

**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Application of)	
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NORTHWEST AIRLINES, INC.)	Docket OST-99-6319
)	
for an amendment of certificate authority)	
pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 41102)	
(U.S.-Mexico))	
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Dated: October 16, 2002

**APPLICATION OF NORTHWEST AIRLINES, INC.
FOR AN AMENDMENT OF CERTIFICATE AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 41102 and Subpart B of the Rules of Practice of the Department of Transportation (the “Department”), Northwest Airlines, Inc. (“Northwest”) hereby applies to amend its Experimental Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Route 564 (U.S. Mexico) to incorporate authority for service between Memphis and Mexico City, Memphis and Puerto Vallarta, and Detroit and Cozumel. Northwest also requests that the Department integrate this authority with all of Northwest’s existing certificate and exemption authority to the extent consistent with U.S. bilateral agreements and DOT policy

In support of this application, Northwest respectfully states the following:

1. Northwest requests that the Department amend its Route 564 U.S.-Mexico certificate authority by adding Memphis-Mexico City, Memphis-Puerto Vallarta, and Detroit-

Cozumel segments.¹ Northwest's current certificate for U.S.-Mexico service was last issued on February 26, 2001. See Order 2001-4-15.

2. Northwest intends to implement service as follows:

- Memphis Mexico City – Northwest intends to commence daily, year-round service on February 13, 2003, utilizing A-319 aircraft.
- Memphis-Puerto Vallarta – Northwest intends to commence once-a-week (Saturdays) winter season service on February 1, 2003, utilizing A-320 aircraft.
- Detroit-Cozumel – Northwest intends to commence once-a-week (Saturdays) winter season service on January 11, 2003, utilizing A-320 aircraft.

3. Further amendment of Northwest's Route 564 certificate is in the public interest.

Northwest's U.S.-Mexico service fosters competition among U.S. and foreign carriers serving Mexico and provides travelers and shippers in the U.S.-Mexico market with a variety of service options. In addition, amending Northwest's Route 564 certificate to include Memphis-Mexico City, Memphis-Puerto Vallarta, and Detroit-Cozumel segments will reduce the administrative burden on the Department by eliminating the need for frequent exemption renewal applications.

4. The additional authority requested is consistent with the terms of the U.S.-Mexico Air Transport Services Agreement ("U.S.-Mexico Agreement"), as amended. Route 1(a) of the U.S.-Mexico Agreement authorizes carriers designated by the United States to operate "from a point or points in the United States to a point or points in Mexico." (U.S.-Mexico Agreement, Annex I, A(1)(a)). The U.S. Mexico Agreement also provides that "[e]ither of the parties shall be entitled to designate up to two airlines to provide scheduled combination services on any city

¹ Northwest is today separately applying for exemption authority to provide combination service on these routes pending a final determination of this application for amendment of its Route 564 certificate.

pair between the two territories that may be served under the agreement.” (U.S.-Mexico Agreement, Annex I, B(4)). No U.S. carrier currently provides service in the Memphis-Mexico City, Memphis-Puerto Vallarta, or Detroit-Cozumel segments. See Official Airline Guide, October 2002.

5. Northwest holds various certificates of public convenience and necessity and exemptions authorizing it to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail, including between the United States and Mexico. See Northwest’s Route 564, Order 2001-4-15. Northwest is fit, willing and able to provide the proposed services described in this application.

WHEREFORE, Northwest Airlines, Inc. respectfully requests that the Department amend its Experimental Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Route 564 (U.S. Mexico) to incorporate authority for service between Memphis and Mexico City, Memphis and Puerto Vallarta, and Detroit and Cozumel. Northwest requests that the Department integrate this authority with all of Northwest’s existing certificate and exemption authority to the extent consistent with U.S. bilateral agreements and DOT policy. Northwest also requests such further, different, and additional relief as the Department may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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