

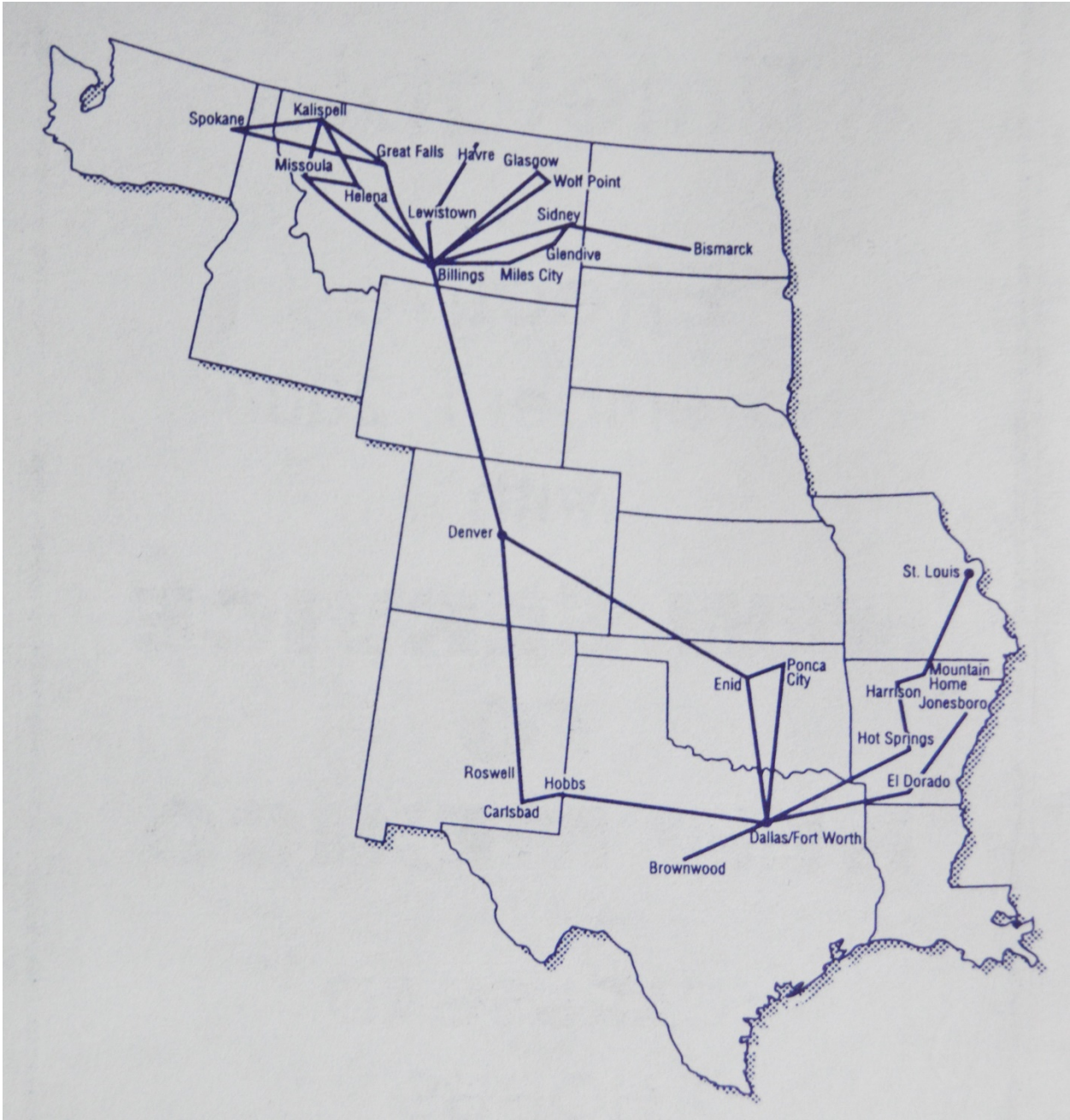


Big Sky Airlines

Big Sky Airlines was established in 1978 and headquartered in Billings, Montana. The carrier operated a hub at Billings offering commuter airline service to several cities in Montana, North Dakota, and Washington. Most cities were served under the Essential Air Service (EAS) program with government subsidy. Big Sky began another hub operation at Dallas/Fort Worth in 1998 by starting service on a number of routes that were vacated by Lone Star/Aspen Mountain Air when that carrier ceased operations. On October 21, 2000 Big Sky expanded into New Mexico with a DFW-Hobbs-Carlsbad-Roswell-Denver-Billings-Missoula route with one flight per day in each direction using Swearingen Metroliner aircraft. The leg from Roswell to Denver was discontinued three months later and the service was modified with two daily round-trips on a DFW-Carlsbad-Roswell route as well as a DFW-Brownwood, Texas-Hobbs route. The Carlsbad and Roswell flights were discontinued on March 26, 2001 while the Hobbs service continued through at least November, 2001. Big Sky ceased all operations in 2008.



Big Sky Airlines Swearingen Metroliner III.



Big Sky route map from November, 2000.