

**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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Application of)	
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AMERICA WEST AIRLINES, INC.)	
)	Docket No. OST 00-8112
For an emergency exemption pursuant to)	
the provisions of 49 U.S.C.§41714 (d))	
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**ANSWER OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY**

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On October 16, 2000, America West Airlines, Inc., (America West) applied for an emergency exemption from the requirements of the 14 C.F.R. Part 93, Subparts K and S (the High Density Rule) pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. §41714 (d) to permit America West to use its 0700 hour scheduling slot in the 1000 hour at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (Washington National.)

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (Airports Authority), is the operator of Washington National, the airport affected by this application.

It appears from the Application (subject to the verification requested below) that America West has complied with the conditions of 49 U.S.C. §41714 (d) for moving a slot from one hour to another. Therefore, the Airports Authority has no objection to the Application and the grant of the exemption.

The Airports Authority notes that the exemption is not to result in an overall increase in slots at National Airport. Indeed, one of the statutory conditions is that the exemption will not result in an increase in the total number of slots at National between 7:00 a.m. and 9:59 p.m. (49 U.S.C. §41714 (d)(B)). Therefore, the 0700 slot moved by America

West to the 1000 hour is no longer available to be allocated for use in the 0700 hour.
There must be one less slot in the 0700 hour as a result.

We note, also, that the statute authorizing the exemption limits the increase in slots in any one hour as a result of these exemptions to not more than two. 49 U.S.C. §41714 (d)(C). This is cumulative of all exemptions granted for moving slots. The Department is requested to verify that there have not been two slots added to the 1000 hour pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §41714 (d).

Respectfully submitted,
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