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**NOTICE:** Parties wishing to support or oppose this renewal application must submit their answers on or before May 7, 2001.

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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109 and Subpart C of the Department's Rules of Practice (14 C.F.R. Part 302), US Airways, Inc. ("US Airways") applies for a two-year renewal of its exemption to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. In support of this renewal application, US Airways respectfully states as follows:

1. US Airways is a Delaware corporation with its principal office at Crystal Park Four, 2345 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia, 22227.
2. US Airways is a citizen of the United States within the meaning of 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(15)(C) and is fit, willing, and able to provide the services contemplated by this renewal application. US Airways holds various certificates of public convenience and exemption authorities. See, e.g., DOT Order 97-7-2; Notice of Action Taken, June 22, 1999. Pursuant to Rule 24 of the Department's Rules of Practice, US Airways requests that the

Department take official notice of all information previously filed to establish US Airways' fitness.

3. By Notice of Action Taken (dated June 22, 1999) in Docket 97-2721, the Department most recently granted US Airways a two-year exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41101 to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. US Airways currently provides nonstop daily Philadelphia-Grand Cayman service, utilizing B-737 aircraft. US Airways plans to continue operating nonstop Philadelphia-Grand Cayman service.<sup>1</sup> US Airways hereby seeks a two-year renewal of this exemption authority.

4. Pursuant to 14 C.F.R. § 377.10, US Airways intends to rely on the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. § 558(c), as implemented by Part 377, to continue in effect its current exemption pending a final determination on this renewal application. US Airways' current exemption is effective through June 22, 2001. Accordingly, US Airways' renewal application is timely filed under the provisions of Part 377.

5. Renewal of US Airways' exemption will clearly serve the public interest. US Airways operates a premier international gateway at Philadelphia with approximately 400 daily departures through its mainline and Express operations. This strong, expansive hub provides US Airways with the ability to offer convenient, on-line connecting service to the Cayman Islands from a significant number of communities in the eastern United States (thereby supporting commerce and tourism between the Cayman Islands and the many communities served by US Airways' Philadelphia network).

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<sup>1</sup> For the period May 6, 2001, through November 4, 2001, US Airways plans to operate nonstop Philadelphia-Grand Cayman service on Saturday only. Additionally, US Airways may within the next year substitute A-320 aircraft on this route to replace the current B-737 aircraft.

6. The Department has previously determined that this exemption authority is consistent with the aviation agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom. See Notice of Action Taken (dated June 22, 1999) (Docket 97-2721); DOT Order 97-8-17 (August 1, 1997 Notice of Action Taken). US Airways' application is also supported by principles of comity and reciprocity. US Airways has certificate authority to operate between Baltimore/Washington, D.C., Tampa, and Charlotte, and the Cayman Islands. See DOT Order 97-7-2.

WHEREFORE, US Airways, Inc. respectfully requests that the Department renew its exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41101, effective immediately for a two-year period, permitting US Airways to provide Philadelphia-Grand Cayman service.

Respectfully submitted,



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