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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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RE: Joint Application of United Air Lines, Inc. and Compania Mexicana de Aviacion, C.V. de S.A. for Renewal of Statements of Authorization under 14 C.F.R. Part 212 (Code Share Services)

Dear Mr. Gretch:

United Air Lines, Inc. ("United") and Compania Mexicana de Aviacion, C.V. de S.A. ("Mexicana") hereby jointly apply, under 14 C.F.R. Part 212, for renewal of their respective statements of authorization to engage in reciprocal code-share service between the U.S. and Mexico and between Mexico and Costa Rica. The code sharing authorized by these statements of authorization is detailed in the attachment submitted herewith.

Specifically, United and Mexicana request renewal of the statements of authorization granted by the following:

- ▶ Notices dated June 24, 1997 (Docket OST-96-1988; Orders 97-6-32 and 97-8-18), most recently renewed June 12, 1998 (with the exception of San Antonio-Mexico City; see Orders 97-11-26 and 97-12-10);
- ▶ Notice 97-424 dated July 16, 1997 (SFO-MEX-SFO), most recently renewed June 12, 1998;
- ▶ Notice dated December 18, 1997, amending United's June 24, 1997 statement of authorization (Docket OST-96-1988; Order 97-6-32) (DEN-MEX-DEN), most recently renewed June 12, 1998;

- ▶ Notice dated March 20, 1988 (Docket OST-97-3237) (ORD-DGO/BJX-ORD; DEN-ZCL-DEN), most recently renewed June 12, 1998;
- ▶ Notice dated April 28, 1998 (Docket OST-97-3237) (ORD/SFO-MLM-ORD/SFO), most recently renewed June 12, 1998; and
- ▶ Notice 98-128 dated April 7, 1998 (MEX-MIA-MEX), most recently renewed by Notice dated September 25, 1998.

These statements of authorization are currently set to expire on December 8, 1998, with the exception of Mexico City-Miami, which is set to expire on March 31, 1999.¹ For reasons of administrative efficiency, these renewals should occur concurrently.

The United/Mexicana code sharing expands consumer convenience and service options in these markets. Renewal of the statements of authorization will provide for a continuation of these valuable public benefits. Renewal also is supported by principles of comity and reciprocity.

To enhance the public benefits derived from these authorities, United and Mexicana respectfully request that their statements of authorization be promptly renewed for a minimum term of two years.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ To the extent necessary, United and Mexicana respectfully request a waiver of the 45-day advance notice provision contained in 14 C.F.R. § 212(d)(2) to facilitate the continued operation of these services.