

longer require a frequency allocation to offer additional Miami-Bogota and Miami-Medellin flights, and Spirit has challenged American's ability to retain and move the Barranquilla frequencies.

Under these circumstances, it is clear that there will be applications seeking more than the 28 frequencies that have become available pursuant to the recently-negotiated increase in U.S.-Colombia opportunities whether American is allowed to retain and move the seven frequencies formerly used for Barranquilla service or becomes an applicant for those frequencies along with Delta, Spirit and Continental. Thus, the Department must institute a carrier-selection proceeding to allocate U.S.-Colombia frequencies.

Since seven new frequencies are available December 1, 2007, and the seven frequencies formerly allocated for Barranquilla service are available now, the Department should move promptly to institute a carrier-selection proceeding to award U.S.-Colombia frequencies.³

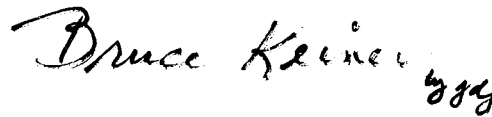
Continental will address the relative merits of the various applications at the appropriate time once a proceeding has been instituted.

³ The Department is already moving promptly to decide on American's claim to the seven frequencies it was permitted to retain for Barranquilla service. (See Notice issued October 12, 2007, in Docket OST-2007-28075), and it should resolve that issue before instituting the Colombia frequency allocation proceeding or incorporate it into that proceeding for final resolution.

For the foregoing reasons, Continental urges the Department to institute a carrier selection proceeding to allocate the U.S.-Colombia frequencies that have become available as a result of successful negotiations with Colombia.

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