

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 625

Approved December 24, 1973

WHEREAS, it has been reported that the Allegheny Airlines and American Airlines are proposing to reduce certain flights during prime time between the Theodore Francis Greene Airport, which services the City of Providence patrons, New York City, and Washington, D.C., and return flights to the same, and

WHEREAS, such proposed reduction in flights would cause inconvenience to patrons of these airlines, if reduced below a viable level,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of Congress from the State of Rhode Island are hereby urgently requested to use their good offices to avert a reduction of flights, during prime time, by the Allegheny Airlines and the American Airlines from the Theodore Francis Greene Airport to New York City and Washington, D.C., and flights from those points back to the said airport serving the City of Providence clientele and the Metropolitan Providence area.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

Robert J. Dutton
PRES.
Vincent Crespi
CLERK

Joseph A. Porley
APPROVED

MAYOR

DEC 27 1973

Council President
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IN CITY CENTER

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December 27, 1973

Honorable John O. Pastore
3215 New Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Pastore:

I submit, by direction, a duly certified copy of
Resolution of the City Council No. 625, approved December
24, 1973, for your interest.

I am certain that you share the same disappointment
as Mayor Doorley and the Members of the City Council do in
the subject matter and will use your good offices to avert
a reduction in prime time flights.

Sincerely yours,

Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence

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Enclosure

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January 2, 1974

Mr. Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Vinnie:

I was glad to receive your letter of December 27 enclosing a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the City Council of Providence concerning the proposed reduction in airline service between the Theodore Francis Green Airport and New York City and Washington, D. C.

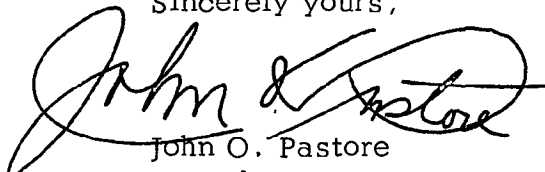
It's good to know that you are back at work again and I certainly hope that you enjoy good health throughout the coming New Year.

With respect to the resolution, I would appreciate it very much if you could let the Mayor and the members of the Council know that I have already contacted Robert D. Timm, Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, to object to the proposed reduction in service.

I, myself, rely heavily on Allegheny Airlines to get back and forth from Washington to Rhode Island. I know exactly how the businessmen in Rhode Island feel about this matter and I am hopeful that the CAB will arrive at a solution acceptable to us.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,


John O. Pastore
United States Senator

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December 26, 1973

United States Senator Claiborne Pell
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Pell:

This is in response to your May 19, 1973 correspondence with respect to American Airlines eliminating its 7:23 A. M. flight to New York City.

The enclosed Resolution of the City Council No. 625, approved December 24, 1973, establishes the concern of many of our citizens in Providence who utilize certain airline flights from Hillsgrove to New York and Washington, and return.

You will kindly note, Senator, that in addition to American Airlines, it also involves Allegheny Airlines; and from information given me, it is not a rescheduling of flights but curtailment of certain prime time airflights.

In addition to the above concern, I was informed this morning, by telephone, that there will be a series of layoffs of personnel, one of which happened this morning to a 15-year veteran of American Airlines.

I am, this day, forwarding to both American and Allegheny copies of the instant Resolution and accompanying letter informing of the City of Providence's position on the proposed reduction of flights and its effect upon patrons utilizing those two airlines from the City of Providence, particularly.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Haxton, President
City Council of Providence

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December 27, 1973

Honorable Claiborne Pell
325 Old Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

I submit, by direction, a duly certified copy of Resolution of the City Council No. 625, approved December 21, 1973, for your interest.

I am certain that you share the same disappointment as Mayor Doorley and the Members of the City Council do in the subject matter and will use your good offices to avert a reduction in prime time flights.

While this may be academic, since you have written to Council President Haxton, nonetheless, the same is forwarded to you for your records.

Sincerely yours,

Vincent Vespia,
City Clerk of Providence

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Enclosure

RNE PELL
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 19th, 1973

The Honorable
Robert Haxton
Council President
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Bob:

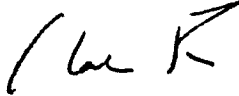
I understand from John Lewis that you called my Providence office expressing your concern regarding the possibility of American Airlines eliminating the 7:23 a.m. flight to New York City.

My office has been in touch with American Airlines which says there is to be a new schedule which will be announced soon and will be effective January 7th, 1974. In the meantime, your concern and that of other businessmen that this flight be continued has been expressed to American Airlines. I am now awaiting word from American as to what their plans are.

