

October 20, 1997

Paul L. Gretch
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Office of International Aviation
400 7th Street, S.W.
Room 6401
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Joint Application of American Airlines, Inc.
and Aero California S.A. de C.V. for Renewal
of Statements of Authorization under 14 CFR
Parts 207 and 212 (Codeshare Services)

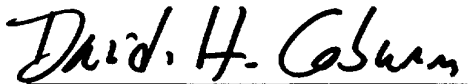
Dear Mr. Gretch:

American Airlines, Inc. (and its regional affiliates Executive Airlines, Inc., Flagship Airlines, Inc., Simmons Airlines, Inc., and Wings West Airlines, Inc.) and Aero California S.A. de C.V. hereby jointly apply, under 14 CFR Parts 207 and 212, for renewal of their respective statements of authorization to engage in certain reciprocal codeshare services, granted by Order 97-7-31, July 29, 1997, and made final by Order 97-9-38, September 29, 1997.

In filing this application, American and Aero California invoke the automatic extension provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 USC 558(c), as implemented by 14 CFR 377. The applicants' respective statements of authorization would expire on December 20, 1997, absent this renewal application. See Order 97-7-31, p. 9 ¶ 4. This application is timely under Section 377.10(c), since it is filed more than 60 days before the expiration date in the case of American, and before the expiration date in the case of Aero California.

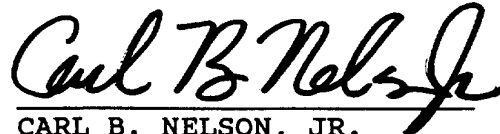
American and Aero California are presently engaged in implementation of the codeshare services in issue, which will provide important benefits to the public in the U.S.-Mexico market, as the Department found in Order 97-7-31 and confirmed in Order 97-9-38. Renewal is clearly in the public interest, and should be granted for a period of at least two years.

Respectfully submitted,



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