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BEFORE THE
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Application of :
 AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC. :
under 49 USC 40109 for exemption :
(Dallas Love Field) :

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FOR EXEMPTION (DALLAS LOVE FIELD)

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NOTICE: Answers supporting or opposing this application
are due on May 21, 1998.

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American Airlines, Inc., under 49 USC 40109, hereby applies for an exemption from the Dallas Love Field condition in its certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 4 (Order 81-12-131, December 22, 1981), pending a final decision by the Department on American's accompanying application under 49 USC 41102 for certificate amendment.

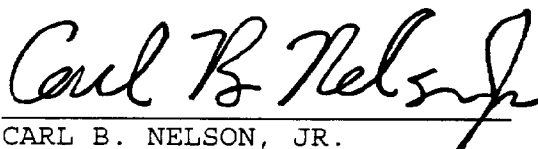
The subject condition was imposed by the Civil Aeronautics Board in 1981 to reflect the original language of the Wright Amendment, as enacted in 1979. In 1997, Congress changed the Wright Amendment, as shown in Attachment 1. American's certificate should accordingly be revised.

This matter is explained in detail in American's accompanying certificate application, which is incorporated herein by reference. Pending action on that application, the Department should immediately issue an exemption to American that replaces the current Love Field condition with the following:

"The holder may not provide scheduled passenger air transportation to or from Dallas (Love Field), Texas, except within the limits set forth in section 29 of the International Air Transportation Competition Act of 1979, as amended by section 337 of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998."

The exemption requested herein is consistent with the public interest, as this will grant maximum operating flexibility to American as authorized by applicable law. American requests immediate issuance of exemption authority, which should remain in effect until the Department issues a final decision amending American's certificate.

Respectfully submitted,



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