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FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER 14 C.F.R. § 302.12

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Pursuant to Rule 12 of the Department’s Rules of Practice (14 C.F.R. § 302.12), Northwest Airlines, Inc. (“Northwest”) hereby moves to withhold from public disclosure the confidential version of its Supplemental Answer filed today in the above-captioned proceeding. Northwest’s confidential Supplemental Answer contains quotations from, and references to, documents filed by United Air Lines, Inc., bmi British Midland Airways Limited, American Airlines, Inc. and British Airways plc for which access has been limited by the Department under Rule 12.

The Department requires that pleadings that include or discuss confidentially filed information be accompanied by a Rule 12 motion requesting confidential treatment. See, e.g., Order 98-3-31, at 3 (Mar. 30, 1998). Accordingly, Northwest requests confidential treatment to the extent required by the Department’s confidentiality rulings in this proceeding.

Northwest is today filing under seal, accompanied by this motion, a confidential version of its Supplemental Answer. Northwest's confidential Supplemental Answer is being served only upon counsel and other representatives who have filed confidentiality affidavits. Northwest is submitting in the public docket a version of the Supplemental Answer with the confidential information redacted and serving it on those parties who have not submitted confidentiality affidavits.

WHEREFORE, Northwest requests that the Department grant its motion for confidential treatment.

Respectfully submitted,



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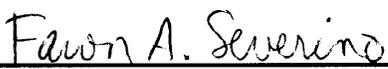
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