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Via Electronic Submission

Honorable Mary Peters
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
Docket No. DOT-2007-0108
Notice of Intent to Form an Advisory Committee

Dear Madam Secretary:

US Airways is pleased to have the opportunity to submit an application to serve on the National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays. Patrick V. Murphy would represent US Airways.

US Airways is uniquely qualified to serve on this important task force. US Airways is the nation's fifth largest airline. US Airways and its affiliates operate nearly 3,700 flights per day to more than 230 communities. We are a major operator in the congested Northeast Corridor including New York which is the special focus of the Department's recent activities concerning delays. Should US Airways be selected to serve, it would make available to the Task Force not only the efforts of our Washington based representative, Patrick Murphy, but also the technical expertise of our operations, customer service and airports staff. These experts would work with Mr. Murphy to fully support the Task Force.

We believe Patrick V. Murphy would be an especially valuable resource for the Task Force and he will be authorized to represent our airline. Mr. Murphy is an aviation consultant who has worked with our airline for nearly five years. He also advises other airlines as well as major hub airports. He will be available to participate in good faith with the Task Force in all its meetings. He would bring to the Task Force almost

30 years of government experience dealing with airline economic issues, including 12 years as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation at DOT. In 2002 President Bush and Secretary Mineta recognized Mr. Murphy's experience in airline consumer issues when they appointed him to the National Commission to Ensure Consumer Information and Choice in the Airline Industry. Mr. Murphy would provide equally valuable service if appointed to this new Task Force.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to participate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard Kass". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Howard Kass
Managing Director and
Associate General Counsel