

BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Application of :  
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 HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY : OST-99-5533  
 AIRPORT AUTHORITY :  
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 for exemption from 14 CFR Part 93, :  
 Subparts K and S, under 49 USC :  
 41714 for nonstop service to Chicago :  
 O'Hare :  
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ANSWER OF AMERICAN EAGLE AIRLINES, INC.

American Eagle Airlines, Inc. hereby answers in support of the application submitted on April 12, 1999 by the Huntsville-Madison County Airport Authority for exemption slots at Chicago O'Hare International Airport to allow nonstop regional jet service to Huntsville, Alabama.

The Department recently awarded O'Hare exemption slots to the communities of Greenville/Spartanburg (SC) and Savannah (GA)/Hilton Head (SC) to be used for nonstop regional jet service between those cities and O'Hare (Order 99-3-12, March 16, 1999). There, the Department found that "approval of slot exemptions to file the service void in these markets comports with our policy guidelines, which contemplate our use

of exemption authority to provide substantial transportation benefits" (p. 6).

American Eagle urges favorable consideration of the Huntsville application on an expedited basis. Alternatively, American Eagle seeks a direct grant of exemption slots for O'Hare-Huntsville service, and is this day filing a parallel application for such an award. If it has access to exemption slots, American Eagle will provide nonstop regional jet service between Huntsville and O'Hare for the benefit of Huntsville, its service area, and passengers and shippers requiring service not only in the local market, but in scores of beyond markets conveniently served via American's Chicago hub.

Respectfully submitted,

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