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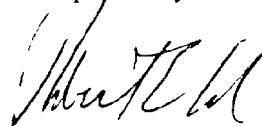
Mr. Paul L. Gretch  
Director, Office of International Aviation  
Department of Transportation, Room 6402  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: U.S. Russia Overflight Opportunities– Docket OST-99-5286**

Dear Mr. Gretch:

Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("Delta") hereby advises the Department that it will accept a condition that the interim allocation to Delta of United's nine unused overflight frequencies will revert to United when United commences its Chicago-Delhi nonstop service, currently planned for October 31, 1999. Delta recommends that the Department impose a condition requiring United to notify the Department and Delta at least 30 days before expiration Delta's authority as to any changes in United's start-up date for its Chicago-Delhi service in order to provide DOT staff with sufficient time to ensure the full and continuous utilization of these valuable bilateral rights. Finally, to the extent necessary, Delta will agree that the interim allocation to Delta will not be considered an "activity of a continuing nature" for purposes of 5 U.S.C. §555(c) and 14 C.F.R. Part 377.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Service List - Docket OST-99-5286