

**BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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Application of )  
POLSKIE LINIE LOTNICZE ) **Docket OST-00-7072**  
LOT S.A. )  
for an exemption pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109 )  
(Poland-Boston, Atlanta, Washington/Baltimore, )  
Denver, San Francisco, Cleveland, Dallas/Ft. )  
Worth, Seattle, Phoenix, Syracuse, Minneapolis )  
and Pittsburgh). )

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**ANSWER OF TRADEWINDS AIRLINES, INC.**

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are extremely modest, involving only 3 weekly flights between Chicago/New York and Warsaw, two markets served by LOT. Tradewinds holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Department authorizing Tradewinds to conduct worldwide charter authority and has been formally designated by the United States government to provide U.S.-Poland services under the U.S.-Poland bilateral agreement. Since Tradewinds' operations are fully authorized under the U.S.-Poland bilateral, there is no legitimate basis for the government of Poland to delay authorization of Tradewinds' request.

LOT's application for exemption authority is based upon the 1996 provisional agreement between the United States and Poland authorizing additional code-share points. It would be untenable for the U.S. government to take favorable action on LOT's application under the provisional agreement while Tradewinds' bilaterally-authorized proposal to operate charters between the United States and Poland languishes on the Polish Civil Aviation Department's docket. Tradewinds urges both

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governments promptly to authorize the pending requests of both Tradewinds and LOT for U.S.-Poland authority. However, LOT's request should not be granted until Tradewinds receives authority to conduct U.S.-Poland charters.

Respectfully submitted,

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