



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

Issued by the Department of Transportation on December 20, 1999

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-99-6379

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: **Virgin Atlantic Airways Limited**

Date Filed: October 18, 1999

Relief requested: Exemption from 49 U.S.C. 41301 to conduct scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between London (Gatwick), England, and Las Vegas, Nevada.

If renewal, date and citation of last action: New authority

Applicant representative: Jeffrey Shane 202-663-6000

Responsive pleadings: The Las Vegas Parties filed an answer in support.

DISPOSITION

Action: Approved

Action date: December 20, 1999

Effective dates of authority granted: December 20, 1999 - December 20, 2000

Basis for approval (bilateral agreement/reciprocity): U.S.-U.K. Air Services 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 (Order 98-2-30)

Special conditions/Partial grant/Denial basis/Remarks:

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

We found that the applicant was qualified to perform its proposed operations.

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) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (3) 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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