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Delta plans to begin daily nonstop service between Atlanta and Providenciales on or about December 1, 2000. In order to allow Delta to plan and effectively market this new service, Delta requests that this exemption application be granted as soon as possible. Delta requests that the authority remain in effect for a period of at least two years, or until 90 days after the Department's final determination on Delta's corresponding application for U.S.-Turks and Caicos certificate authority.

In support of this application, Delta submits the following:

1. Beginning on or about December 1, 2000, Delta plans to operate daily nonstop round-trip service between Atlanta and Providenciales. Delta will operate this service using Boeing 737, Boeing 757, or other suitable aircraft from Delta's fleet as market circumstances warrant.

2. Delta is fully qualified to perform the proposed services. Delta requests that the Department take official notice, pursuant to Rule 24 of the Department's Rules of Practice, of all data on file with the Department necessary to establish Delta's fitness.

3. The authority sought herein is governed by and consistent with the Air Services Agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom, as amended. Specifically, U.S. Route 6 of the bilateral agreement provides that a carrier or

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carriers designated by the government of the United States may operate combination air services between a point or points in the United States and a point or points in Turks and Caicos (via certain intermediate points).

4. Approval of this application is clearly in the public interest. Delta will operate new competitive scheduled service to Turks and Caicos via the “Atlanta Worldport” hub. Delta serves over 160 cities from its Atlanta hub and will be able to provide travelers throughout the United States with enhanced service options to Turks and Caicos. Thus, Delta’s proposed service will provide strong competition with the limited other services to Providenciales that are operated by other U.S. and foreign flag carriers.

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WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Delta respectfully requests that the Department expeditiously grant Delta an exemption authorizing it to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Atlanta, Georgia, and Providenciales, Turks and Caicos, as described herein, and that the Department grant any further relief deemed to be consistent with the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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