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Note: Answers to the foregoing application must be submitted to the Department of Transportation on or before March 13, 1998 and served on all persons named in the attached Service List.

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By Order 97-2-28, the Department of Transportation renewed and amended the exemption of Rio Air Express, S.A. ("Rio Air Express") to provide charter foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between a point or points in Brazil and a point or points in the United States, effective March 4, 1997 for one year. Rio Air Express hereby respectfully requests renewal of its exemption authority for a period of one year or until the Department takes final action on the applicant's pending application for a foreign air carrier permit, whichever occurs first.

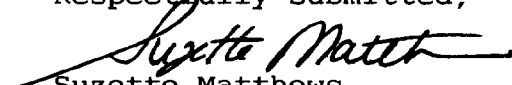
Pursuant to the renewed authority, Rio Air Express will provide charter passenger and combination service between Brazil and the United States as market conditions warrant, in accordance with all requirements of the U.S.-Brazil air transport services agreement, and applicable rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration. To perform this service, Rio Air Express is now

negotiating for lease of an A300-B4-200 aircraft with capacity of up to 259 seats. This aircraft will be listed on Rio Air Express' Part 129 Foreign Air Carrier Operations Specifications issued by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and operated in conformity with all applicable safety rules and regulations in effect.

Rio Air Express relies upon 5 U.S.C. Section 558(c), as implemented by 14 CFR Part 377 as continuing its exemption authority in effect pending final Department action on this renewal request.

WHEREFORE, for reasons herein and heretofore stated, the Department of Transportation should issue an order renewing for one year the exemption of Rio Air Express, S.A. to provide passenger and combination service between Brazil and the United States, and other charters in accordance with the requirements of Part 212 of the Department's Rules and Regulations, 14 CFR Part 212.

Respectfully submitted,



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February 23, 1998

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have, this 23rd day of February, 1998, served the foregoing Application of Rio Air Express for Renewal of Exemption on all persons named in the attached service list, by first-class mail, postage prepaid.



Suzette Matthews