

the selling carrier or ticket agent shall provide the following written notice:

**NOTICE: CHANGE OF AIRCRAFT REQUIRED**

For at least one of your flights, you must change aircraft en route even though your ticket may show only one flight number and have only one flight coupon for that flight. Further, in the case of some travel, one of your flights may not be identified at the airport by the number on your ticket, or it may be identified by other flight numbers in addition to the one on your ticket. At your request, the seller of this ticket will give you details of your change of aircraft, such as where it will occur and what aircraft types are involved.

**§ 258.6 Effective and compliance dates.**

(a) This Part is effective as of August 25, 1999.

(b) Compliance with the following sections is mandatory as of August 25, 1999: § 258.1, § 258.2, § 258.3, § 258.4, § 258.5(a), § 258.5(b), and § 258.6.

(c) Compliance with § 258.5(c) is mandatory as of March 15, 2000.

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**PART 271—GUIDELINES FOR SUBSIDIZING AIR CARRIERS PROVIDING ESSENTIAL AIR TRANSPORTATION**

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**§ 271.1 Purpose.**

This part establishes the guidelines required by 49 U.S.C. 41736 to be used by the Department in establishing the fair and reasonable amount of compensation needed to ensure the continuation of essential air service to an eligible place under 49 U.S.C. 41731 and 41734. These guidelines are intended to cover normal carrier selection cases and rate renewal cases, and not nec-

essarily emergency carrier selection cases.

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**§ 271.2 Definitions.**

As used in this part:

*Eligible place* means a place in the United States that—

(1) Was an eligible point under section 419 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 as in effect before October 1, 1988;

(2) Received scheduled air transportation at any time between January 1, 1990, and November 4, 1990; and

(3) Is not listed in Department of Transportation Orders 89-9-37 and 89-12-52 as a place ineligible for compensation under Subchapter II of Chapter 417 of the Statute.

*Essential air service* is that air transportation which the Department has found to be essential under Subchapter II of Chapter 417 of the Statute.

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**§ 271.3 Carrier subsidy need.**

In establishing the subsidy for an air carrier providing essential air service at an eligible place, the Department will consider the following:

(a) The reasonable projected costs of a carrier in serving that place;

(b) The carrier's reasonable projected revenues for serving that place;

(c) The appropriate size of aircraft for providing essential air service at that place; and

(d) A reasonable profit for a carrier serving that place.

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**§ 271.4 Carrier costs.**

(a) The reasonable costs projected for a carrier providing essential air service at an eligible place will be evaluated:

(1) For costs attributable to the carrier's flying operations (direct expenses), by comparing the projected costs submitted by the carrier with the following:

(i) The carrier's historical direct operating costs with the same or similar aircraft types;

(ii) The direct operating unit costs of similar carriers using the same or similar equipment; and