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Mr. David Baskett  
President  
Casino Airlines, Inc.  
2320-L Thompson Way  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

OST-00-1674-4

Dear Mr. Baskett:

By Order 2000-8-12, we confirmed our oral grant of July 21, 2000, of a 60-day exemption from Part 298 of our regulations to enable Casino Airlines, Inc., to continue to operate as the direct air carrier for Pacific Skyway, Inc.'s Part 380 public charter program (PC-00-275). In granting this exemption, we required Casino to provide evidence of insurance coverage that met the requirements of section 205.5(b) of our rules for commuter air carriers, and conditioned the exemption on Casino's filing a complete application for commuter authority within 30 days. The carrier has complied with these conditions and the application for commuter authority is under review.

Although the exemption was to expire on September 20, 2000, we have decided to extend the exemption for an additional 60 days. The carrier has met the conditions for grant of the exemption and we find that it is in the public interest to allow Casino to continue to operate these public charter flights for a limited time in order to allow us to act on its application for commuter authority.

Of course, we expect the carrier to provide promptly any additional information necessary to process its application. Should it unduly delay doing so, or should information come to our attention that leads us to conclude that Casino is not fit to operate as a commuter, we reserve the right to amend, modify or revoke this exemption.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jim Lawyer of my staff on (202) 366-1064.

Sincerely,

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