It might be well if you and others were to write some strong letters in this regard to American Airlines with a copy forwarded to my office.

With every good wish.

Ever sincerely,



Claiborne Pell

CLAIBORNE PELL
RHODE ISLAND

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 1, 1974

Mr. Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

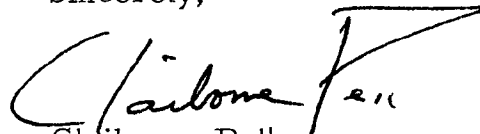
Dear Vinnie:

The Civil Aeronautics Board has responded to the inquiry which I made regarding air service between Providence and New York and Washington and I thought you would like to have a copy of the response.

If you have any further thoughts on this matter, please let me know.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,


Claiborne Pell

Enclosure

December 27, 1973

Honorable Fernand J. St. Germain
2136 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman St. Germain:

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Sincerely yours,

Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence

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FERNAND J. ST-GERMAIN
1ST DISTRICT, RHODE ISLAND

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

200 JOHN E. FOGARTY BUILDING
PROVIDENCE, R.I. 02903
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January 3, 1973

Mr. Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903


Dear Vinnie:

Thank you for your letter, as well as the copy of the resolution adopted by the City Council, objecting to the reduction of airline service between Providence and New York. I certainly agree with you on the serious consequences this reduction will have on the Rhode Island business community.

On December 28th, I wrote to both American Airlines and Allegheny Airlines protesting the cutbacks and asking them to review their scheduling plans. I have also written to the Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board asking for their immediate attention to this matter, and asking them to prevent the proposed flight reductions. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your reference.

Let me assure you of my continuing efforts to keep adequate airline service for Rhode Island.

Sincerely,


Fernand J. St Germain
Member of Congress

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January 2, 1974

Honorable Secor D. Browne
Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board
Universal Building
Washington, D. C. 20428

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Both American Airlines and Allegheny Airlines have announced reductions in service between Providence and New York. This is a matter of utmost concern to me because of the adverse impact which this cutback will have on businesses in Rhode Island.

I am naturally aware that the energy crisis is resulting in a slightly reduced fuel allocation to the airlines, and we, in Rhode Island, want to cooperate, of course, with the Federal energy program. However, we do not appreciate being taken advantage of with the energy shortage as a convenient excuse. It appears that the airlines in this instance are trying to cut out routes they have been servicing and using the occasion of the fuel shortage as an opportunity to do that.

Needless to say, if the proposed flight reductions are allowed to stand, they will have a serious impact on the business community in Rhode Island. Thus, I would ask you to review this matter immediately and to act to prevent reductions in service.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Fernand J. St Germain
Member of Congress

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Washington, D.C. 20515

January 21, 1974

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SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Vinnie:

In response to my letters to American and Allegheny Airlines, I have received the attached replies. Allegheny at least offers some hope of improving the present situation by March 1. I certainly hope that materializes.

Also, as you know, Pilgrim Airlines has arranged a morning flight to New York and a night return flight to help offset the full impact of the flights that have been cancelled. Nevertheless, let me assure you of my continuing efforts to have adequate service restored between Providence and New York.

Sincerely,



Fernand J. St Germain
Member of Congress

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Enclosures

AMERICAN AIRLINES

January 8, 1974

JAN 10 1974

The Honorable Fernand J. St Germain
House of Representatives
2136 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Representative St Germain:

Mr. Warde asked me to respond to your recent letter regarding our Providence schedules, as I have responsibility for scheduling at American Airlines.

Our decision to reduce the number of flights between Providence and New York was taken with great regret. However, as I am sure you are aware, the current fuel crisis has necessitated that the airlines reduce their total operations by a significant amount. In our own particular case, effective January 7 we have had to cut out approximately 25% of our planned departures.

In effecting flight cancellations, we have tried to follow three basic guidelines in order to minimize inconvenience to the travelling public:

1. to cancel, where possible, services which have had low patronage,
2. to cancel in markets where there will remain an adequate supply of service (both ours and the competition's), and
3. to make our cancellations throughout the system so that no one city or geographical area bears an unreasonable burden.

We are not happy with the cancellations we have been forced to make. I can assure you that we will give every consideration to your views when and if the fuel situation permits us to consider reinstatement of cancelled services.

Sincerely,



Randall Malin
Vice President
Resource Planning

cc: Mr. George A. Warde

ALLEGHENY AIRLINES, INC.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20001

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January 14, 1974

EDWIN I. COLODNY
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
LEGAL AFFAIRS & MARKETING SERVICES

Honorable Fernand J. St Germain
House of Representatives
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman St Germain:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 28, 1973, addressed to Leslie O. Barnes, President of Allegheny, forwarding a letter written by the Honorable Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Mayor of the City of Providence, concerning Allegheny's service between Providence and New York City.

