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DELTA AIR LINES, INC.

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Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("Delta") hereby applies for renewal of an exemption authorizing Delta to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Atlanta, Georgia, and New York, New York, on the one hand, and the following points in South Africa, on the other hand: Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban, Port Elizabeth, East London and George. Delta further requests renewal of route integration authority to permit Delta to continue to combine the services authorized by this exemption with Delta's services authorized by other certificates and exemptions, to the extent permitted by applicable international agreements.¹

The exemption authority that is the subject of this renewal application was

¹ Pursuant to such route integration authority, Delta provides codeshare service between Ft. Lauderdale and South Africa.

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originally granted by Notice of Action Taken dated January 5, 2000 (Docket OST-99-6558), and is set to expire on January 5, 2002. Delta requests that this authority be renewed for a period of at least two years.

In filing this renewal application, Delta hereby invokes and relies upon the automatic extension provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 558(c), as implemented by 14 C.F.R. Part 377, to continue its exemption authority in effect pending final Department determination on this renewal request. This request for renewal is timely filed pursuant to Section 377.10(c).

Delta provides service to the South African points identified in this application on a codeshare basis in conjunction with South African Airways ("SAA"). Delta and SAA were granted the necessary codeshare authority to provide such service by Notices of Action Taken dated January 5, 2000 (Docket OST-99-6556) and January 24, 2000 (Docket OST-2000-6756).

Renewal of Delta's exemption authority is in the public interest because it will allow Delta to maintain online service to several South African points that otherwise receive little or no U.S. flag carrier service. The services that Delta

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would provide under the renewed authority also continue to be consistent with the codeshare provisions of the aviation agreement between the United States and South Africa.

WHEREFORE, Delta requests that the Department renew the exemption authority described herein, and grant such other additional or different relief as the Department may determine to be in the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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