

BEFORE THE
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Joint Application of)
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 and)
 MESA AIRLINES, INC.) Docket OST-2004-18440
)
 for renewal of exemptions)
 pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109)
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FOR RENEWAL OF EXEMPTION AUTHORITY**

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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), America West Airlines, Inc. ("America West") and Mesa Airlines, Inc. ("Mesa") apply for renewal of their exemption authority to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between the U.S.-Mexico city-pairs described in Appendix A.

In support of this Application, America West and Mesa respectfully state as follows:

1. America West is a Delaware corporation with its principal office at 111 West Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, Arizona, 85281. Mesa is a Nevada corporation with its principal office at 410 North 44th Street, Suite 700, Phoenix, Arizona, 85008.
2. America West and Mesa are both citizens of the United States within the meaning of 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(15)(C) and are fit, willing, and able to provide the services contemplated by this renewal application. America West and Mesa each hold

various certificates of public convenience and exemption authorities. See, e.g., Notice of Action Taken, August 31, 2004, Docket 95-736 (renewing America West's exemption authority to provide scheduled air service between Phoenix, Arizona (PHX) and various points in Mexico); Notice of Action Taken, November 30, 2005, Docket 03-16529 (renewing Mesa's exemption authority to provide scheduled foreign air transportation between Phoenix, Arizona (PHX) and Mazatlan, Mexico (MZT)). Pursuant to Rule 24 of the Department's Rules of Practice, America West and Mesa request that the Department take official notice of all information previously filed to establish each carrier's fitness.

3. By Notice of Action Taken (July 23, 2004), the Department granted America West and Mesa a two-year exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41101 to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between the U.S.-Mexico city-pairs described in Appendix A. This route authority was given with the understanding that certain of the flights would be operated pursuant to a code-share agreement whereby America West places its "HP" code on flights operated by Mesa.

4. America West currently provides scheduled air service in the LAX-ACA and OAK-SJD markets using Airbus A-319 and/or Boeing 737 aircraft. Mesa currently provides scheduled air service in the LAS-SJD, LAS-PVR, SAN-SJD, and SAN-PVR markets using CRJ regional jet aircraft. America West's "HP" code appears on these flights pursuant to the code-share agreement. Renewal of America West and Mesa's exemption authority will greatly serve the public interest by providing substantial competition to other carriers serving Mexico from the United States, while supporting commerce and enhancing the options available to the traveling public.

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 Mexico. See Notice of Action Taken, July 23, 2004, Docket OST-04-18440.

6. Pursuant to 14 C.F.R. § 377.10, America West and Mesa intend to rely on the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. § 558(c) implemented by Part 377, to continue in effect their current exemption authority pending a final determination on this renewal application. America West and Mesa's current exemption authority to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between the U.S.-Mexico city-pairs described in Appendix A is effective through July 23, 2006. Accordingly, this renewal application is timely filed under the provisions of Part 377.

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, America West Airlines, Inc. and Mesa Airlines, Inc. jointly request that the Department renew their exemption authority to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between the U.S.-Mexico city-pairs described in Appendix A.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of May 2006,

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Appendix A

Markets in which America West Will Operate Nonstop Scheduled Air Service:

Los Angeles, California (LAX) – Acapulco, Mexico (ACA)
Oakland, California (OAK) – San Jose del Cabo, Mexico (SJD)

Markets in which America West Will Display Its “HP” Code on Flights Operated by Mesa:

Las Vegas, Nevada (LAS) – San Jose del Cabo, Mexico (SJD)
Las Vegas, Nevada (LAS) – Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (PVR)
San Diego, California (SAN) – San Jose del Cabo, Mexico (SJD)
San Diego, California (SAN) – Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (PVR)

Markets in which Mesa Will Operate Nonstop Scheduled Air Service:

Las Vegas, Nevada (LAS) – San Jose del Cabo, Mexico (SJD)
Las Vegas, Nevada (LAS) – Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (PVR)
San Diego, California (SAN) – San Jose del Cabo, Mexico (SJD)
San Diego, California (SAN) – Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (PVR)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, on May 25, 2006, I caused to be served a copy of the foregoing Joint Application of America West Airlines, Inc. and Mesa Airlines, Inc. for Renewal of Exemption Authority by email, of first class U.S. mail, postage pre-paid, upon those addressees listed below:

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