

BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST AIRLINES, INC. and) Docket OST-2006-24984
DELTA AIR LINES, INC.)
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for exemptions under 49 U.S.C. § 40109)
(Los Angeles, CA – Mexico Routes))
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REPLY OF ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST AIRLINES, INC.
AND DELTA AIR LINES, INC.

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On June 1, 2006, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc. (“ASA”) and Delta Air Lines, Inc. (“Delta”) applied for several exemption authorities and designations to operate service between Los Angeles, California, and nine points in Mexico. No carrier objected to this application by ASA and Delta. Only Alaska Airlines, Inc. (“Alaska”) filed an answer, which did not oppose the applications but merely stated that (i) Alaska was submitting an application for authority to serve the Los Angeles – La Paz route and (ii) it would not object if Alaska’s LAX-LAP authority was issued contemporaneously with granting that authority to Delta and ASA.

Delta and ASA respectfully request that the Department grant their requested authority in this docket immediately, including the requested LAX-LAP authority, particularly given that the answer period has expired without any substantive objections and Delta/ASA wish to commence marketing this

new service as promptly as possible. The Department should not wait until the answer period for the Alaska application expires or until it grants Alaska's authority to award Delta and ASA the non-controversial authorities for which Delta and ASA applied more than two weeks ago. There are sufficient designations available for both ASA and Alaska's proposed service. Furthermore, Alaska should not be able to delay an award to Delta and ASA by tying the grant of LAX-LAP exemption authority to ASA and Delta to the Department's consideration, and approval, of the later-filed Alaska application. To countenance Alaska's request in this case would unfairly penalize Delta and ASA for Alaska's delay in filing for similar authority.

WHEREFORE, ASA and Delta request that the Department promptly grant the exemption authorities and designations described herein, and grant such other and further relief as the Department deems to be in the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Reply of Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc. and Delta Air Lines, Inc. has been served this 19th day of June, 2006, upon the following addressees:

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