate to September 3, 2004.

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