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**FEDEX – OVERNIGHT DELIVERY,
U.S. CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
and FIRST-CLASS MAIL**

March 13, 2026

Alaska Airlines, Inc.
c/o Kyle Levine, VP Legal/General Counsel
19300 International Blvd.
Seattle, WA 98188

RE: Alaska Airlines, Inc., Case No. 2025NM020049

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CIVIL PENALTY

Based on the following facts and circumstances, it appears that Alaska Airlines, Inc., violated the regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration:

1. Alaska Airlines, Inc. (“Alaska Airlines”), is now, and at all times mentioned herein was, the holder of Air Carrier Certificate No. ASAA802A, issued under Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 C.F.R.) part 119.
2. At all times mentioned herein, Alaska Airlines held Operations Specifications authorizing it to conduct operations under 14 C.F.R. part 121.
3. Between March 17, 2024, and February 25, 2025, Alaska Airlines allowed persons who appeared to be intoxicated to board the following eleven (11) flights operated by Alaska Airlines under 14 C.F.R. part 121:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Flight Number</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Arrival</u>
a.	3/17/2024	53	N968AK	LAS	ANC
b.	3/19/2024	1220	N285AK	SEA	LAX
c.	6/23/2024	711	N713AL	LAS	SEA
d.	7/5/2024	346	N294AK	SEA	MCO
e.	7/6/2024	636	N278AK	SEA	LAS
f.	8/18/2024	525	N915AK	SFO	LAX
g.	8/30/2024	328	N305AS	SEA	ORD
h.	9/3/2024	116	N431AS	ANC	SEA
i.	9/11/2024	155	N524AS	OME	ANC
j.	10/15/2024	880	N962AK	KOA	SEA
k.	2/25/2025	438	N713AL	SEA	IAH


By reason of the foregoing, it appears that Alaska Airlines failed to comply with 14 C.F.R. § 121.575(c), which states that no certificate holder may allow any person to board any of its aircraft if that person appears to be intoxicated.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 46301(a)(1), Alaska Airlines is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$41,577 for each violation of the Federal Aviation Regulations. Under 49 U.S.C. § 46301(a)(2), a separate violation occurs for each flight involving the violation. After reviewing all of the information contained in our investigative file, we propose to assess a civil penalty in the amount of \$165,000.

Enclosed is information on Alaska Airlines' options in responding to this Notice. The options include participating in an informal conference with an FAA attorney and submitting information to the FAA for consideration. Alaska Airlines must submit, in writing, its choice of the alternatives explained on the enclosed information form within 30 days of receiving this Notice. If Alaska Airlines fails to submit its choice within 30 days of receipt of this Notice, it will have no further right to participate in the informal procedures.

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Enclosure: Information Sheet and Reply Form

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