



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

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NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES -- DOCKET OST 99-6507

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).

Petitions of American Airlines, Inc. and British Airways PLC, filed 12/27/99:

On December 14, 1999, the Department, by letter, notified American and British Airways that additional information was necessary to process their joint application in the captioned docket. American and British Airways have petitioned for review of the evidence request attached to that letter. Under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, answers to the petitions would normally be due January 6, 2000. Both carriers have requested expedited action on their petitions. (American specifically requested a decision by December 29 to minimize any further delay in processing the application.)

Acting under assigned authority under 14 CFR Part 385, we have decided to shorten the period for filing answers to the subject petitions to 3 p.m. EST on January 3, 2000. We believe that this modification to the normal procedural schedule balances the needs of all interested parties, while ensuring that the Department has a complete record on which to consider the petitions. In order to facilitate access to any answers filed, we will require, in addition to the normal filing procedures with the Department in the captioned docket, that answers be faxed, e-mailed, or hand delivered to the Director, Office of International Aviation, and to all parties served with the petitions.

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

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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