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for Renewal of Exemption)
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Docket No. OST-98-4331 -6

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FOR RENEWAL OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO 49 U.S.C. § 40109**

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In accordance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 40109(c) and the Economic Regulations of the Department, Air Tahiti Nui hereby applies for a renewal of its exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41301 to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia and Los Angeles and to conduct charters in accordance with 14 C.F.R. Part 212.

The authority for Air Tahiti Nui to provide scheduled service initially was granted by the Department in Notice of Action Taken dated October 13, 1998 and was amended by Notice of Action Taken dated May 5, 1999 to include authority to conduct charter operations. Air Tahiti Nui's exemption authority currently is scheduled to expire on October 13, 2000. In filing this Application, Air Tahiti Nui hereby invokes the automatic extension provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 558(c), as implemented by Part 377 of the Department's Regulations, so that it may continue operations pending a final decision by the Department on this renewal request.

Air Tahiti Nui remains fit, willing and able to provide the service for which renewal is sought. As previously recognized by the Department, Air Tahiti Nui's exemption authority is consistent with the provisions of the 1998 Air Transport Agreement between the United States and France wherein Air Tahiti Nui is designated to provide service between the United States and French Polynesia. Renewal of this exemption authority also is in the public interest as it will enable Air Tahiti Nui to continue to provide convenient, reliable and economical scheduled and charter service to travelers and shippers desiring transportation between the United States and French Polynesia.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, Air Tahiti Nui respectfully requests the Department to renew the requested exemption authority and to grant such further relief as the Department deems necessary and appropriate.

Dated: October 11, 2000

Respectfully submitted,



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