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Re: Application of Aerolitoral S.A. de C.V. for Statement of
Authorization to Wet Lease to Aerovias de Mexico, S.A. de C.V.

Dear Mr. Wellington:

Pursuant to 14 C.F.R. § 212.5 of the Department's Economic Regulations, Aerolitoral S.A. de C.V. ("Aerolitoral") requests authorization allowing it to wet lease aircraft on a long-term basis to Aerovias de Mexico, S.A. de C.V. ("Aeromexico"), a flag carrier of Mexico, for the provision of service in the Monterrey-Houston market. Aerolitoral requests that the authorization be effective for one year. The parties intend to commence this service on January 5, 1997, so a waiver of the 45-day notice requirement is requested. In support of this application, Aerolitoral submits the following:

1. Aerolitoral, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cintra S.A. de C.V., is a flag carrier of the United Mexican States and currently holds exemption authority to operate passenger charters between points in Mexico and points in the U.S. Notice of Action Taken, Docket OST-97-2619. Pursuant to statements of authorization, Aerolitoral currently conducts wet lease operations for Aeromexico in the Guaymas-Tucson and Hermosillo-Phoenix markets.

2. Aeromexico, also a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cintra, S.A. de C.V., is a flag carrier of the United Mexican States and currently holds a foreign air carrier permit which authorizes service between Mexico and numerous U.S. points. Order 91-5-25. Pursuant to its permit and various exemption authorities, Aeromexico provides extensive service between Mexico and the United States.

Aeromexico holds permit authority to serve the Monterrey-Houston market and it currently provides such service. Aeromexico desires to increase frequencies in the market and plans to do so with small equipment. Consequently, it has entered into an arrangement with Aerolitoral to provide such service.

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