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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the matter of
NORTHWEST/KLM ANTITRUST IMMUNITY
under 49 U.S.C. §§ 41308 and 41309
Docket OST-98-3341

NOTICE

On January 20, 1998, American Airlines, Inc. (hereafter "American") filed a petition in Docket OST-98-3341 requesting that the Department institute a public proceeding to review whether the antitrust immunity granted to Northwest Airlines, Inc. (hereafter "Northwest") and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines (hereafter "KLM") should continue.¹ American also urges the Department to direct Northwest and KLM to make their agreements available to interested parties, and that the Department make public "any agreements it has entered into with Northwest and/or KLM with respect to procedures." Finally, American asks the Department to direct Northwest and KLM to provide information about "slot constraints" at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport.

On January 23, 1998, Northwest and KLM filed a joint motion requesting that the Department extend the period of time for the filing of answers in this matter to February 10, 1998.²

We grant the motion.

By:

CHARLES A. HUNNICUTT
Assistant Secretary for Aviation
and International Affairs

Dated: January 28, 1998
(SEAL)

¹ See Order 93-1-11, issued January 11, 1993, Docket OST-95-579.

² 14 C.F.R. 302.18(c) of the Department's regulations provides that within seven days after a motion is served any party to the proceeding may file an answer in support of or in opposition to the motion.

Northwest states that it has polled both the petitioner, American, and Trans World Airlines, Inc., who has informally expressed to the Department an interest in this matter, and that neither carrier opposes the joint motion.