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FOR RENEWAL OF EXEMPTION AUTHORITY**

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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109, United Air Lines, Inc. (“United”) hereby applies for renewal of an exemption from 49 U.S.C. §41101 authorizing it to provide scheduled combination service in foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Chicago, Illinois and St. Lucia (“Chicago and St. Lucia market”).¹

In support of its request, United submits the following:

1. By Notice of Action Taken, dated July 28, 2005, in Docket OST-2005-22799, the Department awarded United an exemption to operate scheduled combination services in the Chicago and St. Lucia market. United’s exemption authority is currently effective through October 27, 2007, and this renewal application is being timely filed in compliance with the Department’s rules. United

¹ Services between the United States and St. Lucia remain subject to the U.S.-U.K. Air Services Agreement (“Bermuda II”) as it existed prior to St. Lucia’s independence in 1979. While the United Kingdom joined in approving the historic U.S.-EU Open Skies Agreement, which is to become effective on March 30, 2008, for services between the United States and the United Kingdom, this application is being submitted under Bermuda II, the terms of which will continue to govern services between the U.S. and St. Lucia after the U.S.-EU Agreement takes effect. *See*, Annex 1, Section 2.

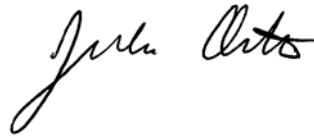
requests that the Department renew this exemption authority for a minimum period of two years, subject to the usual conditions. United invokes and relies upon the applicable provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (5 U.S.C. § 558(c)), as implemented by Part 377 of the Department's Special Regulations, to continue in effect its existing exemption authority pending final action on this renewal application.

2. United does not presently serve the Chicago and St. Lucia market but would like to renew its exemption authority in order to give United the flexibility to quickly start services in the future. Bermuda II, which governs services between the United States and St. Lucia, permits U.S. carriers to operate service between any U.S. point and St. Lucia, with no limitations on designations or frequencies. Moreover, renewal of United's authority is clearly in the public interest as United's services in the Chicago and St. Lucia market would increase options for the passengers in this market.

3. Pursuant to Rule 24 of the Department's Procedural Regulations, United requests that the Department take official notice of all data filed to establish its fitness. The Department has found United fit to provide foreign scheduled combination air transportation. *See*, Route 838, Order 2007-4-19, and Route 747, Order 2004-5-23. United holds certificate authority for service between a number of U.S. points and a number of points in the Caribbean. *See*, Order 83-3-77, January 12, 1983 and Order 92-7-9, July 6, 1992. The Department has also awarded United a blanket route integration certificate of public convenience and necessity encompassing all Open Skies countries. *See*, Order 2006-1-1, dated March 7, 2006.

WHEREFORE, United requests that the Department renew its exemption authority for a minimum period of two years and grant such other and further relief as the Department deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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