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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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for an exemption) Docket OST-07-_____
pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109)
(United States – Fiji))
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FOR AN EXEMPTION
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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), US Airways, Inc. (“US Airways”) hereby applies for a two-year exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41101 and a designation in order to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between a point or points in the United States via intermediate points to any point or points in Fiji and beyond to New Zealand.

In support of this application, US Airways respectfully states as follows:

1. US Airways is a Delaware corporation with its principal office at 111 West Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, Arizona 85281.
2. US Airways is a citizen of the United States within the meaning of 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(15)(C) and is fit, willing, and able to serve the United States – Fiji market. US Airways holds various certificate and exemption authorities. (See, e.g., DOT Order 2007-4-20, April 18, 2007, Dockets OST-2005-22228 and OST-2005-22578 (Blanket Open-Skies Route Authority); Notice of Action Taken, January 26, 2006,

Docket OST-2003-14304 (U.S. – Japan and beyond.) Pursuant to Rule 24 of the Department's Rules of Practice, US Airways requests that the Department take official notice of all information previously filed to establish its fitness.

3. US Airways plans to provide three-times-weekly nonstop scheduled air service between the United States and Fiji, commencing as early as October 4, 2007. US Airways intends to provide this service pursuant to a code-share arrangement with Air New Zealand Limited.¹

4. Granting US Airways' Application for an Exemption will enable it to continue developing its presence in the Pacific. Moreover, the services proposed in this application will greatly serve the public interest by providing substantial competition to other carriers serving Fiji from the United States, while supporting commerce and enhancing the options available to consumers, shippers, and the traveling public.

5. The Air Transport Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Republic of Fiji ("U.S.-Fiji Agreement") grants airlines designated by the United States government the right to operate international air service, "[f]rom the United States via intermediate points to a point or points in Fiji and beyond to... New Zealand...." (See U.S.-Fiji Agreement, Annex, Section B.)

6. US Airways states that approval of this application will have no effect on its CRAF commitments.

7. US Airways submits that its application raises no environmental or energy issues and, in any event, would anticipate no difficulties in obtaining adequate fuel supplies for this service.

¹ US Airways has concurrently filed a Joint Application of US Airways, Inc. and Air New Zealand Limited for Statements of Authorization.

8. US Airways will accept and abide by all terms, limitations, and conditions that the Department normally attaches to exemption authority for scheduled foreign air transportation.

9. US Airways urges the Department to use expedited procedures in approving the authority sought in this application. This will enable the carrier to promptly implement its planned services, secure all necessary local approvals, and engage in advance sales and marketing of its new scheduled air services.

10. The filing fee is enclosed.

WHEREFORE, US Airways, Inc. respectfully requests that its application for exemption authority and a designation in order to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between a point or points in the United States via intermediate points to any point or points in Fiji and beyond to New Zealand, be granted, as well as such further relief as the Department deems warranted for such services. US Airways further requests that the Department notify the Government of Fiji in writing of the designation of US Airways for the scheduled air services at issue in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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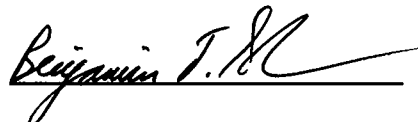
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, on August 14, 2007, I caused to be served a copy of the foregoing Application of US Airways, Inc. by email or first class U.S. mail, postage pre-paid, upon those addressees listed below:

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