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NOTICE

**U.S.-Colombia Scheduled Combination Service Opportunities  
Docket OST-2001-8910 - 1**

By this notice we invite all U.S. carriers interested in using seven frequencies that will become available in each of the next two years for scheduled combination service in the U.S.-Colombia market to file applications as specified below in the captioned docket.

Last year, the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Colombia reached an understanding and adopted amendments to the 1956 U.S.-Colombia Air Transport Agreement.<sup>1</sup>

Specifically, with respect to scheduled combination services, the understanding and amendments provide that there will be no limitations on the number of airlines that may be authorized to serve the market. They further provide for an expansion in the number of flights U.S. carriers may operate over a three-year period.<sup>2</sup> Effective March 15, 2000, U.S. carriers could operate an additional seven weekly frequencies but those frequencies could not serve Miami or New York until October 1, 2001. We allocated those frequencies last year.<sup>3</sup> Seven more frequencies become available on October 1, 2001, and on October 1, 2002, respectively, and may be operated in any authorized markets. Specifically, U.S. carriers may provide services, except as noted, between any point or points in the United States and Barranquilla, Bogota, Cali, Cartagena, and Medellin,<sup>4</sup> and beyond Colombia to points in the Western Hemisphere.

By this notice, we invite all U.S. carriers interested in using the seven weekly U.S.-Colombia frequencies that become available beginning October 1, 2001 and October 1, 2002, respectively, to file certificate and/or frequency allocation applications by March 2, 2001. Answers to applications should be filed by March 9, 2001; replies should be filed by March 14, 2001.

<sup>1</sup> The understanding and amendments have entered into force through a November 27, 2000 Exchange of Notes.

<sup>2</sup> American Airlines, Continental Airlines and Delta Air Lines are the three U.S. carriers currently designated to provide scheduled combination services. These carriers collectively have been allocated 56 weekly frequencies in the market, as follows: American-35, Continental-14 and Delta-7.

<sup>3</sup> We awarded Delta Air Lines certificate authority to operate scheduled combination service between Atlanta and Bogota, and allocated it seven weekly combination frequencies for that service. See Orders 2000-7-9 and 2000-9-21

<sup>4</sup> The rights of U.S. designated airlines to operate air services to, from, and beyond Medellin are not effective until October 1, 2002.

Carriers without the requisite operating authority should file certificate/frequency allocation applications. Carriers with the requisite underlying authority need only file requests for frequency allocation. Except for the procedural dates, certificate applications should conform to Part 302, Subpart B of our regulations (14 CFR Part 302). All applications for each year should include, at a minimum, the following information: (a) the market(s) to be served; (b) the frequencies requested per market; (c) the type of aircraft to be used, and (d) the startup date for the proposed services.

All applications (for operating authority and/or, allocation of frequencies) should be filed with the Department of Transportation, Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 in Docket OST-2001-8910 .<sup>5</sup>

To the extent that we receive more applications than can be satisfied without our needing to engage in carrier selection, we will issue a separate Department order with respect to further procedures necessary to consider the applications filed.

We will authorize service of documents by facsimile and by electronic mail. Carriers that are interested in such service, however, should state if they want service by email and should provide interested parties with their fax number and/or email address.

We will serve this notice on all U.S. certificated carriers, the National Air Carrier Association and the Air Transport Association.

By:

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Director  
Office of International Aviation

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Dated: February 14, 2001

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