



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

NOTICE

SERVED: August 19, 1998

**Allocation of Chicago-London Combination Service Frequencies
Docket OST-98-4341**

As agreed by the United States and the United Kingdom under the consultation provisions of Annex 2 of the U.S.-U.K. Air Services Agreement, a total of 129 additional round-trip frequencies have been provided above the minimum entitlements of 390 round-trip frequencies for American Airlines and 324 round-trip frequencies for United Air Lines, the two U.S. carriers designated to serve the Chicago-London market, during the 1998/99 winter traffic season (November 1, 1998-March 31, 1999). American and United have filed schedules that exceed that number. Therefore, we must allocate the additional available frequencies.

In view of the need for a timely decision to permit the most effective use of our bilateral opportunities, we intend to act quickly to allocate the frequencies in time for the 1998/99 winter season. In the interests of developing a complete record for this allocation, we will require American and United to submit, at a minimum, the following information.¹

--the number of frequencies operated in the 1997/98 winter season; how those frequencies were distributed throughout the season; the size of aircraft used in these services, including the seating configuration of the aircraft broken down by class of service (first, business, economy); and the 1997/98 winter season load factors.

--the total number of minimum entitlement 1998/99 winter season frequencies planned; the distribution of these frequencies throughout the season, the size of aircraft to be used in these services, including the seating configuration of the aircraft broken down by class of service (first, business, economy).

--the total number of additional 1998/99 winter season frequencies sought.

¹ The original submissions are to be unbound and without tabs on 8½" x 11" white paper using dark ink (not green) to facilitate use of the Department's docket imaging system.

--a full description of how the requested additional frequencies would be used, including the date the carrier would begin to use the frequencies; how the frequencies would be distributed throughout the season; the aircraft to be used in these additional services, including the seating configuration of the aircraft broken down by class of service.

American and United also may submit any additional information that they deem useful in helping us to make our decision. The information should be filed in the captioned docket and should be served on the other applicant.

Because of the need to make a decision quickly, we will require that this information be filed no later than seven calendar days from the date of service of this notice. Answers to these submissions should be filed no later than five calendar days thereafter.

Upon receipt of the requested information, we intend to use show-cause procedures to allocate the additional Chicago-London frequencies.

We will serve this notice on American Airlines, Inc., United Air Lines, Inc., the U.S. Department of State (Office of Aviation Negotiations) and the Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Washington, D.C.

By:

CHARLES A. HUNNICUTT
Assistant Secretary for Aviation
and International Affairs

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Dated: August 19, 1998

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<http://dms.dot.gov/general/orders/aviation.html>.*

ACTION: Notice on Chicago-London
Combination Service Frequencies

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Please assign a docket number to the attached proceeding and post the Notice today. The U.S. Air Carrier Licensing Division will serve the Notice.

Attachment

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Charles A. Hunnicutt
Assistant Secretary for Aviation
and International Affairs

We recommend that you issue the attached Notice that requests, consistent with past practice in comparable cases, additional information from American Airlines and United Air Lines regarding their proposed services in the Chicago-London market for the 1998/99 winter season. The Department needs the information to allocate the additional frequencies available for service in this market.

As agreed, under the consultation provisions of Annex 2 of the U.S.-U.K. aviation agreement, during the 1998/99 winter season additional frequencies are available to U.S. carriers authorized to serve the Chicago-London market. American and United have filed schedules that exceed the number of frequencies available, requiring the Department to allocate the flights between them. The draft notice indicates the Department's intention to use show-cause procedures to allocate the frequencies.

Attachments