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The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (“Port Authority”) congratulates the Department of Transportation on promptly instituting an expedited proceeding to allocate comprehensive new U.S.-China rights available within the next 24 months. With 42 additional frequencies available for U.S.-flag combination airlines between 2007 and 2009, the Port Authority’s longstanding quest for additional U.S.-flag service between New York/New Jersey and China should at last be realized promptly. Additional New York/New Jersey-China service is required to meet the strong demand for transportation between the principal financial and commercial center of the U.S. and China, to satisfy the requirements of travelers visiting friends and relatives and to further expand the burgeoning volume of tourist traffic at New York/New Jersey, a leading center for business, visitor and tourist traffic.

For these reasons, the Port Authority supported the institution of a single, expedited proceeding to consider promptly allocations of the frequencies and designations available in

2007, 2008 and 2009. Rather than burdening potential applicants, their supporters and the Department's staff with multiple proceedings to allocate subsets of the frequencies that become available in 2007, 2008 and 2009, the Department decided to address those frequencies and related designations in a single proceeding as soon as possible. Although two carriers have petitioned the Department to reconsider its decision to expedite allocation of all of the rights available within a two-year window of opportunity, they have offered no justifications for separating the allocations into multiple proceedings not already considered by the Department when it established a single proceeding.

As the Port Authority explained in its original comments, holding a consolidated proceeding to consider 2007, 2008 and 2009 awards will allow the Department to consider the interrelationships among the proposals and the distribution of potential traffic and benefits within both the U.S. and China to make awards based on broad-based considerations rather than focusing on a single award in a single market in 2007 and 2008 and a limited number of awards and markets in 2009. Moreover, acting promptly to institute and complete a single proceeding will enable organizations such as the Port Authority and other airports to work with the selected carriers to coordinate in advance with Customs and Border Protection, Transportation Security Administration and other federal agencies to plan for the orderly introduction of the new China services in 2008 and 2009. With adequate advance planning shared by airport and airline officials, each of the new China flights will be far more successful from their dates of inauguration forward.

The Port Authority looks forward to providing the Department with its views and evidence in support of additional China service at New York/New Jersey and urges the Department to move forward promptly to complete the expedited and consolidated proceeding it has established to award the U.S.-China frequencies that become available during 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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