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Pursuant to 14 CFR 302.39 Baltia Air Lines, Inc. ("Baltia") requests that the information concerning private financing market research which is sealed in the attached envelope be withheld from public disclosure.

Rule 39 adopts the follow standards of disclosure found in the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. section 552):

Information may be withheld from disclosure if it is (1) commercial or financial, (2) obtained from a person outside the government, and (3) privileged or confidential.

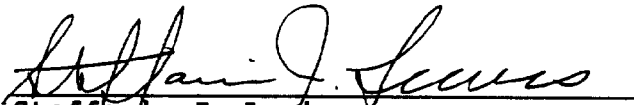
The information Baltia seeks to withhold unquestionably meets the first two standards. Further, because the government has access to all Baltia's information it can confirm anything stated therein and should not be impaired in obtaining any necessary information in the future. The filing is to inform the Department of Baltia's finances and reasonableness of its business plan. The finances are readily verifiable by

contrasting them with other reports submitted by Baltia and by comparison with industry norms. Therefore there is no competing component to the filing and thus there is no substantial harm to the competitive position of the person from whom the information was obtained. Finally, Baltia is a private, not a public company. Details of a private company's finances and plans are not generally made public.

Baltia respectfully requests that the private matters of its finances and marketing analysis remain so and this motion be granted.

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