

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

Application of)	
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NORTHWEST AIRLINES, INC.)	Docket OST-04-
)	
for an exemption pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109)	
(U.S.-Mexico))	

**APPLICATION OF NORTHWEST AIRLINES, INC.
FOR AN EXEMPTION**

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exempt Northwest for Minneapolis/St. Paul-Mazatlan service and notify the Mexican civil aviation authorities of Northwest's designation on the route.

2. Northwest's proposed Minneapolis/St. Paul-Mazatlan service will provide significant benefits to travelers and shippers and is clearly in the public interest. The proposed service also is fully consistent with the Air Transport Agreement between the U.S. and Mexico. Route 1(a) of the U.S.-Mexico bilateral aviation 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," and a U.S.-flag designation is available for the Minneapolis/St. Paul-Mazatlan route. See U.S.-Mexico Agreement, Annex I, A(1)(a).

3. 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 points in Mexico. See e.g., 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 an exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41101 to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Minneapolis/St. Paul and Mazatlan, Mexico, for a two-year period. Northwest also requests that the Department notify the Mexican civil aviation authorities of Northwest's designation on the route promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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