

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

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FLORIDA WEST INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS, INC.)	Docket OST-1997-2648
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for Renewal of Exemption Authority)	
Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 40109)	
(U.S.-Argentina))	

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF EXEMPTION

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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 40109 and Part 302, Subpart C of the Procedural Regulations of the Department of Transportation (“Department”), Florida West International Airways, Inc. (“FWIA”) hereby requests that the Department renew its exemption permitting it to (1) engage in the foreign air transportation of property and mail (a) from points behind the United States, via the United States and intermediate points, to a point or points in Argentina and beyond; and (b) between Argentina and any point or points; and (2) integrate this authority with all other services it is otherwise authorized to conduct pursuant to its exemption and certificate authorities, consistent with applicable agreements between the U.S. and foreign countries. This authority was last renewed by the Department on May 16, 2003, for a two-year period. FWIA requests renewal of this exemption for an additional two-year period on its existing terms and conditions.

FWIA relies upon the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act and Part 377 of the Department's procedural regulations to continue its existing exemption in force pending a final decision on this renewal request.

As indicated below, all of the factors that originally led the Department to award this authority to FWIA remain in existence. The public interest would be served by the Department renewing FWIA's authority to provide scheduled service between the U.S. and Argentina. Renewal of FWIA's exemption will permit FWIA to continue to offer a competitive alternative to services currently operated by other U.S. and foreign carriers.

In further support of this application, FWIA states as follows:

1. FWIA is a Delaware corporation in good standing whose mailing address is 6640 N.W. 22nd Street, Suite 218, Miami, Florida 33102-5752. FWIA holds certificates of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to provide scheduled interstate transportation of property and mail and scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail to a number of foreign points. *See, e.g.*, Orders 99-12-7 and 2000-8-19.

2. FWIA is a citizen of the United States as defined in 49 U.S.C. 40102(a)(15). Mr. Mansour Rasnavad, a U.S. citizen, is the President of FWIA. U.S. citizens hold 75% of FWIA's voting stock. All of the members of FWIA's Board of Directors and other managing officers are U.S. citizens.

3. The Department has determined that FWIA is fit, willing and able to provide the proposed service and to conform to the provisions of Title 49 and the rules, regulations and requirements of the Department contained therein. *See* Order 99-12-7.

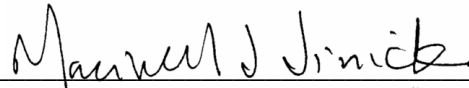
4. FWIA submits that renewal of the requested authority is wholly consistent with the terms of the Air Transport Services Agreement between the Government of the United States

and the Republic of Argentina dated October 22, 1985, as amended. The November 24, 2000, amendment to the Agreement authorizes designated U.S. carriers to operate all-cargo services “[f]rom points or points behind the United States via the United States and intermediate points, to a point or points in Argentina and beyond” and “[b]etween Argentina and any point or points.” See, Annex I, Section I(A)(1)(a) and (b).

5. Grant of this renewal application will not result in a near-term net annual change in fuel consumption of ten million gallons or more. Approval will not require or result in a major regulatory action by the Department within the meaning of Section 313.4(a)(1) of the Department’s regulations.

WHEREFORE, Florida West International Airways, Inc. respectfully requests that the Department of Transportation renew its exemption as more fully explained herein, or grant such other relief as the Department deems necessary and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,




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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that one copy of the foregoing Application of Florida West International Airways, Inc. has this day been served on each of the following persons via email, fax or first class mail, postage prepaid.


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