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AIRLINES, AND)
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LUFTVERKEHRS AG)
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For approval of and antitrust immunity)
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UNITED AIR LINES AND **USAIR** FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME IN
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NACA, on behalf of certain of its member carriers, files in support of the joint motion of American Airlines, Trans World Airlines, United Air Lines and USAir, for an extension of time; i.e., 30 days beyond the rule date in which to file comments in connection with the application of Delta Air Lines, Swissair, Swiss Air Transport Company, Ltd., Sabena, S.A., Sabena Belgian World Airlines, and Austrian Airlines, Osterreichische Luftverkehrs AG for approval of antitrust immunity for Alliance Agreements.

Although the instant application is not one of first impression, each such application must be analyzed and studied on its own merits.

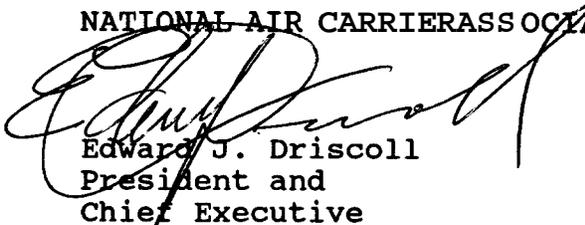
NACA in coordinating a joint response on behalf of its members needs additional time, not only to analyze and prepare its comments, but also to coordinate these comments with several of its members.

NACA, therefore, submits that an additional 30 days as requested by American Airlines, Trans World Airlines, United Air Lines and USAir is essential in order for NACA to prepare and submit and coordinate meaningful comments, which no doubt will be in opposition to the requested approval of antitrust immunity for the airlines.

Delta and the moving parties for approval of and grant of antitrust immunity have had relations under code share for some time. Thus, an additional 30 days beyond the rule date should not be an onerous burden on those parties. Further, the DOT should grant the request of the airlines for the 30-day extension in order to ensure that it has the views of all parties before it acts upon the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

NATIONAL AIR CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing answer of NACA in support of the Joint motion of American Airlines, Trans World Airlines, United Air Lines and USAir for an extension of time in Docket OST-95-618 was served this 21st day of September 1995, on all persons listed on the attached service list.


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