

**BEFORE THE
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WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Application of :
:
ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST AIRLINES, :
INC. AND DELTA AIR LINES, INC. : OST-2006-24984
:
for exemption under 49 USC 40109 :
(Los Angeles-Mexico routes) :

ANSWER OF AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.

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American Airlines, Inc. hereby answers in support of the petition filed on July 14, 2006 by Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc. and Delta Air Lines, Inc. seeking reinstatement of the Department's longstanding policy of providing a 90-day start-up period in awarding U.S.-Mexico transborder routes. For all of the reasons stated in the petition, and in the supporting answer submitted on July 18, 2006 by Northwest Airlines, Inc., the relief sought by ASA/Delta should be granted and applied on an equal basis to all similarly-situated carriers.

Respectfully submitted,



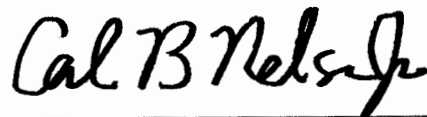
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