As I know you are aware, Allegheny was required to effectuate a 25% cut back in fuel consumption on January 7th, pursuant to an order issued by the President on November 25th. This drastic action required a major reduction in Allegheny's services throughout the system, within a very short period of time. Every effort was made to curtail services consistent with the public interest. In the case of the Providence-New York market, the existence of regular train service was a factor dictating the decision to curtail services in that market. We did retain critical air service in important Providence markets such as Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester and Minneapolis-St. Paul.

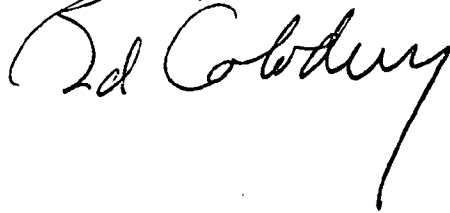
With the announced restoration of fuel to the 1972 level by the Federal Energy Office effective January 15, 1974, Allegheny is re-examining its system schedules with a view toward increasing services at many cities on March 1. Since the level of fuel available to Allegheny on that date will still be 7% below October 1973 requirements, Allegheny will not be in a position to restore all of the services which were operated last October. However, we anticipate that a reasonable pattern of service will be available to one of the New York City airports on March 1. As soon as the schedule is finalized, I will be pleased to forward it to you.

Congressman Fernand J. St. Germain
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We know you appreciate the difficulty of this fuel crisis and the resulting action which it has forced upon the scheduled airline industry. We are attempting to meet this situation in a manner consistent with our obligation to all of the cities we serve.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ed Colodury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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cc: Honorable Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.
Mayor, City of Providence
Albert R. Tavani
Assistant Director of Transportation
Division of Airports
T. F. Green State Airport
Warwick, Rhode Island

December 27, 1973

Honorable Robert O. Tiernan
417 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Tiernan:

I submit, by direction, a duly certified copy of Resolution of the City Council No. 625, approved December 24, 1973, for your interest.

I am certain that you share the same disappointment as Mayor Doorley and the Members of the City Council do in the subject matter and will use your good offices to avert a reduction in prime time flights.

Sincerely yours,

Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence

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ROBERT O. TIERNAN
2ND DISTRICT, RHODE ISLAND

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
417 CANNON BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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Congress of the United States
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January 14, 1974

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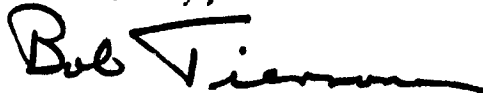
Dear Vinnie:

Thank you for your letter of January 2 concerning a possible reduction in prime time flights to Providence.

In checking with Allegheny I find that they are retaining a full schedule of flights for the first quarter. Another schedule review will take place in February, but no major changes are anticipated. Hopefully, the availability of jet fuel will hold steady and reductions will not be necessary.

Glad to hear you're feeling better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Tiernan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

ROBERT O. TIERNAN
Member of Congress

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ALLEGHENY AIRLINES, INC.
WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20001

GEORGE J. KING
VICE PRESIDENT
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

8 February 1974

Honorable Robert O. Tiernan
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Attention: Anne Murphy

Dear Congressman Tiernan:

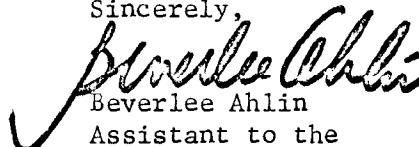
In the midst of this energy crisis with frequently dark days, we felt you might like to have this more encouraging news, namely, that Allegheny plans as of March 1st, to restore the following service to and from Providence:

1. 5 Non-stop roundtrips daily to Washington, D. C.
2. 3 Roundtrips daily to Newark at 7:30 a.m., 11:24 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The early morning and late afternoon flights will continue to Rochester and Toronto, providing the first single-plane service between Providence and the Canadian hub.
3. New morning service to Detroit, departing at 8:19 a.m.
4. Restoration of non-stop service to Baltimore, with a departure at 11:02 a.m.
5. Increase from 3 to 5 daily flights to Philadelphia with continuing service to Nashville and Memphis.

The net effect of this schedule is an increase in daily flight frequency from 14 to 20 at present. Under new regulations established by the Federal Energy Office, Allegheny will receive approximately 7% less fuel than it used during October 1973.

Please let me know if you have any questions in this regard and if I can provide any additional details that would be helpful to you.

