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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109 and Subpart C of the Department’s Rules of Practice (14 C.F.R. Part 302), US Airways, Inc. (“US Airways”) applies for renewal of its exemption authority to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between a point or points in the United States and a point or points in the Dominican Republic.

In support of this renewal application, US Airways respectfully states as follows:

1. US Airways is a Delaware corporation with its principal office at 111 West Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, Arizona 85281.
2. US Airways is a citizen of the United States within the meaning of 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(15)(C) and is fit, willing, and able to provide the services contemplated by this renewal application. US Airways holds various certificates of public convenience and exemption authorities. See, e.g., DOT Order 97-7-2 (various foreign authorities); Notices of Action Taken, January 5, 2005, Dockets OST-97-3179

(U.S. – Netherlands and beyond), OST-00-7924 (U.S. – Belgium and beyond), and OST-03-14303 (U.S. – Hong Kong). Pursuant to Rule 24 of the Department's Rules of Practice, US Airways requests that the Department take official notice of all information previously filed to establish US Airways' fitness.

3. By Notice of Action Taken (July 19, 2004), the Department renewed US Airways' two-year exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41101 to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between a point or points in the United States and a point or points in the Dominican Republic. See Docket OST-2000-7340.

4. US Airways currently provides daily scheduled air service between points in the United States and points in the Dominican Republic using Airbus A319 and A320 aircraft. Renewal of US Airways' exemption will greatly serve the public interest by providing substantial competition to other carriers serving the Dominican Republic. US Airways operates these nonstop services from its hubs in Charlotte and Philadelphia, thereby enabling US Airways to offer convenient, on-line connecting service to points in the Dominican Republic from a large number of communities in the United States.

5. The Department has previously determined that the exemption authority sought in this renewal application is consistent with the aviation agreement between the United States and the Dominican Republic of 1986 and the overall state of aviation relations between the United States and the Dominican Republic. See Notice of Action Taken, July 19, 2004, Docket OST-2000-7340.

6. Pursuant to 14 C.F.R. § 377.10, US Airways intends to rely on the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. § 558(c) implemented by Part 377, to continue in effect its current exemption pending a final determination on this renewal application.

US Airways' current exemption for scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between a point or points in the United States and a point or points in Dominican Republic is effective through July 19, 2006. Accordingly, this renewal application is timely filed under the provisions of Part 377.

WHEREFORE, US Airways respectfully requests that the Department renew its United States – Dominican Republic exemption authority as discussed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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