



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

**Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 13th day of June, 2001**

Served: June 18th, 2001

Fitness Determination of

NORTHWEST SEAPLANES, INC.

as a commuter air carrier under 49 U.S.C. 41738

Docket OST-00-6833 – 8

ORDER ISSUING EFFECTIVE CERTIFICATE

Summary

By this order, we reissue the commuter air carrier authorization issued to Northwest Seaplanes, Inc., to reflect its effective date.

Background

By Order 2000-7-31, issued July 26, 2000, the Department found Northwest Seaplanes fit, willing, and able to conduct scheduled passenger service as a commuter air carrier. Under the terms of Order 2000-7-31, the authority would become effective on the sixth business day after we received (1) a copy of the carrier's Air Carrier Certificate and Operations Specifications from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) authorizing it to engage in scheduled passenger service, (2) evidence of liability insurance coverage that meets the requirements of section 205.5(b) for all of its aircraft, (3) a statement of any changes it had undergone in areas affecting its fitness subsequent to the issuance date of show cause Order 2000-7-10, and (4) updated financial information and evidence that the carrier still had available to it funds sufficient to meet the Department's financial fitness criteria.

On June 5, 2001, we received a copy of Northwest Seaplanes' amended Operations Specifications reflecting FAA authority for scheduled passenger service as a commuter air carrier, a copy of the carrier's certificate of insurance meeting the requirements of section 205.5(b), and the required statement that the carrier had undergone no changes in ownership, key personnel, compliance history, operating plans or financial posture since issuance of the show cause order. Further, Northwest Seaplanes indicates that it has incurred no additional pre-operating costs in preparing to provide commuter service since it already operates on an on-demand basis to each of the prospective commuter destinations. The carrier also provided recent statements from its banks that verify that the carrier has funds on deposit as of May 30, 2001, and an unused line-of-credit that,

together, were more than adequate to continue to meet the Department's financial fitness criteria.

Our review of all of the documents was satisfactory. We, therefore, conclude that no further action is required and that Northwest Seaplanes' commuter authority will be effective on June 13, 2001.

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

1. We reissue the Commuter Air Carrier Authorization issued to Northwest Seaplanes, Inc., by Order 2000-7-31, in the attached form to reflect its effective date.
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 is effective immediately and the filing of a petition for review shall not alter its effectiveness.

By:

RANDALL D. BENNETT
Director
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Terms, Conditions, and Limitations
NORTHWEST SEAPLANES, INC.

is authorized to engage in scheduled passenger air transportation operations as a commuter air carrier.

This authority is subject to the following provisions:

- (1) The holder shall at all times conduct its operations in accordance with the requirements of 14 CFR Part 298 and any other regulations prescribed by the Department of Transportation for the services authorized here, and with such other reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations as the Department of Transportation may prescribe in the public interest.*
- (2) The holder may not operate aircraft designed to have a maximum passenger capacity of more than 9 seats.*
- (3) The holder's authority is effective only to the extent that such operations are also authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and comply with all FAA requirements concerning security.*
- (4) The holder shall at all times remain a "Citizen of the United States" as required by 49 U.S.C. 40102(a)(15).*
- (5) The holder shall maintain in effect liability insurance coverage as required under 14 CFR Part 205. Failure to maintain such insurance coverage will render this authority ineffective, and this or other failure to comply with the provisions of Subtitle VII of Title 49 of the United States Code or the Department's regulations shall be sufficient grounds to revoke this authority.*
- (6) The holder shall maintain in effect at all times with the Department of Transportation current information on OST Registration Form 4507.*

**This authority is being reissued to reflect its effective date.*

(7) *The holder may reduce or terminate service at any point or between any two points, subject to compliance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 41734 and all orders and regulations issued by the Department of Transportation under that section.*

(8) *The holder may not provide scheduled passenger air transportation to or from Dallas (Love Field), Texas, except within the limits set forth in section 29 of the International Air Transportation Competition Act of 1979, as amended by section 337 of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998.*

(9) *Should the holder propose any substantial changes in its ownership, management, or operations (as that term is defined in 14 CFR 204.2(l)), it must first comply with the requirements of 14 CFR 204.5.*

(10) *In the event that the holder commences but subsequently ceases all scheduled passenger operations, the authority granted here shall be suspended under the terms of 14 CFR 204.7 and the holder may neither recommence nor advertise such operations unless its fitness to do so has been redetermined by the Department. Moreover, if the holder does not resume such operations within one year of its cessation, its commuter authority shall be revoked for dormancy.*



Commuter Air Carrier Authorization

(as reissued)

NORTHWEST SEAPLANES, INC.

is authorized, subject to the provisions of Subtitle VII of Title 49 of the United States Code, the orders, rules, and regulations issued thereunder, and the attached Terms, Conditions, and Limitations, to engage in scheduled passenger air transportation operations as a commuter air carrier.

This authorization is not transferable without the approval of the Department of Transportation.

By Direction of the Secretary

*Issued by Order 2001-6-8
On June 13, 2001
Effective on June 13, 2001*

*Randall D. Bennett
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Attachment A

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