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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, DC

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NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-96-1177 - 8

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 American Airlines, Inc. filed 3/1/00 to:

XX Renew exemption under 49 U.S.C. 40109 to provide the following service:

Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Miami, Florida, and San Juan, Puerto Rico, on the one hand, and Porlamar, Venezuela, on the other. American requested that its authority be renewed for an indefinite duration.

Applicant rep: Carl B. Nelson 202-496-5647 DOT Analyst: Sylvia Moore 202-366-6519

DISPOSITION

XX **Granted for two years** (see below)

XX **Balance dismissed** (i.e., request for longer-term authority)

The above action was effective when taken: March 23, 2000, through March 23, 2002

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

XX **The authority granted is consistent with the overall state of aviation relations between the United States and Venezuela.**

Except to the extent exempted or waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated: XX **Holder's certificate of public convenience and necessity**

XX **Standard exemption conditions (attached)**

Dismissal: Consistent with our standard practice for this type of application, we renewed American's exemption authority for a period of two years, and dismissed its request for longer-term authority.

On the basis of data officially noticeable under Rule 24(g) of the Department's regulations, we found the applicant qualified to provide the services authorized.

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; (2) grant of the exemption authority was consistent with the public interest; and (3) 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 or 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.

(See Reverse Side)

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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