

BEFORE THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Application of)
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AMERICA WEST AIRLINES, INC.)
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for an exemption pursuant to)
49 U.S.C. §§ 41714, 41717(b) and 41717(c))
Chicago O'Hare International Airport -)
Columbus, Ohio and Las Vegas, Nevada)
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Docket Nos. OST-00-7180

CERTIFICATION OF MESA AIRLINES, INC.

Pursuant to the Department's Order 2000-4-15, Mesa Airlines, Inc. ("Mesa") hereby certifies the following information regarding the application of America West Airlines, Inc. ("America West") for new-entrant exemption slots at Chicago O'Hare International Airport ("O'Hare") for service between O'Hare and Columbus, Ohio, and between O'Hare and Las Vegas, Nevada, pursuant to The Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century ("Air 21").

Mesa meets the criteria for new entrants and limited incumbent air carriers qualified for such exemption slots because it does not hold, and never has held, more than 20 slots at O'Hare, including slot exemptions, and slots and slot exemptions at O'Hare held by America West, Mesa's code-share partner for O'Hare-Columbus flights proposed in America West's application.

Mesa requests that it be allocated eight exemption slots at O'Hare so that Mesa may provide

four daily, non-stop round-trip flights between O'Hare and Columbus, Ohio at the specific times set forth in Exhibit 1 to America West's April 5 application for these slots. Mesa proposes to operate these services as America West Express flights pursuant to a code-sharing arrangement with America West.

Mesa confirms that it plans to operate these flights using only Stage-3 jet aircraft, specifically 50-seat Canadair Regional Jets, and that it and America West plan to commence service with the requested slots within 45 days of their allocation.

Pursuant to Title 18 United States Code Section 1001, I, Audie H. Wenett,
Mesa Airlines, Inc.'s Vice President / General Counsel in my individual capacity and as the authorized representative of the applicant, have not in any manner knowingly and willfully falsified, concealed or failed to disclose any material fact or made any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or knowingly used any documents which contain such statements in connection with the preparation, filing or prosecution of the application, subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Audie H. Wenett
Name:

Title: Vice President / General Counsel

Dated: May 25, 2000