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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 July 10, 2001

**NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST 2001-10026 - 4**

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 6/27/01 for:

**XX** Allocation of 1 weekly round-trip U.S.-Philippine Route 2 frequency to permit Northwest to provide additional all-cargo service in the U.S.-Manila market. Northwest states that it will use the frequency to operate a third weekly all-cargo flight in the market.<sup>1</sup> Northwest is seeking the allocation for an indefinite period or alternatively, a two-year term.

United Air Lines filed an answer to Northwest's application stating that it did not object to the application, but urging that any award be made for no more than one year. United states that Northwest is the only U.S. carrier now providing scheduled service on U.S. Route 2 over the North Pacific routing and that a limitation on Northwest's award is necessary so as not to enable Northwest to secure a permanent U.S. carrier monopoly position in the U.S.-Philippine market.

Northwest subsequently stated its willingness to accept a one-year term.

Applicant rep: Megan Rae Rosia (202) 842-3193 DOT Analyst: Gerald Caolo (202) 366-2406

**DISPOSITION**

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

The action above was effective when taken: July 10, 2001, and will remain in effect through July 10, 2002, provided that Northwest continues to hold the necessary underlying economic authority to operate U.S.-Philippine all-cargo service.

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

**XX** Authority granted is consistent with the aviation agreement between the United States and the Philippines.

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

(See Reverse Side)

<sup>1</sup> Northwest currently holds two weekly frequencies for its Philippine all-cargo service. (See Notice of Action Taken dated February 23, 2001, in Docket OST-2001-8922.)

**Conditions:** Consistent with our standard practice, the frequency allocation granted is subject to the condition that if the frequency is not used for a period of 90 days, the allocation as to this frequency will expire automatically and the frequency will revert to the Department for reallocation.

**Remarks:** We found that approval of Northwest's application for a one-year term was consistent with the public interest. The frequency allocation will help ensure that valuable operating rights available under our agreement with the Philippines are used effectively.

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

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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 application 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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