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

NOTICE

JOINT APPLICATION OF AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.,
TWA AIRLINES, LLC, AND TRANS WORLD AIRLINES, INC.
FOR TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY

DOCKET OST-01-9027- 7

On February 28, 2001, American Airlines, Inc. (American), TWA Airlines, LLC (LLC), and Trans World Airlines, Inc. (TWA) (collectively, "the Applicants") filed an application in Docket OST-01-9027 requesting that the Department transfer the certificates and other authorities held by TWA to LLC and American jointly pending the merger of TWA's operations with American's.¹

In connection with their application, the Applicants asked the Department to shorten the period for answers to the application from March 21 to March 14. By Notice dated March 13, we denied the Applicants' request for a shortened answer period, but stated that we would consider a request from them to shorten the 14-day period provided for replies to answers. On March 13, the Applicants filed such a motion, asking the Department to shorten the period for replies to answers from April 4 to March 28. On March 15, the Department issued a Notice requiring answers to the Applicant's March 13 motion to be filed by close of business on March 19. No answers opposing the shortened answer period have been filed in the docket. We have, however, received an answer in support of the request from the City of St. Louis and the St. Louis Airport Commission ("the St. Louis Parties").

After reviewing the Applicants' motion, we have decided to grant their request for a shortened reply period. As noted above, no answers were filed opposing the request. We are also sensitive to the desire of the Applicants to obtain a decision from us on the requested transfer of authority as expeditiously as possible. Moreover, we have no information indicating that the ability of interested parties to comment on the application will be unduly harmed by shortening the reply period.

Therefore, replies to answers to the transfer application filed in Docket OST-01-9027 will be due by close of business on March 28, 2001.

¹ Previous notices issued in this docket on March 13 and March 15 erroneously stated that the application was filed on March 1.

We will serve a copy of this notice on TWA, American, LLC, and the St. Louis Parties.

By:

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Director
Office of Aviation Analysis

Dated: March 20, 2001