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NOTICE

Docket OST-2000-6726, Application of Aer Lingus Limited Docket OST-2000-6727, Application of the State of Maryland

On January 4, 2000, Aer Lingus Limited filed an application in Docket OST-2000-6726 for an exemption from 49 U.S.C. 41301 to the extent necessary to permit it to conduct scheduled combination service between Dublin/Shannon, Ireland, and Baltimore, Maryland, under the terms of the Department's program to expand international air service opportunities to more U.S. cities (the "Cities Program").¹

On that same date, the State of Maryland filed an application in Docket OST-2000-6727, also seeking Dublin/Shannon-Baltimore "Cities Program" authority for services to be operated by Aer Lingus.

The "Cities Program" contemplates that applications for authority under the program will be filed by foreign air carriers rather than communities. Accordingly, we have decided to dismiss the application of the State of Maryland in Docket OST-2000-6727. However, we have further decided to treat that document as an answer in support of the application of Aer Lingus, and we will therefore place the State of Maryland's submission in the Aer Lingus Docket, OST-2000-6726, where we will fully consider the State of Maryland's views.

Our action in this Notice does not affect procedural dates or any other aspect of the proceeding in Docket OST-2000-6726.

We will serve this Notice on Aer Lingus Limited, the State of Maryland, and all entities served by Aer Lingus and the State of Maryland with their respective applications.

Our action dismissing the application of the State of Maryland is being taken under assigned authority. Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this action under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within ten days of the date of this Notice.

By: Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation
Dated: January 11, 2000

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¹ See Orders 89-10-19, 90-1-62, and 91-11-26.