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Re: Application of Northwest Airlines, Docket OST-07-28644

Dear Madame Secretary:

International air services and access to global markets are extremely important to Maine and the rest of the country. Because of aviation, the world has become smaller. I understand that Northwest has applied for expansion of the Northwest/KLM antitrust immunized (ATI) alliance to include additional SkyTeam transatlantic partners. The Portland International Jetport supports this application and Northwest's efforts to improve and expand its transatlantic network.

There is already an alliance with SkyTeam. It only stands to reason that consumers will be better served when all the member carriers are allowed to talk which ultimately should provide improved flight schedules, reduced travel times, new service, and hopefully, lower fares.

The new U.S.-EU agreement removes all regulatory barriers to transatlantic competition. Northwest and its partners have presented a joint venture agreement and they need to proceed with their plans. Our customers will welcome the enhanced transatlantic service and competition SkyTeam partners would create with their expanded alliance.

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Schultes, A.A.E.  
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