

**BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

<b>Application of</b>	)	
<b>NORTHWEST AIRLINES, INC.</b>	)	<b>Docket OST-06-</b>
<b>for an exemption pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109</b>	)	
<b>and designation</b>	)	
<b>(Memphis-Cozumel;</b>	)	
<b>Detroit- Zihuatanejo/Ixtapa)</b>	)	
	)	

**APPLICATION OF NORTHWEST AIRLINES, INC.  
FOR AN EXEMPTION AND DESIGNATION**

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**NOTICE: Northwest will conduct a poll of the airlines served with this application and advise the Department of the results.**

**Dated: June 27, 2006**



In support of this application, Northwest respectfully states the following:

1. Northwest seeks exemption authority to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail on the Memphis-Cozumel and Detroit-Zihuatanejo/Ixtapa routes.<sup>1</sup> Northwest will operate both services on a Saturday, seasonal basis beginning February 17, 2007. Northwest plans to utilize A-320 aircraft configured with 16 first and 132 coach class seats, but reserves the right to substitute other suitable aircraft from its fleet as warranted by market conditions.

2. The proposed services will provide significant benefits to travelers and shippers, and are clearly in the public interest. Northwest's proposed service is fully consistent with the Air Transport Agreement between the U.S. and Mexico. Route 1(a) of the U.S.-Mexico bilateral aviation agreement authorizes carriers designated by the United States to operate from "a point or points in the United States to a point or points in Mexico." *See* U.S.-Mexico Air Services Agreement ("ASA"), Annex I, A(1)(a). Furthermore, under the December 15, 2005 Amendment to the ASA, the United States and Mexico agreed to expand from two to three the number of U.S. carrier designations available to certain specified leisure destinations in Mexico, including, *inter alia*, Cozumel and Zihuatanejo/Ixtapa. Thus, there are multiple designations available for use by U.S. carriers on each of the two routes requested by Northwest.

3. Northwest holds various certificates of public convenience and necessity and exemptions authorizing it to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property

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<sup>1</sup>By Notice of Action Taken dated September 2, 2005 (Docket OST-04-21781), the Department previously issued Northwest exemption authority for Memphis-Cozumel and Detroit-Zihuatanejo/Ixtapa. Due to the effects of Hurricane Wilma, and Northwest's reorganization priorities under Chapter 11, neither of these services were implemented during the prior winter season. By this application, Northwest is requesting reinstatement of its authority for the routes identified in this application.

and mail, including between the United States and points in Mexico. *See e.g.*, Order 2001-4-15.

Northwest is fit, willing and able to provide the proposed services described in this application, and asks the Department to take official notice, pursuant to 14 C.F.R. 302.24, of the data and fitness information currently on file with the Department.

4. Northwest requests that the Department issue the requested exemptions on an expedited basis, effective for a period of at least two-years, and notify the Mexican civil aviation authorities, as appropriate, of Northwest's designation on the subject routes.

**WHEREFORE**, Northwest Airlines, Inc. requests an exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41101 to provide the requested scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail on the Memphis-Cozumel and Detroit- Zihuatanejo/Ixtapa routes.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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