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Dear Ms Stander,

RE: PROPOSED REFINEMENTS TO ATNS TARIFFS

Thank you for your letter dated 15 April 2005, the contents of which has been considered.

We, Aviation Watch Action Committee, note your return date for comments of the 20th April 2005. We feel that the expectation of meaningful comments within three working days to be unrealistic and as such could precipitate errors in decision making.

Further, we are of the opinion that your letter, clearly written in good faith, does not go far enough to address the crippling effects of the increased tariffs. The substantial nature of these increases will have a disastrous effect on General Aviation and in our opinion should be completely revised with the long term strategic importance of the industry in mind. Trying to improve, incrementally, a tariff structure that is fundamentally flawed is not the right route to follow. Nowhere can a sub-sector of an industry absorb such increased costs and expect to survive the ravages of the “reverse multiplier” effect.

We therefore respectfully apply for a moratorium on the implementation of the revised tariffs effective of 1 April 2005 and the proposed tariffs of 1 August 2005. This would allow us to find mutual ground and formulate unique solutions through active dialogue for our unique conditions. It will further allow for accurate information to be disseminated to all parties up to Ministerial level if so required. It is our contention that this is the only sensible route to take to avoid long term structural deficiencies or problems which will not be in the interest of anyone. The cost of a moratorium, which can be “softened” through consultation, will be small in comparison to the long term effects of an error of judgement at this stage.

It is anticipated that this moratorium be effective from 1 April 2005 until 31 August 2005 to allow sufficient time for consultation.

We wish to advise that we are available for further consultation.

Yours sincerely,

For Aviation Watch Action Committee