



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

Issued by the Department of Transportation on October 5, 1998

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST 96-1842

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Applicant: AIR PACIFIC LIMITED

Date Filed: September 17, 1998

Relief requested: Exemption from 49 USC section 41301 to permit the applicant to conduct scheduled, combination service between Nadi, Fiji, and Los Angeles, California, via the optional intermediate points Honolulu, Hawaii, and Auckland, New Zealand, through December 31, 1999.

If renewal, date and citation of last action: The authority to conduct Nadi-Los Angeles service via Honolulu was last granted on February 3, 1998, and confirmed by Order 98-3-2. The authority to serve Auckland as an intermediate point is new authority.

Applicant representative(s): Thomas J. Whalen, Evelyn D. Sahr and Michelle R. Johnson, 202-289-0500

Responsive pleadings: On October 2, 1998, the State of Hawaii filed an answer in support of the application.

DISPOSITION

Action: Approved.

Action date: October 5, 1998

Effective dates of authority granted: October 5, 1998, through December 31, 1999.

Basis for approval (bilateral agreement/reciprocity): United States-Fiji Air Transport Agreement.

Except to the extent exempted/waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

Standard exemption conditions (attached) Foreign air carrier permit conditions

Special conditions/Partial grant/Denial basis/Remarks:

**Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation**

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) immediate action was required and was consistent with Department policy; (2) the applicant was qualified to perform its proposed operations; (3) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (4) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted/deferred/dismissed, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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