



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

Issued by the Department of Transportation on March 1, 2000

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-98-3317

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 Continental Airlines, Inc. filed 1/31/00 to:

XX Renew for two years exemption under 49 U.S.C. 40109 to provide the following service:

Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between any point or points in the United States and any point or points in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama, and any point or points beyond those countries, as well as between any point or points in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama on flights originating or terminating in the United States. Continental also requests authority between any point or points in the United States and Belize City, Belize.¹

Applicant rep: R. Bruce Keiner, Jr., 202-624-2615 DOT Analyst: Sylvia Moore, 202-366-6519

DISPOSITION

XX **Granted** (subject to conditions, see below)

The above action was effective when taken: March 1, 2000, through March 1, 2002, or until 90 days after final action on Continental's corresponding certificate application in Docket OST-00-6841, whichever occurs earlier.

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

XX **The authority granted is consistent with the aviation agreements between the United States, on the one hand, and Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama, on the other, and with the overall state of aviation relations between the United States and Belize.**

Except to the extent exempted or waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated: **XX** **Holder's certificate of public convenience and necessity**
XX **Standard exemption conditions (attached)**

Conditions: The authority granted to serve beyond points is limited to countries with which the United States has signed open-skies agreements and/or countries for which the carrier holds authority to serve under certificates or exemptions issued by the Department, and for which it holds route integration authority by virtue of either the present action or other action of the Department.

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¹ Continental did not seek renewal in this docket of the route integration authority that had been granted in conjunction with award of authority to serve the Central America routes at issue in this notice. Such route integration authority is now encompassed by a subsequent award of route integration authority. See Notice of Action Taken dated May 5, 1999, Docket OST-97-2347.

On the basis of data officially noticeable under Rule 24(n) of the Department's regulations, we found the applicant qualified to provide the services authorized.

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 exemption 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, 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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