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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-2002-11327 - 2

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 Northwest Airlines, Inc. filed 1/11/02 for:

XX Temporary allocation of unused frequencies in the U.S.-China market:

Northwest requests a temporary allocation of three U.S.-China frequencies to enable Northwest to operate one additional weekly round-trip combination flight between Detroit and Shanghai, via Tokyo (Narita) Japan, and to operate two additional weekly round-trip all-cargo flights between the United States and Shanghai via Tokyo (Narita) Japan. Northwest states that United will suspend its daily Chicago-Beijing service effective January 30, 2002, and resume service on April 7, 2002. Northwest intends to operate the additional Detroit-Shanghai service beginning February 5, 2002, through April 4, 2002, and the U.S.-Shanghai all-cargo service beginning February 1, 2002, through April 6, 2002.

United filed an answer to Northwest's application stating that it had no objection to the Department's allocating Northwest three temporary U.S.-China frequencies provided that the temporary allocation would not impair United's ability to operate to China upon resumption of its scheduled service on April 6/7, and provided that United will be able to sell its nonstop service on such resumed flights during the suspension period without the need to seek any additional authority from the Government of China. Northwest responded, stating that it had no objection to complying with United's request.

Applicant rep: Megan Rae Rosia, 202-842-3193 DOT rep: Sylvia L. Moore, 202-366-6519

DISPOSITION

XX Granted (see below)

The above action was taken January 16, 2002, and is effective for services commencing February 5, 2002, through April 4, 2002, (for one combination frequency) and February 1, 2002, through April 6, 2002, (for two all-cargo frequencies).¹

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

XX The authority granted is consistent with the aviation agreement between the United States and China.

Except to the extent exempted or waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated: **XX** Holder's certificates of public convenience and necessity

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¹ Upon expiration of the temporary allocation noted above (April 4 and 6, 2002), the frequencies will revert to United for its U.S.-China services.

Remarks: In the circumstances presented and given the short duration of the award here, we have decided not to subject Northwest's temporary award to our standard 90-day dormancy condition.

We found that approval of Northwest's application was consistent with the public interest. The temporary frequency allocation will help ensure that valuable operating rights available under our agreement with China are used effectively.

We acted on this application without awaiting expiration of the 15-day answer period with the consent of all parties served.

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) our action 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, 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

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