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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
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Issued by the Department of Transportation  
on the 17th day of November, 1997

Application of

**VALUJET AIRLINES, INC.**  
d/b/a *AIRTRAN* AIRLINES

Docket OST-97-3040

for registration of name change and reissuance of  
certificates of public convenience and necessity under 14  
CFR Part 215

**ORDER REISSUING CERTIFICATE**

ValuJet Airlines, Inc., holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity for interstate scheduled passenger air transportation.<sup>1</sup> On September 9, 1997, ValuJet requested that the Department register the trade name "*AirTran* Airlines" for use in its air transportation operations. In making its request, ValuJet noted that it would use the "*AirTran* Airlines" name in connection with the planned merger of its parent company, ValuJet, Inc., and Airways Corporation, the parent company of *AirTran* Airways, another certificated air carrier.

Part 215 of the Department's regulations provides that any carrier wishing to change its name must first register that name with the Department. The rule further provides that the Department may register such name after the carrier gives notification to similarly named carriers of the proposed use of the name. In this case, the only similarly named carrier is *AirTran* Airways which provided a statement that it had no objection to ValuJet's use of the "*AirTran* Airlines" name. On September 17, the Department issued a notice registering the "*AirTran* Airlines" trade name for ValuJet, and ValuJet has been conducting its air transportation operations under that name since late-September.

By application filed October 23, 1997, in Docket OST-97-3040, ValuJet states that it has also changed its corporate name to "*AirTran* Airlines, Inc.," and requests that the Department register the changed name and reissue its certificate authority in the new name. ValuJet states that changing the carrier's corporate name will have no impact on its operations, ownership, or management, and asks that its reissued certificate be made effective on November 18, 1997.

<sup>1</sup> See Order 93-10-43, issued October 26, 1993.

As noted above, ValuJet has already notified AirTran Airways of its name plans and is currently conducting operations under the "AirTran Airlines" name. Under the circumstances, we will grant the carrier's request and register the change in its corporate name and reissue its certificate to reflect the new corporate name.<sup>2</sup>

**ACCORDINGLY**, acting under authority assigned by the Department in its Regulations, 14 CFR 385.12:

1. We reissue in the attached form the certificate issued to ValuJet Airlines, Inc., by Order 93-10-43.
2. The certificate reissued here will become effective on November 18, 1997.
3. We will serve a copy of this order on the persons listed in Attachment A.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order, under 14 CFR 385.30, may file their petitions within 10 days of the date of service of this order.

The action taken in this order is effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review shall not alter its effectiveness.

By:

**JOHN V. COLEMAN**  
Director  
Office of Aviation Analysis

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<http://dms.dot.gov/dotinfo/general/orders/aviation.html>*

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<sup>2</sup> We are reissuing ValuJet's certificate in the standard format that we now use for all interstate scheduled air transportation certificates. The Terms, Conditions, and Limitations attached to the certificate impose no new obligations or restrictions on the carrier.