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Continental¹ applies for a waiver of the Department's 90-day dormancy condition on Continental's seven weekly frequencies for service between New York/Newark and Cali, Colombia, awarded in the U.S.-Colombia Scheduled Combination Opportunities Proceeding, so Continental can institute the planned service on June 1, 2002. Under current economic conditions in Colombia and the United States, Continental has concluded that nonstop New York/Newark-Cali flights should not begin until June 1, 2002.

In support of its application, Continental states as follows:

1. When the Department awarded Continental seven weekly frequencies available October 2001 for daily New York/Newark-Cali flights, Continental was the only applicant, and no one objected to Continental's application. (See Order 2001-5-

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26 at fn. 6) Continental proposed to begin New York/Newark-Cali flights promptly on October 1, 2001. The Department awarded these frequencies to Continental subject to the Department's standard 90-day dormancy condition. (See Order 2001-5-26 at 5)

2. Because Colombia and the United States have experienced a recent downturn in their economies, Continental plans to delay the start-up of its New York/Newark-Cali flights until June 1, 2002. Continental believes the additional eight months is a reasonable period of time in which to expect a turnaround in Colombia's economic condition and an upswing in the U.S. economy as well. Continental remains eager to offer the public benefits of its New York/Newark-Cali service proposal, but believes instituting the service before June 1, 2002, would be inappropriate under current economic conditions. To enable Continental to delay the start-up of its New York/Newark-Cali flights until June 1, 2002, when demand should be greater than it is this year, a waiver of the dormancy condition on these frequencies is required until June 1, 2002.

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¹ Common names are used for airlines.

For the foregoing reasons, Continental asks the Department to grant its application for a waiver of the Department's 90-day dormancy condition on the seven weekly frequencies awarded Continental for daily nonstop New York/Newark-Cali flights until June 1, 2002.

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