

Aero-california

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Paul L. Gretch
Director
Office of International Aviation
Department of Transportation
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 Amended
Statements of Authorization Under 14 CFR Parts
207 and 212 (Reciprocal Code-Sharing 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 amended statements of authorization to engage in certain additional reciprocal code-sharing services, as follows:

(1) Aero California's "JR" designator code on American's flights between Miami and Monterrey, San Antonio and Mexico City, and Dallas/Ft. Worth and Puebla (amended Annex B, Section 1, attached).

(2) American's "AA" designator code on Aero California's flights between Los Angeles and Tijuana (amended Annex B, Section 2, attached), and between Mexico gateway cities and Los Mochis (amended Annex B, Section 4, attached).

The requested amended statements of authorization will be used to expand the existing code-sharing services operated by American and Aero California, as initially approved by Order 97-7-31, July 29, 1997.

Aero California is separately applying for underlying economic authority to serve Miami-Monterrey, San Antonio-Mexico City, and Dallas/ Ft. Worth-Puebla. American holds underlying economic authority to serve Los Angeles-Tijuana by Order 97-7-31 (Appendix C), and in an accompanying exemption application is seeking authority to serve between U.S. points and Los Mochis.

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The proposed additional code-sharing between American and Aero California is consistent with the public interest, and should be approved for all the reasons set forth in Order 97-7-31. As the Department stated, these operations "will enable the carriers to expand services under their own codes, increasing service options available to the public and promoting competition with other carriers serving the U.S.-Mexico market" (p. 8). This conclusion applies with equal force to the additional services at issue here.

In order to facilitate advance marketing and sales of the new services at issue, American and Aero California request expedited approval of this joint application.

Respectfully submitted,

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