Cascade reroutes Lewiston-Boise application

Cascade Airways of Spokane is not dropping service between Lewiston and Boise — it is resuming it, Mark Chestnut, Spokane, president of the feeder airline, said Wednesday.

Chestnut said an Idaho Public Utilities source quoted in the Lewiston Morning Tribune on Tuesday was incorrect in stating that the airline is dropping plans to serve Boise from Lewiston.

Chestnut said that Cascade dropped its application before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for direct intrastate flights between Lewiston and Boise.

"We are, however, starting next

Monday a Lewiston - Boise service via an intermediate stop at Pasco," Chestnut said. "This does not require an Idaho PUC permit."

Cascade terminated its first Lewiston-Boise service in January, 1976 and has been planning to resume it for some time, Chestnut said.

He said the withdrawal of the application from the Idaho PUC at Boise was based on two considerations.

One, he said, was Cascade's reluctance to get involved in a jurisdictional and route dispute with CardAire, Inc. of Wisconsin and Gem State Airlines of Coeur d'Alene, both of which have filed for intra-state routes.

Cascade, Chestnut said, chose to route the Lewiston - Boise and Boise

Lewiston flights through Washington state. He said that intermediate stops will be made at Pasco to and from Boise and Lewiston.

PUC sources told the Tribune Cascade was unwilling to file a financial statement required in the Idaho proceedings.

Morning service is planned Monday through Friday and evening service Sunday through Friday, Chestnut said. One round trip daily is planned on Saturdays.

Morning planes will leave Lewiston at 6:20 a.m. and arrive at Boise at 9:10 a.m., Boise time. The evening flight will leave Lewiston at 6 p.m. and arrive at 8:55 p.m. at Boise.

Morning flights from Boise to Lewiston will leave at 9:30 a.m. and arrive at 10:05 p.m. The Boise-Lewiston evening flight will leave at 9:20 p.m. and arrive at 10:35 p.m.

The Saturday round trip will leave Lewiston at 11:35 a.m. and arrive at 2:30 p.m. The return flight will leave Boise at 2:50 p.m. and arrive at 3:45 p.m. at Lewiston.