

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

<b>Application of</b>	)	
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<b>NORTHWEST AIRLINES, INC.</b>	)	<b>Docket OST-99-6319</b>
	)	
<b>for an amendment of certificate authority</b>	)	
<b>pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 41102</b>	)	
<b>(U.S.-Mexico)</b>	)	

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

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current certificate for U.S.-Mexico service was last issued on February 26, 2001. See Order 2001-4-15.<sup>2</sup>

2. Northwest will offer service between Los Angeles and Guadalajara pursuant to its codeshare arrangement with Alaska Airlines, Inc. and will display its NW\* code on Alaska's flights over this route.<sup>3</sup>

3. Further amendment of Northwest's Route 564 certificate is in the public interest. Northwest's U.S.-Mexico codeshare 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 the Los-Angeles-Guadalajara segment 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)). Under Annex III on cooperative marketing arrangements, four U.S. codeshare authorizations are available between the city-pair covered by this application. Approving Northwest's application will not preclude other U.S. carriers from securing a codeshare designation between Los Angeles and Guadalajara.

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<sup>2</sup> Northwest's October 16, 2002 application to add Memphis-Mexico City, Memphis-Puerto Vallarta, and Detroit-Cozumel segments is pending in this docket.

<sup>3</sup> The referenced U.S.-Mexico codesharing between Northwest and Alaska is covered by the Alaska-Northwest marketing and codeshare agreement, previously submitted to the Department pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41720(b).

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 codeshare service between Los Angeles and Guadalajara. 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 Department policy. Northwest also requests such further, different, and additional relief as the Department may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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