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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**NOTICE**

**U.S.-Ukraine Combination Services**

Under a May 1995 Protocol between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Ukraine, four U.S. carriers may be designated to operate scheduled combination services between the United States and points in the Ukraine.<sup>1</sup> Operations by designated U.S. carriers are limited to a total of 18 round-trip frequencies per week for combination services.<sup>2</sup> The Department has allocated 13.5 of the available U.S.-Ukraine combination service weekly frequencies as follows: United 3.5 frequencies; Delta 7 frequencies; and Northwest 3 frequencies. All of these carriers serve the Ukraine under code-share arrangements with third country carriers. A total of 4.5 weekly frequencies remain available for U.S.-Ukraine combination services.

Tower Air, Inc. has applied for exemption authority and for allocation of three weekly frequencies to conduct New York-Kiev services with its own aircraft. Tower proposes to begin service on October 1, 1997. Since grant of the requested exemption would use the remaining designation available for U.S. carrier U.S.-Ukraine combination services, before we proceed with Tower's application, we will afford all U.S. carriers interested in serving the market a further opportunity to apply for the available designation/ frequencies.

Carriers without the requisite U.S.-Ukraine operating authority should file exemption and frequency applications no later than July 31, 1997; answers shall be due no later than August 5, 1997; and replies no later than August 8, 1997. Carriers already holding requisite underlying U.S.-Ukraine operating authority should request frequency allocations by the exemption application date. Should no other applications be filed for the available authority, we intend to act affirmatively on Tower's application.

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<sup>1</sup> Under the Protocol, there are two routes for U.S. carriers. One authorizes service to Kiev and Odessa via four European intermediate points (to be selected by the United States); and the other authorizes services to Kiev, Odessa, Lvov, Dnipropetrovsk and three Ukrainian points to be mutually agreed. The Protocol also authorized service to ten Ukrainian points for code-share services with Ukrainian airlines.

<sup>2</sup> The Protocol provides that frequencies operated under code-share arrangements with third country carriers count as one-half a frequency.

Except for the procedural dates, exemption and frequency allocation applications should conform to Part 302, Subpart D of our regulations (14 CFR Part 302), and should also include the carrier's proposed routing for its service, its startup date, and the type of aircraft to be used in operating the services. Applications should be filed with the Department of Transportation, Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.<sup>3</sup>

We will serve this notice on all U.S. certificated carriers.

By:

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Director, Office of  
International Aviation

(SEAL)

Dated: July 15, 1997

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<http://www.dot.gov/general/orders/aviation.html>*

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<sup>3</sup> The original submission is to be unbound and without tabs on 8 1/2 x 11 white paper using dark ink (not green), to facilitate use of the Department's docket imaging system.