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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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2005 U.S.-Mexico Combination Service Proceeding

NEW YORK/NEWARK-CANCUN COMBINATION SERVICE PROCEEDING
CHICAGO-CANCUN COMBINATION SERVICE PROCEEDING
LOS ANGELES-PUERTO VALLARTA COMBINATION SERVICE PROCEEDING
LOS ANGELES-SAN JOSE DEL CABO COMBINATION SERVICE PROCEEDING

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NOTICE AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

By Order 2005-12-18, the Department instituted carrier selection proceedings for the four above-captioned U.S.-Mexico routes and established a uniform procedural schedule for the four proceedings. On January 4, 2006, Frontier Airlines, Inc. (Frontier) filed a timely petition with respect to the Chicago-Cancun and Los Angeles-San Jose del Cabo routes, asking that the Department reconsider and extend by approximately two and one-half weeks the procedural schedule set forth in the Order. Frontier notes that the Department's instituting order established a short timetable that included a busy holiday period. The carrier does not view the limited extension it seeks as inconsistent with the Department's goal, which Frontier supports, of conducting these proceedings on an expedited basis.

Delta Air Lines answered in support of Frontier's petition but stated that any extension should apply to all four proceedings. United Air Lines filed a reply asserting a comparable position. ExpressJet Airlines filed an answer in the Los Angeles-San Jose del Cabo proceeding taking no position on the Frontier and Delta requests but urging extension of the timeframe established in the Order for answers to application supplements and amendments, from two days to five to seven days. JetBlue Airways filed a reply objecting to Frontier's request were it to be applied to the New York/Newark-Cancun proceeding and USA 3000 filed a reply objecting to Frontier's request as to the Chicago-Cancun proceeding.

Taking into account all the comments filed, and acting under the authority assigned in 14CFR 385.13(p), we will extend the procedural schedule as to each of the above named combination service proceedings, as follows: supplements/amendments to applications will be due no later than January 17, 2006; answers will be due no later than January 23, 2006; and replies will be due no later than January 27, 2006. We believe that this result reasonably accommodates the requests of certain of the parties for limited additional time

in which to file, while preserving the Department's stated objective of expedition. Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR 385.30, may file their petitions within two (2) business days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken (January 9, 2006), and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

We will serve this notice by electronic mail on all parties to this proceeding, and hereby authorize service of documents by facsimile and by electronic mail.

By:

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Director, Office of International Aviation

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Dated: January 9, 2006

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