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Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("Delta") hereby applies for renewal of an exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 40109 authorizing Delta to continue to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between any point or points in the United States and any point or points in Chile, directly, via intermediate points, and beyond, and to integrate this authority with its existing exemption and certificate authority, subject to the Department's standard conditions.

Delta's U.S.-Chile open skies exemption was initially granted by Notice of Action Taken dated April 19, 2000, and was last renewed by Notice of Action Taken dated April 8, 2004 for two years, through April 8, 2006. Delta requests renewal of its exemption simultaneously with tentative

approval of its application for U.S.-Chile certificate authority pending in Docket OST-99-6246, pursuant to the streamlined show-cause procedures announced in Docket OST-2005-22228. The renewed exemption should remain in effect for an additional period of at least two years, or until 90 days after the Department's final determination on Delta's certificate application, whichever occurs earlier.

In filing this renewal application, Delta hereby invokes the automatic extension provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 558(c), as implemented by 14 C.F.R. Part 377. This application is timely filed pursuant to Section 377.10(c)

Pursuant to its U.S.-Chile exemption authority, Delta introduced and continues to operate daily nonstop roundtrip service between Atlanta and Santiago. Delta continues to be fully qualified to perform these services. Delta requests that the Department take official notice, pursuant to Rule 24 of the Department's Rules of Practice, of all data on file with the Department necessary to establish Delta's fitness.

Renewal of Delta's exemption authority is in the public interest. Such authority continues to be governed by and consistent with the open skies agreement between the United States and Chile, signed on October 21, 1999,

as well as the Multilateral Agreement on the Liberalization of International Air Transportation, signed on May 1, 2001. Delta's existing service between Atlanta and Santiago provides strong competition with services to Chile that are operated by other U.S. and foreign flag carriers. Renewal of Delta's authority will allow Delta to continue to provide this important competitive service to consumers and to introduce new services that are consistent with the U.S.-Chile aviation agreements as market conditions warrant.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Delta respectfully requests that the Department renew Delta's exemption authorizing Delta to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between the United States and Chile, as described herein, and that the Department grant such other relief it deems to be consistent with the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

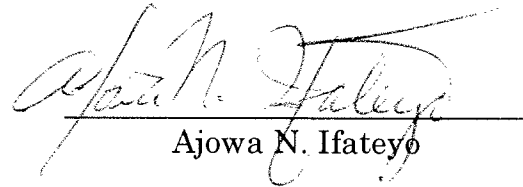


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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Application of Delta Air Lines, Inc. for Renewal of an Exemption has been served this 31st day of January, 2006, by electronic mail, upon each of the following persons:

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