



## United States Department of the Interior



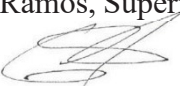
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks  
40001 State Road 9336  
Homestead, Florida 33034

In Reply Refer to:

5. B.

March 13, 2023

### Memorandum

From: Pedro Ramos, Superintendent, Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks 

Subject: PM Air LLC d/b/a Key West Seaplane Adventures Seat Fare Exemption Request

The National Park Service has an operational need to quickly transport personnel between Everglades National Park and Dry Tortugas National Park (DRTO). DRTO is 70 miles to the west of Key West and only accessible by boat or seaplane. By boat, the trip can take up to 8 hours. The closest NPS fleet amphibious seaplane is based at Homestead airport and may not always be available or practical when considering ferry time to Key West. There are no contracted aircraft available. Seat Fare purchases would be point-to-point between Key West and DRTO, and the National Park Service would be responsible for payment for seat fares.

PM Air LLC d/b/a Key West Seaplane Adventures has maintained OAS approval for seat fares since July 30, 2018, and also provides services for visitors to fly to DRTO through a concessions contract and commercial use authorization. This company meets the on-demand criteria and they do not have a published service schedule. They currently maintain 3 aircraft and fly up to 4 flights per day carrying a maximum of 10 passengers.

There is an operational requirement for the National Park Service to transport personnel between Key West and DRTO. Since there are no available fleet or DOI contracted aircraft to meet this need we request an exemption to purchase seat fares as per Operational Procedures Memoranda (OPM) -15.

Regional Aviation Manager Concurrence:

MICHAEL O'LEARY  Digitally signed by MICHAEL O'LEARY  
Date: 2023.03.22 11:14:22 -0400

National Aviation Manager Approval:

Associate Director Visitor Protection Approval:

MICHAEL MICHENER  Digitally signed by MICHAEL MICHENER  
Date: 2023.03.22 14:23:44 -0400

Office of Aviation Services Approval: