



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, DC

Issued by the Department of Transportation on March 22, 1999

**NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-97-2209**

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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).

Application of Northwest Airlines, Inc. filed 2/5/98 for:

**XX** Extend exemption from Order 96-9-16; startup deadline:

By Order 96-9-16 the Department allocated Northwest Airlines three weekly frequencies to expand its U.S.-Thailand all-cargo operations, and confirmed the allocation of two previously awarded frequencies. Under the terms of the order, Northwest's frequency allocation would expire April 1, 1997, if Northwest did not begin service with the three additional frequencies by that date. The award of all five frequencies was also subject to the condition that the frequency allocation would expire and the frequencies would automatically revert to the Department for reallocation if they are not used for a period of 90 days after service was inaugurated. Northwest is currently operating four frequencies. The Department has granted extensions of the startup date for one of Northwest's allocated frequencies. (See Orders 97-5-6 and 98-1-6 and Notice of Action Taken dated June 15, 1998.) Northwest seeks an exemption to the extent necessary to extend further its proposed startup to December 31, 1999, for the fifth frequency. Northwest states that because of existing economic conditions in Thailand, the optimum date to commence operations with the fifth frequency is December 31, 1999.

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**DISPOSITION**

**XX** **Granted** (see below)

The above action was effective when taken: March 22, 1999, through December 31, 1999

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

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**Conditions:** If Northwest does not begin service by December 31, 1999, its frequency allocation expires automatically. If Northwest commences services on or before that date, then the 90-day dormancy condition with respect to the fifth frequency will begin on the date Northwest inaugurates service.

(See Reverse Side)

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; and (2) grant of the exemption was consistent with the public interest. To the extent not granted, 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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