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Mr. Calvin Thompson, Chairman
Paulding County Airport Authority
730 Airport Parkway
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Dear Chairman Thompson:

Thank you for your letter dated January 28, 2015 to Assistant Chief Counsel Daphne Fuller. Based on this letter we understand that the Paulding County Airport Authority continues to support commercial service at Paulding County Northwest Atlanta Airport (PUJ).

As you know, the County and Airport Authority entered into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) last year, pursuant to which the Authority was designated to operate and maintain PUJ. By letter dated January 23, 2015, the Paulding County Attorney transmitted to the manager of the FAA's Atlanta Airport District Office a copy of Paulding County Board of Commissioners' Resolution No. 15-01. The Resolution states that the County believes it is in its best interest to withdraw the application for a Part 139 Certificate and resolves, "that the application to the FAA for a Part 139 Certificate is hereby withdrawn and any associated environmental review is hereby terminated." The County Attorney's letter requests that FAA's "consider [the Resolution] as part of the application process." Pursuant to the attached letter, we have asked the Paulding County Board of Commissioners to clarify its intention and, if necessary, to provide a legal opinion regarding the Resolution's legal effect. The Authority will be given an opportunity to respond to the County's legal opinion, should it provide one.

In the future, we would like to see the County and the Authority work together as co-sponsors to ensure that PUJ is operated in a manner consistent with its Federal obligations.

Sincerely,

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Manager, Airports Division Southern Region

Enclosure: Paulding County Attorney's Letter

cc: Mr. David Austin, Chairman Paulding County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Larry Clark, Atlanta Airport District Office
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