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FRONTIER AIRLINES APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUEL ALLOCATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole said today that he had received word from Interior Secretary Rogers Morton that Frontier Airline's application for additional fuel will be considered as soon as possible. Dole joined Wednesday with Senator James Pearson and Congressman Keith Sebelius in urging Morton to grant Frontier an exemption from the mandatory fuel allocation program scheduled to go into effect November 1.

"The Secretary has assured me that because of Frontier Airline's unique situation as the only airline serving the major cities in Kansas and because of its managerial realignments this case will be given immediate consideration," Dole said. "Authorization to consider hardship appeal will go into effect on November 1, and the Secretary will be able to entertain the case at that time. We will work closely with the Department of the Interior to insure a careful, thorough, and expeditious handling of this matter," Dole added.

"I am deeply concerned that the people of Kansas will suffer undue hardships if Frontier Airlines is not able to obtain enough fuel. I am also concerned that a vital industry which must expand its services to meet the needs of this area will be forced to cut back," Dole concluded.