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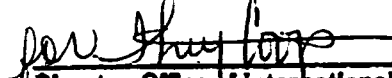
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Director Office of International Aviation
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February 14, 2008

Foreign Air Carrier Licensing Division
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Re: Application of LTU Lufttransport-Unternehmen GmbH. (LTU)
for a Statement of Authorization to Wet Lease Aircraft to Air
Berlin PLC & Co. Luftverkehrs KG. (Air Berlin)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

LTU Lufttransport-Unternehmen GmbH. (LTU), pursuant to 14 C.F.R. § 212.9(b)(2), hereby requests a Statement of Authorization to the extent necessary to wet lease aircraft to its sister carrier, Air Berlin PLC & Co. Luftverkehrs KG. (Air Berlin) for a period of two years beginning March 30, 2008. This operation would be in the public interest and is consistent with the "open skies" bilateral agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Germany and the air transport agreement between the United States and the European Union which goes into effect in relevant respects March 30, 2008.

In support of its application, LTU states as follows:

LTU is an air carrier, and citizen of Germany, designated by the Government of Germany for the air transportation of passengers and cargo in scheduled and charter service between Germany and the United States. LTU has held a Foreign Air Carrier Permit since 1977. The current permit was issued by the Department of Transportation (the Department) in Order 97-8-6, served August 11, 1997.

Air Berlin is a German air carrier under common ownership with LTU. Their corporate parent is Air Berlin PLC. The Chairman of Air Berlin is now the Chairman of LTU, so the two companies also are under common management. The code of Air Berlin is now carried by LTU on its flights between Germany and the United States,

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