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Pursuant to Order 97-11-35, served November 20, 1997, Federal Express Corporation (Federal Express) hereby submits its Information Response in this Proceeding.

1. Argentina Frequency Utilization

Federal Express holds and utilizes an allocation of five (5) weekly U.S.-Argentina all-cargo operating frequencies under which it is permitted to conduct five roundtrip flights a week between the U.S. and Argentina utilizing narrow-body freighter aircraft.

During each week of the 28-month period from June 1, 1995 through September 30, 1997, Federal Express has operated five roundtrip flights a week utilizing B-727-200 freighter aircraft, having an available payload capacity of 45,000 pounds, operating between Sao Paulo, Brazil and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Those B-727 flights connect on a change-of-gauge basis at Sao Paulo with daily DC-10-30 freighter flights operated by Federal Express between Memphis and Miami, on the one hand, and Sao Paulo, on the other hand. The DC-10-30

freighters have a total available payload capacity of 116,000 pounds southbound and 96,000 pounds northbound.

All of the foregoing flights operated by Federal Express between the U.S. and Argentina during the 28-month period at issue were operated on a scheduled basis by Federal Express utilizing its own aircraft and crews. None of the flights operated by Federal Express are operated pursuant to wet-lease arrangements.

The U.S.-Argentina flights operated by Federal Express provide highly reliable, expedited and efficient air express and time-definite air freight service between points in Argentina and the entirety of the United States, and to and from points beyond the United States in Canada, Europe and the Asia/Pacific region served by Federal Express on its worldwide system operations.

A copy of the current U.S.-Argentina schedule operated by Federal Express, which is virtually identical to the schedule operated by Federal Express throughout the 28-month period at issue, is set forth in Exhibit FX-100, infra.

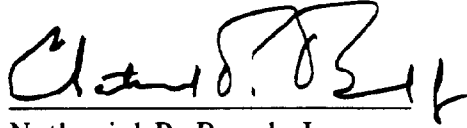
2. Total Revenue Freight Transported.

During the 12-month period ended June 30, 1997, Federal Express carried a total of 1,736 revenue tons of cargo and express traffic between the U.S. and Argentina in both directions, and an aggregate unduplicated total of 26,803 revenue tons on its combined DC-10 and B-727 operations between the U.S. and Brazil/Argentina, including markets behind the U.S. and beyond Argentina. A detailed summary of the foregoing traffic volumes, broken down by direction and

by country-pair market as specified in Order 97-11-35, is set forth in Exhibit

FX-101, infra.

Respectfully submitted,

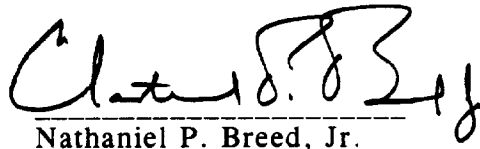


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Information Response of Federal Express Corporation, by messenger, telecopier transmission or United States mail, properly addressed and with postage prepaid, upon each of the persons listed in the Service List attached hereto.



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