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Order 2000-9-10

Served: September 15, 2000

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

Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 12th day of September, 2000

In the matter of the reissuance of the interstate scheduled
passenger certificate of

AIRTRAN AIRWAYS, INC.

under 49 U.S.C. 41102

Docket OST-1998-4024 -13

ORDER REISSUING CERTIFICATE

AirTran Airways, Inc., holds a certificate authorizing it to engage in interstate scheduled air transportation of persons, property, and mail.¹ By Order 98-7-6, served July 8, 1998, the Department amended and reissued the interstate scheduled passenger certificates of the air carriers listed in Attachment A to that order to reflect changes in the types of operations that could be conducted to Dallas' Love Field and to reflect the current format for such certificates. Order 98-7-6 noted that the certificates of certain other carriers that were then undergoing continuing fitness reviews would be amended and reissued when those reviews were completed. *AirTran Airways* is one of the carriers that was undergoing an informal fitness review at the time Order 98-7-6 was issued.² That review was completed with no information received that would lead us to conclude that the carrier was not fit to hold its certificate. As an administrative matter, we are now reissuing *AirTran Airways'* certificate to reflect the "Love Field condition" and format currently used for other carriers holding similar authority.

ACCORDINGLY, Acting under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR 385.12:

1. We amend and reissue the interstate scheduled passenger certificate of *AirTran Airways, Inc.*, to reflect the current format for such certificates.

¹ See Order 94-11-19, issued November 30, 1994.

² At that time, the Department was reviewing *AirTran's* fitness in light of the carrier's then-recent acquisition by Valujet, Inc., the parent company of then-Valujet Airlines, Inc. Valujet Airlines (which changed its name to *AirTran Airlines, Inc.*) and *AirTran Airways* subsequently merged, with *AirTran Airways* being the surviving carrier. The dormant certificate of *AirTran Airlines, Inc.*, was revoked by Order 2000-7-5, issued July 6, 2000.

2. We will serve a copy of this order on the persons listed in Attachment A to this order.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR 385.30, may file their petitions within 10 days of the date of service of this order.

The action taken in this order shall be effective immediately and the filing of a petition for review shall not alter its effectiveness.

By:

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