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

Issued by the Department of Transportation  
on the 11th day of April, 2001

In the matter of the cancellation of the interstate  
scheduled air transportation certificate issued to

**BUSINESS EXPRESS AIRLINES, INC.**

Docket OST-97-2220 - 3

under 49 U.S.C. 41102

**ORDER CANCELING CERTIFICATE**

**Summary**

By this order, we cancel the interstate scheduled passenger certificate issued to Business Express Airlines, Inc.

**Background**

Business Express, Inc., was established in 1984 as a commuter air carrier. In 1988, it merged with Pilgrim Airlines, Inc., a certificated carrier, and in 1997, its authority was transferred to Business Express Airlines, Inc.<sup>1</sup> By Order 98-7-6, Business Express' certificate was reissued to reflect the current format and terms and conditions for such certificates.

On December 30, 1998, we were advised that AMR Eagle Holding Corporation--the parent company of American Eagle Airlines, Inc., and Executive Airlines, Inc.--had acquired Business Express. At the time of the acquisition, AMR Eagle advised us that, at least initially, Business Express would continue to operate as a separate company.

On March 28, 2001, we were advised by counsel for AMR Eagle that all operations of Business Express had been integrated into American Eagle Airlines as of December 2, 2000, and that, as a result, Business Express' certificate of public convenience and necessity could be canceled.

<sup>1</sup> See Orders 86-5-101, 88-8-46, 89-9-2, 92-9-53, and 97-5-19.

**ACCORDINGLY**, Acting under authority assigned by the Department in its Regulations, 14 CFR 385.12:

1. We cancel the interstate scheduled certificate reissued to Business Express Airlines, Inc., by Order 98-7-6.
2. 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 14 CFR 385.30, may file their petitions within 10 days of the date of service of this order.

The action taken in this order shall be effective and become the final action of the Department of Transportation upon expiration of the above period unless within such period a petition for review is filed or the Department gives notice that it will review this order on its own motion.

By:

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