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**BY MESSENGER**

Mr. Paul Gretch  
Director  
Office of International Aviation, X-40  
Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: America West Airlines Designation Request for Hermosillo  
And Guaymas, Mexico

Dear Mr. Gretch:

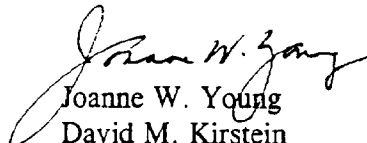
Pursuant to the bilateral air services agreement between the United States and Mexico, America West Airlines, Inc. requests designation for combination service between Phoenix on the one hand and Hermosillo and Guaymas Mexico on the other hand. America West proposes to offer this service as a code-share on flights operated by Mesa Air Group, Inc. under the d/b/a of America West Express. All the service will be conducted with Beechcraft 1900-D aircraft. Mesa filed a request on May 11, 1998 to be designated for code-share service in these markets that has been granted by the Department.

America West wishes to commence the code-share service in these markets on or about August 1, 1998, and requests that the Department grant this authority as soon as possible to enable America West to begin marketing this service. America West holds authority from the Department to operate interstate, overseas and foreign air transportation. See, e.g., Orders 83-7-111, 89-10-2 and 95-9-16, and currently operates service from Phoenix to a number of Mexican points including Mexico City, Mazatlan, Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta and Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo. Thus, America West is in an excellent position to develop the Hermosillo and Guaymas markets through its Phoenix hub. America West Express will operate two or three daily round trips in these markets designed to connect with America West's hub banks to provide maximum connecting opportunities to America West's on-line connecting passengers

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as shown in the attachments to the Mesa Air Group request for designation. The service is clearly in the public interest as it will substantially benefit passengers in the local and Phoenix connecting markets and will constitute the only service operated by a U.S. carrier from Phoenix to these two cities.

Respectfully submitted

  
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cc: Attached service list