



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

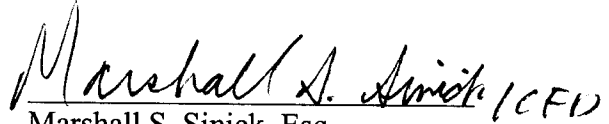
Application of	)	
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<b>SPIRIT AIRLINES, INC.</b>	)	Docket OST-2003-15972
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for an emergency exemption from 14 C.F.R. 93	)	
pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41714(d)	)	
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**ANSWER OF ATA AIRLINES, INC.**

ATA Airlines, Inc. ("ATA") hereby responds to Spirit Airlines, Inc.'s ("Spirit) request for a shortening of the answer period applicable to its pending application for slot reassignment at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport ("DCA"). Specifically, Spirit requests that the answer period be shortened to August 22, 2003.

ATA has no objection to a shortening of the answer period as requested by Spirit provided the Department of Transportation ("Department") establishes August 22, 2003, as the due date for answers to ATA's slot reassignment application pending in Docket OST-2003-15968. The issues raised by Spirit's application are similar to those presented in ATA's application. The Department should undertake a contemporaneous review of all pending DCA slot reassignment applications to avoid piecemeal review and to ensure consistency in its decisions.

Respectfully submitted,

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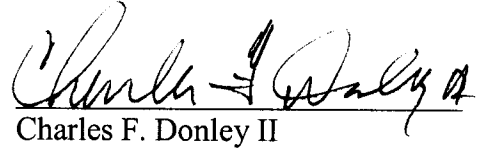
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that one copy of the foregoing Answer of ATA Airlines, Inc. has this day been served via email on all persons served with Spirit Airlines, Inc.'s application in this docket.

  
Charles F. Donley II

DATED: August 20, 2003