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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: Application of American Airlines, Inc. for
Statement of Authorization Under 14 CFR
Part 207 (Additional Codesharing with Iberia
Lineas Aereas de Espana, S.A.)

Dear Mr. Gretch:

American Airlines, Inc. hereby requests, under 14 CFR Part 207, a statement of authorization to permit display of the "IB" designator code of Iberia Lineas Aereas de Espana, S.A. on flights operated by American between New York (JFK) and Washington (Dulles), and between Miami and San Juan, as shown in the attached amendment to the parties' initial codesharing agreement of September 15, 1997.

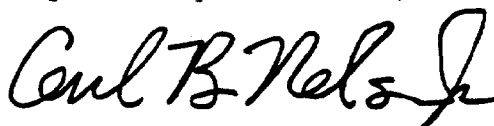
The Department has previously granted approval, under 14 CFR Parts 207 and 212, to American and Iberia to engage in reciprocal codeshare services in a number of other U.S.-Spain and beyond markets. See Notice of Action Taken, OST-97-2965, OST-98-3626, and undocketed, April 30, 1998; Notice of Action Taken, undocketed, August 6, 1998.

The additional authority requested herein is consistent with the U.S.-Spain Air Transport Agreement, and with the public interest, and should be approved on an expedited basis. With respect to the New York (JFK)-Washington (Dulles) segment, the Department noted in the above-referenced NOAT of April 30, 1998 that "[t]he Aviation Agreement between the United States and Spain provides that a Spanish carrier may serve only one airport in the Washington/Baltimore area, and the Government of Spain has selected Dulles International Airport" (p. 5 n. 2).

All services operated by American under Iberia's code will be limited to passengers originating, terminating, or transiting Spain. As the Department has previously found, the American/Iberia codesharing arrangement is consistent with the public interest. The parties will abide by the provisions of 14 CFR 399.88 with respect to the codesharing operations at issue.

American requests expedited approval of this application, so that advance marketing and sales of the proposed services may commence as soon as possible, and the public may begin to benefit from the enhanced competition that will result.

Respectfully submitted,



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