



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

Issued by the Department of Transportation  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1999

Fitness Determination of

**EDELWEISS HOLDINGS, INC.  
d/b/a Edelweiss Air  
d/b/a Rio Grande Air**

as a commuter air carrier under section 49 U.S.C.  
41738

**ORDER ISSUING EFFECTIVE COMMUTER AUTHORIZATION  
AND CONFIRMING ORAL ACTION**

By Order 98-12-31, served December 28, 1998, the Department found that Edelweiss Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Edelweiss Air and d/b/a Rio Grande Air was fit, willing, and able to conduct scheduled passenger operations as a commuter air carrier using aircraft with no more than nine passenger seats, and issued to it a Commuter Air Carrier Authorization.

The authority granted by this authorization was to become effective on the sixth (business) day after we had received, among other things, a copy of Edelweiss Air's Air Carrier Certificate and Operations Specifications from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) authorizing it to engage in scheduled passenger service, and evidence that the company had obtained passenger liability insurance at the level required for commuter air carriers.

On January 13, 1999, Edelweiss Air submitted evidence that it had obtained the appropriate FAA operational authority for the commuter operations it proposed, and on January 14, 1999, we received the appropriate evidence of insurance.<sup>1</sup>

Our review of these documents found them to be satisfactory, and we notified the company that we were making its commuter authority effective immediately. By this order, we confirm

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<sup>1</sup> In addition, Edelweiss Air stated that it had not undergone any changes in its key personnel, operating plans, financial condition, or other areas affecting its fitness and the company continued to have available funding sufficient to meet the Department's financial fitness standard.

our oral action making Edelweiss Air's commuter authority effective and reissue to the carrier its Commuter Air Carrier Authorization to reflect its January 14, 1999, effective date.

**ACCORDINGLY**, Acting under authority assigned by the Department in its Regulations, 14 CFR 385.12(a)(5)(iv) and (b)(1):

1. We confirm our oral action of January 14, 1999, making the Commuter Air Carrier Authorization issued to Edelweiss Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Edelweiss Air, d/b/a Rio Grande Air effective on that same date.
2. We reissue to Edelweiss Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Edelweiss Air, d/b/a Rio Grande Air the Commuter Air Carrier Authorization issued to it by Order 98-12-31, in the attached form to reflect its effective date.
3. We will serve a copy of this order on the persons listed in Attachment A.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.30, may file their petitions within 10 days of the service date of this order.

The action confirmed in this order was effective when taken and the filing of a petition for review shall not alter its effectiveness.

By:

**John V. Coleman**  
Director  
Office of Aviation Analysis

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## **Commuter Air Carrier Authorization**

**(as reissued)**

**EDELWEISS HOLDINGS, INC.  
d/b/a Edelweiss Air  
d/b/a Rio Grande Air**

is authorized, subject to the provisions of Subtitle VII of Title 49 of the United States Code, the orders, rules, and regulations issued thereunder, and the attached Terms, Conditions, and Limitations, to engage in scheduled passenger air transportation operations as a commuter air carrier.

This authorization is not transferable without the approval of the Department of Transportation.

**By Direction of the Secretary**

**Issued by Order 99-1-7  
On January 20, 1999  
Effective on January 14, 1999**

**John V. Coleman  
Director  
Office of Aviation Analysis**



## Terms, Conditions, and Limitations

**EDELWEISS HOLDINGS, INC.**  
d/b/a Edelweiss Air  
d/b/a Rio Grande Air

is authorized to engage in scheduled passenger air transportation operations as a commuter air carrier.

This authority is subject to the following provisions:

- (1) The holder shall at all times conduct its operations in accordance with the requirements of 14 CFR Part 298 and any other regulations prescribed by the Department of Transportation for the services authorized here, and with such other reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations as the Department of Transportation may prescribe in the public interest.
- (2) The holder may not operate aircraft designed to have a maximum passenger capacity of more than nine seats.
- (3) The holder's authority is effective only to the extent that such operations are also authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration.
- (4) The holder shall at all times remain a "Citizen of the United States" as required by 49 U.S.C. 40102(a)(15).
- (5) The holder shall maintain in effect liability insurance coverage as required under 14 CFR Part 205. Failure to maintain such insurance coverage will render this authority ineffective, and this or other failure to comply with the provisions of Subtitle VII of Title 49 of the United States Code or the Department's regulations shall be sufficient grounds to revoke this authority.

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\*This authorization is being reissued to reflect its effective date.

- (6) The holder shall maintain in effect at all times with the Department of Transportation current information on OST Registration Form 4507.
- (7) The holder may not provide scheduled passenger air transportation to or from Dallas (Love Field), Texas, except within the limits set forth in section 29 of the International Air Transportation Competition Act of 1979, as amended by section 337 of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998.
- (8) Should the holder propose any substantial changes in its ownership, management, or operations (as that term is defined in 14 CFR 204.2(n)), it must first comply with the requirements of 14 CFR 204.5.
- (9) In the event that the holder commences but subsequently ceases all scheduled passenger operations, the authority granted here shall be suspended under the terms of 14 CFR 204.7 and the holder may neither recommence nor advertise such operations unless its fitness to do so has been redetermined by the Department. Moreover, if the holder does not resume operations within one year of its cessation, its authority shall be revoked for dormancy.

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