

EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATION OF ATLANTIC COAST AIRLINES

I, Thomas J. Moore, President and Chief Operating Officer of Atlantic Coast Airlines ("ACA"), hereby certify that the services to be provided by ACA at Chicago O'Hare International Airport ("O'Hare") as described in this Certification meet all of the statutory requirements set forth in 49 U.S.C. § 41717(b), as amended by the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century ("AIR-21"), and further specifically certify as follows:

1. ACA proposes to use Canadair Regional Jet aircraft in its operations between O'Hare and Des Moines, Iowa. ACA's entire fleet of regional jet aircraft is Stage 3 compliant.

2. All aircraft that ACA proposes to use in its Des Moines-O'Hare service will have fewer than 71 seats.

3. The airport serving Des Moines from which ACA's proposed service will operate, is a small hub airport as defined in 49 U.S.C. § 41714(h)(8).

4. ACA will utilize one slot exemption at O'Hare, operating as United Express.

5. ACA's proposed Des Moines-O'Hare service is new. As of November 1, 1999, ACA was not operating nonstop Des Moines-O'Hare service.


6. The communities and airports to be served with the slot are Chicago, Illinois (ORD) and Des Moines, Iowa (DSM). The planned effective date of the service is September 5, 2001, and the time of the slot requested is as follows:

DSM to ORD:

<u>Depart</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
1548	1700	Daily	CRJ

7. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001, I, Thomas J. Moore, in my individual capacity and as the authorized representative of ACA, have not in any manner knowingly or willfully falsified, concealed or failed to disclose any material fact or made any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or knowingly used any documents which contain such statements in connection with the preparation, filing or prosecution of this Certification. I understand that an individual who is found to have violated the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 shall be fined or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

Dated: August 20, 2001


Thomas J. Moore
President and
Chief Operating Officer
Atlantic Coast Airlines