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Re: Docket number 29547
207 Minute ETOPS Approval Criteria

Dear Sirs and Madams:

This letter is being sent in support of the proposed 207 minute ETOPS authority referenced in the above docket number.

As a Captain for Continental Airlines I support the proposal and ask the Administrator to consider the following comments in approving the proposed extension.

This proposal will benefit the traveling public by:

- * Saving money for the airline in reduced maintenance costs, fuel costs, and other hourly costs that will most likely be passed on as lower ticket prices.
- * Having the ability to flight plan shorter segments on North Pacific routes thereby reducing flight time (air traffic concerns), reducing fuel burn (environmental concerns), reducing crew duty time (personnel concerns), etc.
- * Increasing the number of ETOPS alternates available thereby increasing the safety factor for the flight.

In addition to the above items, I applaud the Independent Association of Continental Pilots' and ALPA's public endorsed of this proposal. Both groups have experience in ETOPS operations and have an interest on behalf of their pilots in the operation of two engine long-range aircraft.

These comments are respectfully submitted to the Administrator for her consideration.

Sincerely,

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