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Application of)
CONSORCIO AVIAXSA, S.A. de C.V.)
For an exemption)

Docket OST-00-8018

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APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION

Consortio Aviaxsa, S.A. de C.V. ("Applicant") hereby applies for an exemption from 49 USC 41301 under the provisions of 40 USC 40109 to permit Applicant to enhance scheduled air transportation of persons, property and mail between points in Mexico and points in the United States, and subject to applicable regulations of the Department between points in the United States and other points worldwide.

In support of this application, Applicant states as follow:

1. Applicant has had the requisite authority from the Government of Mexico to engage in domestic and international non-scheduled combination air transportation since 1991. Applicant was granted an exemption by the Department to operate non-scheduled (charter) air transportation on June 20, 1991 and said exemption is in full force and effect.
2. Applicant has had the requisite authority from the Government of Mexico to engage in domestic and international scheduled combination air transportation since 1998.
3. Applicant filed an application to amend its foreign air carrier permit application on March 6, 1998 to add scheduled combination air transportation

between points in Mexico and points in the United States, and subject to applicable regulations of the Department, between points in the United States and points worldwide. The Department has never taken final action on the amendment to the permit application.

4. However, Applicant has current exemptions to conduct scheduled combination air transportation on the Monterey-Las Vegas and Monterey-Los Angeles routes which expire in January 2001.

3. Applicant seeks an exemption to conduct scheduled combination air transportation between Monterey, Mexico and Houston, Texas pending Department's final approval of its amended permit application.

4. Applicant has been designated by the Government of Mexico to engage in scheduled combination air transportation on the Monterey-Houston route. It is our understanding that the Government of Mexico has so advised the Department.

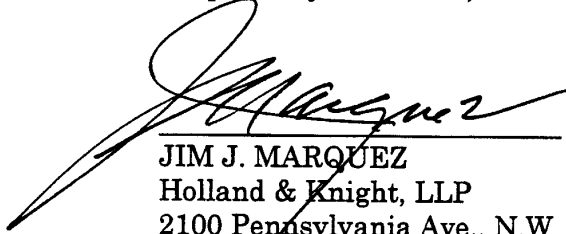
5. Applicant submitted up to date information concerning its ownership, board of directors, officers and key management personnel, a service proposal and other information with its Application to Amend its Foreign Air Carrier Permit Application in 1998 and incorporates said information herein by reference.

6. The fitness of Applicant for U.S. operating authority to provide scheduled combination air transportation between Mexico and the United States has been demonstrated by its fine record of performance since the initial exemption for non-scheduled air transportation (charter) was issued in 1991 and scheduled combination air transportation under the current exemptions.

7. Approval of Applicant's application for an exemption will allow Applicant to continue scheduled combination air operations in the U.S. – Mexico passenger market. Moreover, approval of the exemption will be in the public interest because it will allow both the U.S. and Mexico to continue to receive the economic benefits inherent in international scheduled air transportation, which is a recognized component of the U.S. – Mexico aviation bilateral relationship.

WHEREFORE, Applicant, Consorcio Aviaxsa, S.A. de C.V. requests that the Department of Transportation grant it the exemption on the Monterey-Houston route so that it may continue scheduled combination air transportation between the Mexico and the United States and, subject to Department regulations, between the United States and other points worldwide.

Respectfully submitted,



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