

BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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| In the Matter of Essential Air Service at | ) | Docket DOT-OST-2024-0052 |
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| Valdez, Alaska                            | ) |                          |
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**140-DAY NOTICE OF NEW PACIFIC AIRLINES, INC. D/B/A RAVN ALASKA  
TO TERMINATE UNSUBSIDIZED ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE AT VALDEZ, ALASKA**

Communications with respect to this document should be addressed to:

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May 13, 2025

**NOTE:** Answers or objections to this Notice are due on or before June 3, 2025.

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**140-DAY NOTICE OF NEW PACIFIC AIRLINES, INC. D/B/A RAVN ALASKA  
TO TERMINATE SUBSIDIZED ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE AT VALDEZ, ALASKA**

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 41734 and 14 C.F.R. § 323.3, New Pacific Airlines, Inc. d/b/a Ravn Alaska ("Ravn") hereby provides notice of its intention to terminate subsidized scheduled air service between Anchorage, Alaska ("ANC") and Valdez, Alaska ("VDZ"), effective September 30, 2025, or, to the extent permitted, sooner. Ravn appreciates the support that the community has provided for this service, and therefore regrets having to file this Notice due to unanticipated developments with its fleet of Dash 8 aircraft.

As part of this Notice and consistent with 14 C.F.R. § 323.4, Ravn provides the following information.

1. Ravn has its headquarters at 4700 Old International Airport Road Anchorage, AK 99502, and its telephone number is 907-301-3371.
2. Ravn is a certificated Part 121 air carrier with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Department. See DOT Order 2023-11-7.
3. Valdez is an eligible EAS community. In December 2024, the Department selected Ravn to provide subsidized EAS at Valdez through December 31, 2026. See DOT Order 2024-12-3. According to the Department's Essential Air Service

Determinations for Alaska Communities<sup>1</sup> and Order 1980-1-167, VDZ was determined to require an average of 58 peak-season departures per week and 44 off-peak season departures per week to/from ANC, utilizing small aircraft. For the Summer 2025 season, Ravn is operating the following schedule between ANC and VDZ.

**Summer 2025 Ravn ANC-VDZ Schedule**

| ORG | DST | DEP   | ARR   | DOW     | EQP    |
|-----|-----|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| ANC | VDZ | 8:00  | 8:50  | 1.3456  | Dash 8 |
| ANC | VDZ | 15:40 | 16:30 | 1.345.7 | Dash 8 |
| ANC | VDZ | 10:45 | 11:35 | 6       | Dash 8 |
| ANC | VDZ | 9:00  | 9:50  | 2       | Dash 8 |
| ANC | VDZ | 13:15 | 14:05 | 2       | Dash 8 |
| ANC | VDZ | 13:00 | 13:50 | 7       | Dash 8 |
| VDZ | ANC | 9:20  | 10:10 | 1.3456  | Dash 8 |
| VDZ | ANC | 17:00 | 17:50 | 1.345.7 | Dash 8 |
| VDZ | ANC | 12:05 | 12:55 | 6       | Dash 8 |
| VDZ | ANC | 10:20 | 11:10 | 2       | Dash 8 |
| VDZ | ANC | 14:35 | 15:25 | 2       | Dash8  |
| VDZ | ANC | 14:20 | 15:10 | 7       | Dash 8 |

Despite Ravn's best efforts, its Dash 8 aircraft fleet is undergoing a significant and unanticipated reduction in available aircraft, such that Ravn will not be able to provide sufficient levels of EAS for Valdez.

4. Accordingly, the public interest warrants the prompt establishment of a carrier selection proceeding so that interested carriers may submit proposals for consideration by the Department to serve VDZ and a replacement carrier can commence service at VDZ as soon as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> See [https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/AK\\_Determination\\_2012.pdf](https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/AK_Determination_2012.pdf) ; see also DOT Order 2024-12-3.

Notice of New Pacific Airlines, Inc. d/b/a Ravn Alaska (Valdez)

Respectfully submitted,



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Tom Hsieh  
President and CEO  
New Pacific Airlines, Inc. d/b/a Ravn Alaska

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025, a copy of the foregoing Notice was served by electronic mail or U.S. mail (as indicated below) to the following:

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*/s/ Tom Hsieh*

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