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 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 WASHINGTON, D.C.

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION  
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US AIRWAYS, INC.	)	
	)	Docket OST-96-1775
for an exemption pursuant to	)	
49 U.S.C. § 40109	)	
(Charlotte-Montego Bay, Jamaica)	)	
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**APPLICATION OF US AIRWAYS, INC.  
 FOR RENEWAL OF AN EXEMPTION**

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**NOTICE:** Parties wishing to support or oppose this renewal application must submit their answers on or before September 8, 1998.

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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109 and Subpart D of the Department's Rules of Practice (14 C.F.R. Part 302), US Airways, Inc. ("US Airways") applies for a two-year renewal of its exemption from § 41101 to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Charlotte, North Carolina, and Montego Bay, Jamaica. In support of its application, US Airways respectfully states as follows:

1. US Airways is a Delaware corporation with its principal office at Crystal Park Four, 2345 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia, 22227.
  
2. US Airways is a citizen of the United States within the meaning of 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(15)(C) and is fit, willing, and able to provide the services contemplated by this renewal application. US Airways holds various certificates of public convenience and exemption authorities. See, e.g., DOT Orders 97-7-2, 96-3-17. Pursuant to Rule 24 of the

Department's Rules of Practice, US Airways requests that the Department take official notice of all information previously filed to establish US Airways' fitness.

3. By Order 96-10-36, the Department granted US Airways a two-year exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41101 to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Charlotte, North Carolina, and Montego Bay, Jamaica. US Airways is currently providing daily service in this market, utilizing B-737 aircraft. US Airways hereby seeks a two-year renewal of this exemption authority.

4. Renewal of US Airways' exemption will clearly serve the public interest. US Airways is the only airline, foreign or domestic, offering nonstop or single plane service between Charlotte and Montego Bay. In addition, through its mainline and Express operations at Charlotte, US Airways is able to provide convenient, on-line connecting service to Montego Bay for many U.S. communities, thereby supporting commerce and tourism between Jamaica and the many communities served by US Airways' Charlotte network. US Airways' Charlotte-Montego Bay service undeniably strengthens competition by providing an alternative travel option between the East Coast of the United States and Jamaica.

5. Renewal of this exemption authority is consistent with the United States-Jamaica aviation agreement. US Airways has the certificate authority to operate to Kingston and Montego Bay from Boston, Baltimore, Cleveland, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. See DOT Order 97-7-2.

6. US Airways' current Charlotte-Montego Bay authority expires on October 3, 1998. This application inadvertently was not filed more than 60 days in advance of the October 3 expiration date and thus US Airways hereby requests a waiver from the 60-day notice requirement of § 377.10. Such waiver will not be unfair or prejudicial to any parties; the period for answers will not be compromised. Moreover, it is in the public interest to permit such a waiver and renew this exemption prior to its expiration date.

WHEREFORE, US Airways, Inc. respectfully requests that the Department renew its exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41101, effective immediately for a 2-year period, permitting US Airways to continue providing its Charlotte-Montego Bay service.

Respectfully submitted,



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