

Appendix M
September 8,2006 Correspondence from the Airport Sponsor

Panama City-Bay County International Airport

Foreign Trade Zone #65



September 8, 2006

Mr. Rusty Chapman
Airports Division Manager
Federal Aviation Administration
1701 Columbia Avenue, Room 540
College Park, Georgia 30337

Dear Rusty:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the position of the Panama City-Bay County Airport and Industrial District regarding development of the primary runway at the proposed new airport in Bay County, Florida.

As project sponsor, the District is aware that FAA has identified a need for only a 6,800' primary runway to meet aviation demand in the planning period based on FAA's Terminal Area Forecast and runway length analysis. Nevertheless, the Panama City-Bay County Airport and Industrial District stands by its stated purpose and need to accommodate opportunities for international charter service and service by wide-body aircraft which require a primary runway of 8,400'. Should FAA approve the 8,400' runway at the West Bay site, we are aware that FAA will only consider 6,800' of the 8,400' primary runway to be eligible for AIP funding based on current eligibility criteria.

In addition to the above points, this confirms the "West Bay Site – Runway 16-34 6,800' Scenario 2" and phased construction of an 8,400' runway with Scenario 2 as an initial phase would not meet our purpose and need and therefore would not be built.

Please advise if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randall S. Curtis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line through the middle.

Randall S. Curtis, A.A.E.
Executive Director

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