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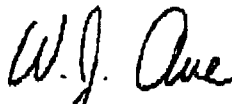
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Dear Mr. Kunze:

Thank you for your letter of April 15. Although we have accepted your offer of temporary use of the slots, we have reserved our rights to contest the legality of the City's agreement with JetBlue and the locally imposed slot constraints. In the event these issues cannot be resolved by June 15, our scheduled launch date, temporary use of the slots will allow us to begin serving these new routes while we continue to pursue permanent accommodation. We continue to hope that we resolve this dispute without a long legal fight with the City.

My letter dated April 9, 2002, accepted your offer of a hearing. We'd like to have this hearing as soon as possible – and certainly no later than fourteen to twenty-one days from April 9, as provided for by your Municipal Code. I will call you today to set up a time.

Sincerely,


Walter J. Aue

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cc: R. L. Huddleston