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

**Applications of American Eagle Airlines, Inc.,
Atlantic Coast Airlines, and Air Wisconsin,
For Exemptions from 14 CFR Part 93, Subparts K and S,
Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 41714
Docket OST-97-2368
Docket OST-99-6686**

NOTICE

On December 17, 1999, letters, which the Department is treating as applications, were submitted in these dockets by Chattanooga/American Eagle Airlines, and jointly by Atlantic Coast Airlines, Air Wisconsin, and TransStates Airlines, seeking the reallocation of certain Chicago O'Hare slot exemptions that were previously allocated in Order 98-4-21 to TransStates to serve Chattanooga, TN, Roanoke, VA, and Tri Cities, TN/VA. Under these proposals, TransStates' services would be replaced by American Eagle at Chattanooga, by Atlantic Coast at Roanoke, and by Air Wisconsin at Tri-Cities. In all cases the applicants seek to be enabled to maintain the same frequencies and departure and arrival times currently operated by TransStates to the extent possible.

In previously making the allocations to TransStates, the Department noted that the communities' lack of nonstop service to O'Hare was an exceptional circumstance justifying the grant of slot exemptions to the carrier under 49 U.S.C. 41714. TransStates has indicated that it will redeploy the aircraft that serve these three points after February 8, 2000. Atlantic Coast and Air Wisconsin have requested that approval be given to their transfer requests by December 22, 1999, in order to ensure that service to Roanoke and Tri-Cities can be continued without interruption, since it will take some time to arrange for new crew and aircraft schedules. The Chattanooga/American Eagle letter requested that DOT exercise its authority on the matter "as expeditiously as possible" to ensure continued service to Chattanooga.

Under our Rules of Practice, the Department in its discretion may set appropriate time periods for responsive pleadings, see 14 C.F.R. Part 302.18(c). The requests for expedition in this matter are considered well-founded. Answers to the Applications are due December 22, 1999; should there be answers, replies shall be due December 23, 1999.

We shall serve a copy of this notice on all persons on the service list in these dockets.

By:

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation
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Dated: December 21, 1999

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