



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSES

Docket DOT-OST-2006-25577

By Order 2007-12-11, issued December 17, 2007, the Department tentatively concluded that Taga Air Charter Service, Inc. ("Taga Air") is not a U.S. citizen as defined by 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(15), and as a result, we proposed to deny its application for commuter authority under 49 U.S.C. § 41738 and terminate its air taxi authority pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109(f) and 14 CFR Part 298. In this order, we provided interested persons 30 days, in this case, by January 16, 2008, to file objections to our show cause order, with answers to objections due 7 business days thereafter.

On January 16, 2008, Taga Air filed a motion requesting that the Department extend the due date for objections from January 16 to February 15, 2008. By Notice dated January 17, 2008, we determined it appropriate to grant Taga Air's request. At the same time, we extended the period for the filing of answers to objections to February 26, 2008.

On February 14, 2008, Taga Air filed an objection to the Department's tentative decision to cancel its air taxi operating authority.¹ In its objection, the air carrier stated that it had undergone a change in ownership, elected new officers and directors, and settled its debt, demonstrating that it is a U.S. citizen.

Although Taga Air provided information regarding its recent ownership change, the Department, by letter dated February 22, 2008, requested additional and/or clarifying information to enable it to complete its citizenship determination. In that letter, the Department provided Taga Air until March 24, 2008, to submit the requested information.

On March 24, 2008, Taga Air filed a motion requesting that the Department grant it a two-week extension, that is, until April 7, 2008, to submit updated information and a conclusive report on the status of the company and its Air Carrier Certificate issued by the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA"). According to the air carrier, Taga Air ceased all operations on March 18, 2008, and is scheduled to meet with the FAA in the near future, which may consequently, result in the voluntarily surrender of Taga Air's Air Carrier Certificate issued by the FAA.

In light of the above, the Department finds it appropriate to grant Taga Air's request. We remind Taga Air that under our regulations it may not conduct any operations until its citizenship has been determined by the Department. The Department's decision to grant Taga Air an extension is predicated upon the receipt of Taga Air's acceptance of this condition; Taga Air has until 5:00 p.m. on April 2, 2008, to accept.

Should Taga Air fail to provide (1) satisfactory information to enable the Department to determine its citizenship, and (2) copies of any decisions made by the FAA regarding its current

¹ Taga Air also filed a motion to dismiss its commuter application.

Air Carrier Certificate and Operations Specifications, the Department intends to make final its tentative findings and conclusions as set forth in Order 2007-12-11, and revoke Taga Air's air taxi authority for failure to comply with the Statute's citizenship requirements, which apply to all U.S. air carriers, including air taxi operators.

We will serve this notice by email or facsimile on all interested parties, including the FAA.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this notice under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.30, may file their petitions within 10 days of the service date of this order.

This notice is effective immediately and the filing of a petition for reconsideration shall not alter its effectiveness.

By:

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