

# AMERICAN AIRLINES

May 12, 2008

Esta Rosenberg  
Chief, U.S. Carrier Licensing  
Division  
Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: American Airlines, U.S.-Russia Frequency  
Allocation (OST-2007-0021 )

Dear Ms. Rosenberg:

American Airlines, Inc. has completed its poll of interested parties in connection with our application of May 7, 2008 in the captioned docket. We are seeking the allocation of one additional U.S.-Russia weekly combination frequency to increase service between Chicago and Moscow effective the week of May 3, 2009.

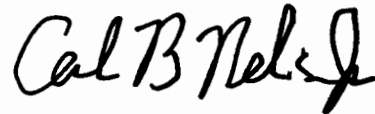
Continental, Delta, and Northwest do not object, provided that fulfillment of American's request does not disturb their respective holdings of dormant codeshare frequencies. United does not object provided that its application for seven U.S.-Russia frequencies, filed on May 6, 2008 in DOT-OST-2008-0157, is immediately granted.

On May 7, 2008, Baltia Air Lines, a non-operating start-up applicant in DOT-OST-2007-0007, advised by email that it objects to American's application "to bank any frequency until next year." We question the standing of Baltia to object. Founded in 1989, Baltia was granted certificate authority and frequencies by Order 95-2-51, February 26, 1995, but did not start service. That authority remained dormant for almost five years and was revoked by Order 99-12-6, December 8, 1999.

Nearly eight years later, on October 3, 2007, Baltia filed another application, in DOT-OST-2007-0007, which remains pending. Baltia has made no showing that grant of one additional weekly frequency to American would jeopardize the allocation of one weekly frequency required by Baltia to commence its proposed service, since seven weekly frequencies will remain unallocated even after the award of seven to United and one to American.

In these circumstances, the Department should grant American's application in this docket at the same time it grants United's application in DOT-OST-2008-0157.

Respectfully submitted,



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