



June 4, 2016

Thad Howell  
Airport Director  
Rowan County Airport  
704-216-7753

Dear Mr. Thad Howell & To Whom It My Concern,

As the ILS technician, I would like to bring to your attention the state that the Rowan County ILS systems are in at the present time. The Localizer and Glide Slope are 19 years old but are still working with no problems. However, in the past few years both have had some failures that were repaired with the spare parts on hand.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that after the 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2013 the factory dropped all support and repair of the proprietary parts in both systems (cards, modules, detectors, etc.) for the model of LOC and GS that you have at Rowan County Airport. Please understand that any parts that I have used for repairs since the end of life date of Dec. 2013 have not been repaired for further use. If either system were to have a major failure or a major lighting strike, Rowan County ILS would have to be cut off until new systems were installed.

It would be an economic advantage for Rowan County to replace the ILS systems with the latest supported equipment. It takes 6 months to a year from start to finish for an ILS system to be installed. If your present system continues working during the replacement process, then you would only be out of service for a month or two. But if it fails and cannot be repaired before you start the replacement process, then your ILS would be out of service for 6 to 12 months or more.

Let me assure you I will do all that I can to keep the present system running for as long as I can, but some things are out of my control. I have included with this letter the factory statement showing the end of life for the system that you have now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rocky Kennedy", written in a cursive style.

Rocky Kennedy