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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109 and Subpart D of the Department's Procedural Rules, 14 C.F.R. § 302.400 et. seq., Spirit Airlines, Inc. ("Spirit") applies for renewal of an exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41101 which authorizes Spirit to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Atlantic City, New Jersey and Bermuda. That authority was granted on March 6, 1998, for a one-year period.

In support of this Application, Spirit states as follows:

1. Spirit has had longstanding plans to operate nonstop service between Atlantic City, New Jersey and Bermuda. Spirit continues to progress toward inaugurating this service at the earliest practicable date.

2. Spirit's proposed operation will expand the service options available to the traveling public. No airline currently offers nonstop service between Atlantic City and the island resort of Bermuda. Spirit's proposed operation will stimulate additional leisure travel, and provide a low-cost, competitive alternative to nonstop Bermuda services offered at

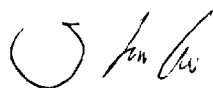
New York and Philadelphia. As such, Spirit's proposed new service clearly is in the public interest.

3. When DOT first granted Spirit's application, DOT found that Spirit is fit, willing and able to offer Atlantic City-Bermuda service. Nothing has occurred since then which should in any way alter DOT's finding.

4. This renewal application is being filed more than 60 days in advance of the expiration of the route authority held by Spirit, and thus is timely filed within the meaning of 14 C.F.R. Part 377. Spirit hereby invokes the protections of the automatic extension provision set forth in those regulations.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Spirit respectfully requests that the Department renew the exemption which authorizes Spirit to conduct scheduled foreign air transportation between Atlantic City, New Jersey and Bermuda, and grant such additional relief as it deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



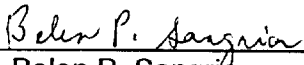
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have on this 6th day of January 1999 served the foregoing Application of Spirit Airlines, Inc. for Renewal of an Exemption, by first-class mail, upon the airlines shown on the attached service list.



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