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Re: Expansion of Billy Bishop City Centre Airport (YTZ)

Dear Ms. Watkiss,

Further to our letter of November 6, 2013 concerning lifting the prohibition on jet traffic at Billy Bishop City Centre Airport, GE Canada would like to clarify its position.

Before contemplating any expansion to YTZ, there are two significant issues that need to be addressed:

1. There must be a level playing field upon which all airlines can compete for landing rights. As we said in our letter, GE does not align itself with any one company. We view the airport as a public asset and it should be managed as such. Before any expansion plans are approved, a fair and competitive slot allocation process needs to be introduced, something that does not currently appear to be the case.
2. In our letter, we made clear that in considering the proposal before it to amend the Tripartite Agreement of 1983, Council should not exempt only the CS-100 aircraft type from the current limitation. It should instead remove the ban on any jet aircraft that meets the noise and performance restrictions.

Until both of these issues have been sufficiently addressed, GE cannot support the YTZ expansion proposal as it currently exists.

Yours sincerely,

Ross Hornby

cc: Geoffrey A. Wilson, President & CEO Toronto Port Authority
Hon. Lisa Raitt, P.C., M.P., Minister of Transport Canada



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Letter in Support of YTZ runway expansion of lifting of jet restriction

Dear Ms. Watkiss,

GE Canada is a leading technology infrastructure company, headquartered in the GTA, with a strong presence in the transportation, healthcare, power generation and energy management sectors. Competitive airlines and airports add a valuable element of choice to consumers and businesses and make Toronto a hub of economic activity in Canada. We have therefore consistently supported the recent growth of Billy Bishop Airport (YTZ) and view a city centre airport as a success story that differentiates Toronto from other cities in North America. We support the current plans to lift the restriction on jets and the expansion of the runway to allow higher capacity and longer range aircraft to use YTZ.

GE Canada does not align its support with the proposals of any one company. We view the airport as a public asset that should be open to all aircraft types and all companies who meet the noise, environmental, safety and other operating conditions for use of the airport. The restriction on jet traffic predates the emergence of quieter, cleaner and more energy efficient airplanes and jet engines. Regardless of the outcome of the current debate, the restriction on jet aircraft will become progressively more inappropriate as a new generation of aircraft and engines replaces the current fleet.

The continued viability of Billy Bishop Airport requires the amendment of the Tripartite Agreement between the City of Toronto, the Government of Canada and the Toronto Port Authority to allow jet traffic and the extension of the runway. GE Canada is pleased to add its support to this initiative.

Yours truly,

Ross Hornby

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