Sincerely,


Beverlee Ahlin
Assistant to the
Vice President

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December 27, 1973

His Excellency Philip W. Noel
Executive Chamber
State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Governor Noel

I submit the enclosed duly certified copy of Resolution of the City Council No. 625, approved December 24, 1973, which indicates the concern of Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr. and the Members of the City Council.

The subject Resolution was sponsored into the City Council by Council President, Robert J. Haxton, who was contacted by many of the citizens of our City on this same matter.

Council President Haxton has directed me to further inform you that he has additionally received complaints that a series of discontinuance of service of Veteran personnel will be caused by such eliminations of flights, as noted in the Resolution.

The City Administration sincerely expresses its wishes that the proposed schedule will not be put into effect.

Sincerely yours,

Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence

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Enclosure

December 27, 1973

Mr. George Worde, President
American Airlines
633 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Worde:

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City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 3, 1974

TO: Council President Haxton

SUBJECT: AMERICAN AIRLINES-RESOLUTION 625 OF 1973

CONSIDERED BY: City Clerk Vincent Vespia

DISPOSITION: Attached is copy of correspondence from the above subject in response to Resolution 625 sponsored by yourself.

Vincent Vespia
City Clerk

American Airlines

December 31, 1973

Mr. Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence
Department of City Clerk
City of Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Vespia:

Mr. Warde asked me to respond to your recent letter as I have responsibility for scheduling. Thank you very much for sending us a copy of Resolution No. 625 of the City Council of Providence.

It was with sincere regret that we made the decision to cut back on our service to Providence. However, the current fuel crisis has necessitated that we reduce our planned departures systemwide by approximately 25% effective January 7. In effecting these cancellations, we have tried to cut back flights throughout our system that were the least patronized. In this manner we hope to minimize inconvenience to the travelling public.

I know of no airline that is happy with the present situation, and I hope that we will be able to consider reinstatement of the cancelled flights at some point in the future.

Sincerely,



Randall Malin
Vice President
Resource Planning

December 27, 1973

Mr. Lesley Barnes, President
Allegheny Airlines, Inc.
Washington National Airport
Washington, D. C. 20001

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WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT

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**EDWIN I. COLODNY
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
MARKETING & LEGAL AFFAIRS**

January 14, 1974

Mr. Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence
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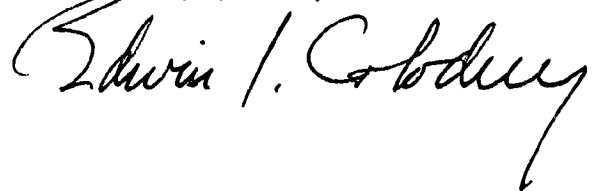
This will acknowledge your letter of December 27, 1973 addressed to Mr. Leslie O. Barnes, President of Allegheny Airlines, forwarding a resolution of the City Council of Providence relating to air service of Allegheny and American at Theodore Francis Greene Airport. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have sent today to Congressman Fernand J. St Germain in response to an inquiry which he made on behalf of Mayor Doorley.

I hope that this letter will be responsive to the resolution of the City Council insofar as it relates to Providence-New York City service.

With regard to Providence-Washington, D. C. service, schedules which became effective January 7 retain an excellent pattern of nonstop jet service between these two cities. There are currently five well-timed jet departures nonstop from Providence to Washington, and six well-timed jet departures from Washington to Providence. Accordingly, there does not appear to be any deficiency in Allegheny's service in this market.

The City's interest in Allegheny's service is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



EIC/hrb

cc: Honorable Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.
Mayor, City of Providence

Albert R. Tavani
Assistant Director of Transportation
Division of Airports
T.F. Green State Airport
Warwick, Rhode Island

ROBERT O. TIERNAN
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

January 18, 1974

Mr. Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence
City Council
Providence, Rhode Island
02903

Dear Vinnie:

I am writing in further reference to your letter of December 24, 1973 and my reply of January 14, 1974 concerning the present cut-back in airline service to Rhode Island.

As you are aware, severe reductions in fuel allocations forced our major airlines to severely curtail their schedules. In light of future findings, however, the Energy Office has now authorized airlines to receive 100 percent of their 1972 fuel usage. Happily, this increase in availability will enable Allegheny to resume a number of flights previously cancelled and to re-employ some of the 3,700 personnel who were forced out on "furlough". The proposed changes are not as yet finalized, but are scheduled to go into effect on March 1.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I received today from Allegheny in response to my inquiry into this matter.

Sincerely,



ROBERT O. TIERNAN
Member of Congress

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WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20001

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