



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 30th day of April, 2003**

Served: April 30, 2003

Northwest Airlines, Inc.

**Violations of 49 U.S.C. §§ 41310, 41702, 41705
and 41712 and 14 CFR Part 382
Enforcement Proceeding**

OST-01-10598

ORDER TAKING REVIEW AND STAY PENDING REVIEW

On April 25, 2003, Northwest Airlines, Inc. ("Northwest") filed a motion under 14 CFR 302.419 to amend OST Order 01-10598. Order OST 01-10598, among other obligations, requires Northwest to pay a civil penalty of \$75,000 by May 1, 2003, unless it has achieved a 15% reduction in 14 CFR Part 382 complaints in calendar year 2002 over calendar year 2001. Northwest's motion states that it has failed to meet this requirement by year-end 2002 and thereafter entered into discussions with the Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings ("AEP") proposing to expend \$100,000 in additional enhancements for its passengers with disabilities rather than paying the \$75,000 civil penalty. Northwest's motion further advises that AEP supports Northwest's amendment.

I have determined to take review of this motion under my authority in Parts 419 and 385.

During the pendency of this review, which I contemplate will be brief, further proceedings, including obligations of Northwest under paragraph 8(b) of the ACCORDINGLY section of Order 01-10598 are stayed.

ACCORDINGLY

1. I take review of Northwest's April 25, 2003, motion;
2. Further proceedings, including Northwest's obligation under paragraph 8(b) of Order 01-10598 to pay a civil penalty of \$75,000, are stayed until completion of my review.

This order is issued under authority assigned in 14 CFR 302.419 and shall be effective immediately.

BY:

READ C. VAN DE WATER
Assistant Secretary for Aviation
and International Affairs

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