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(Form 41, Schedules B-7 and B-43))
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Docket OST-96-1826
(former Docket 48735)

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FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

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Pursuant to Rule 39 of the Department's Rules of Practice (14 C.F.R. § 302.39), US Airways, Inc. ("US Airways") hereby requests confidential treatment of certain information contained in US Airways' Form 41 filing for the year ended December 31, 1997, Schedule B-7 -- Airframe and Aircraft Engine Acquisitions and Retirements, and Schedule B-43 -- Inventory of Airframes and Aircraft Engines. These schedules are submitted separately herewith under seal, marked with a request for confidential treatment pursuant to Rule 39. US Airways requests that these data be withheld from public disclosure for a period of at least ten (10) years. In support of this request, US Airways states as follows:

The Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), provides that privileged or confidential commercial and financial information obtained from a private person is specifically exempted from the requirements of public disclosure due to its business sensitive nature.¹ The information for which US Airways requests confidential treatment is confidential and proprietary commercial and financial information, obtained from US Airways, a private party, the public release of which would cause substantial competitive and financial injury to US Airways. Accordingly, the information should be withheld from public disclosure.

The information at issue is cost, amortization/depreciation and value data relating to airframes and aircraft engines owned by US Airways as of December 31, 1997. This information is contained in columns 9, 10, and 11 of US Airways' Schedule B-7 and columns 10, 11, 12, and 13 of US Airways' Schedule B-43. In addition to filing these confidential schedules under seal, US Airways is submitting to the Office of Aviation Analysis redacted versions of these reports, available for public inspection, which omit these confidential data.

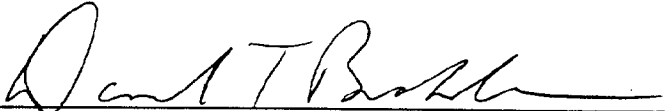
The Department has previously determined that the confidential and competitively-sensitive data contained in US Airways' B-7 and B-43 reports are entitled to confidential treatment. By letter of James W. Mitchell, Director, Office of Airline Statistics, the Department granted prior US Airways' requests for confidential treatment of this same

¹ Gulf & Western Industries, Inc. v. U.S., 615 F.2d 527, 529 (D.C. Cir. 1979).

information for earlier reporting periods and ruled that it be withheld from public disclosure for a period of ten (10) years. The Department's reasoning applies with equal force to US Airways' present motion.

WHEREFORE, US Airways respectfully requests that the confidential information contained in its Form 41, Schedule B-7 and B-43 reports detailed above be withheld from public disclosure for at least ten (10) years.

Respectfully submitted,

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