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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-2000-8448 - 6

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).

Applicant: **Santa Barbara Airlines, C.A.**

Date Filed: March 4, 2002

Relief requested: Renew exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41301 to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Caracas and Maracaibo, Venezuela, and Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and to conduct charters in accordance with Part 212 of the Department's rules; and amend that authority to the extent necessary to permit Santa Barbara to serve Miami in addition to Fort Lauderdale. The applicant would conduct these services only by wet leasing aircraft from a duly authorized and properly supervised U.S. or foreign air carrier.

If renewal, date and citation of last action: March 5, 2001, in this docket with respect to authority to serve Fort Lauderdale. Authority to serve Miami is new.

Applicant representative: Lawrence D. Wasko (202) 862-4370

Responsive pleadings: None filed

DISPOSITION

Action: Approved

Action date: March 21, 2002

Effective dates of authority granted: March 21, 2002-March 21, 2003

Basis for approval (bilateral agreement/reciprocity): U.S.-Venezuela bilateral aviation agreement for services to Miami.¹ Reciprocity for the balance.

Except to the extent exempted/waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated: X Standard exemption conditions

Special conditions/Partial grant/Denial basis/Remarks: Santa Barbara Airlines may not conduct U.S. operations with its own aircraft and crews without further order of the Department.² The authority granted above will also be subject to the prior approval requirements for charter operations set forth in the Notice of Action Taken dated March 5, 2001, in this docket (OST-2000-8448).

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

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) the applicant was qualified to perform the proposed operations; (2) our action was consistent with Department policy; (3) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (4) 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/deferred/dismissed, 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 seven (7) days after the date

¹ The carrier is properly licensed and designated by the Government of Venezuela to serve Miami

² Venezuela is currently a Category 2 country under the FAA's International Aviation Safety Assessment Program (IASA).

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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