

BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Application of :
 :
 ALASKA AIRLINES, INC. : OST-2003-14542
 :
 for an exemption pursuant to 49 USC :
 40109 (Los Angeles-Guadalajara) :

ANSWER OF AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.

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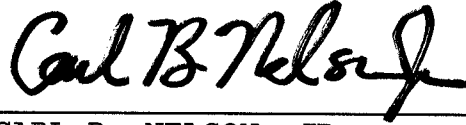
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American Airlines, Inc., under 14 CFR 302.307, hereby answers the application submitted on February 19, 2003 by Alaska Airlines, Inc. Alaska proposes to operate daily year-round service between Los Angeles and Guadalajara, with a starting date of June 8, 2003. Alaska filed in response to the application submitted by American in OST-2003-14447 on February 4, 2003 proposing seasonal service in the Los Angeles-Guadalajara market during the period July 2-August 31, 2003.

American recognizes that the Department will favor Alaska's application for year-round service over American's application for seasonal service. Accordingly, American will not prolong this proceeding by objecting to Alaska's request. However, American asks that its application for seasonal service in OST-2003-14447 be granted on a back-up basis in the event that Alaska fails to start Los Angeles-Guadalajara nonstop service by June 8, 2003, or fails to maintain such service on a year-round basis.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carl B. Nelson, Jr." in a cursive style. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

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