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NOTICE: Continental requests that this application be processed by expedited non-hearing procedures pursuant to Subpart B of the Department's Rules of Practice. Answers supporting or opposing this application are due on or before May 25, 2001.

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Continental¹ applies, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 41102 and Subpart B of the Department's Rules of Practice, for renewal of its Route 699 certificate authorizing Continental to provide scheduled air transportation of persons, property and mail between Houston, Texas and Lima, Peru, and to combine this authority with its other certificate and exemption authority. Continental asks that its Route 699 certificate authority be renewed for a period of no less than five years and that this application be processed by expedited non-hearing procedures under Subpart B of the Department's Rules of Practice.

¹ Common names are used for airlines.

Continental states as follows in support of its application:

1. Continental currently operates daily non-stop service between Houston and Lima using B-757 aircraft, and renewal of Continental's Route 699 certificate authority is clearly in the public interest. The same considerations that led the Department to select Continental's service in the U.S.-Lima Combination Service Proceeding (1996) remain valid today and justify renewal of the authority. (See Orders 96-4-48 and 96-6-53) Continental operates the only U.S.-flag nonstop service between Houston and Lima, and renewal of Continental's Route 699 certificate authority will ensure continuation of the airline and intergateway competition Continental has introduced on this route.

2. Continental's certificate for Route 699 was issued by Order 96-6-53 in the U.S.-Lima Combination Service Proceeding (1996), Docket OST-96-1037. Continental's Route 699 certificate expires on November 1, 2001, and Continental invokes the automatic extension provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 558(c), as implemented by Part 377 of the Department's Special Regulations, to continue this authority in effect pending the Department's action on this application.

3. Continental is a Delaware corporation with its principal offices located at 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77210, and Continental is a citizen of the United States within the meaning of 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(15). Continental's president and two-thirds or more of its board of directors and other managing officers are U.S. citizens, and at least 75 percent of its voting stock is owned or controlled by persons who are U.S. citizens. Continental holds various certificates

of public convenience and necessity and exemptions authorizing it to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail. (See, e.g., Orders 01-1-14, 00-8-19, 99-2-28, 98-6-5, 98-5-17) Continental is clearly fit, willing and able to conduct service pursuant to the authority requested.

4. Renewal of Continental's Route 699 certificate authority is fully consistent with the U.S.-Peru bilateral aviation agreement.

WHEREFORE, Continental asks the Department to renew its Route 699 certificate authorizing Continental to provide scheduled air transportation of persons, property and mail between Houston and Lima, Peru and to combine this authority with its other certificate and exemption authority for a period of no less than five years.²

Respectfully submitted,

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² Once the U.S.-Peru skies are fully open, Continental urges the Department to make Continental's Peru authority indefinite in duration.

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