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The Honorable Read Van de Water
Assistant Secretary
Aviation and International Affairs
United States Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: **Within-Perimeter Slot Exemptions at DCA Docket OST-00-7182**


Dear Assistant Secretary Van de Water:

By DOT Order 2003-1-16, the Department of Transportation awarded two within-perimeter exemptions for small-/non-hub service to Corporate Airlines, subject to Corporate's filing its service schedule and start date by January 31, 2003, and implementing its service within 90 days. As the Department acknowledged in its Order, US Airways was the only other carrier-applicant that could have legally been awarded these two slot exemptions.

This letter is to respectfully advise you that US Airways remains ready, willing, and fully committed to implementing one of its small-hub service proposals with these two slot exemptions, in the event that Corporate is unable to meet the Department's procedural requirements or otherwise start its service by April 22, 2003. In this manner, US Airways will ensure that these scarce within-perimeter exemptions are fully utilized and do not remain dormant any longer.

Since this letter concerns a docketed proceeding, we have filed a copy of this letter in the relevant docket.

Respectfully submitted,


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