



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

Issued by the Department of Transportation on March 18, 1999

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-99-5165

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 Continental Airlines, Inc. filed 2/26/99 for:

XX Exemption from Order 98-10-19--startup deadline

By Order 98-10-19, the Department restored the selection of Cleveland as a U.S. gateway under the aviation agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom, and it also renewed the certificate authority of Continental to provide scheduled combination service between Cleveland and London (Gatwick). Under the terms of its certificate, Continental's authority expires on May 17, 1999, if it does not start service by that date. Continental now seeks an exemption to extend its proposed startup date for this service until June 30, 1999.

Continental stated that it only recently secured Gatwick slots to permit the inauguration of its Cleveland-London service. It further states that a short delay of its start-up date is necessary to market Cleveland's first intercontinental service adequately.

US Airways filed an answer in support of the application.

Applicant rep: Lorraine B. Holloway, (202) 624-2500 DOT analyst: Gerald Caolo, 202-366-2406

DISPOSITION

XX Granted

The above action was effective when taken: March 18, 1999, through June 30, 1999

XX 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) immediate action was required and was consistent with Department policy; and (2) grant of the exemption was consistent with the public interest. 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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