



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, DC

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**NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-2003-14489**

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Applications of **American Airlines, Inc. and United Parcel Service Co.** filed **2/20/03** for:

**XX U.S.-Tokyo Air Services – Slots at Narita Airport**

Applicant Reps: **Carl B. Nelson, Jr. (202) 496-5647 (AA), David L. Vaughn (202) 955-9864 (UPS)**  
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On January 27, 2003, Federal Express Corporation notified the Department by letter that, during this year's summer schedule season (March 30 – October 25, 2003) it would not need two weekly slots it currently holds for operations on Runway A at Tokyo's Narita Airport.

By Notice dated February 10, 2003, the Department invited U.S. carriers authorized to serve Tokyo and interested in the award of these slots for the operation of scheduled services to file applications by February 20. American Airlines, Inc. and United Parcel Service Co. each filed a request for both available slots.<sup>1</sup>

UPS proposed to use the slots over an Anchorage-Tokyo-Taipei routing, with no code-share traffic, using B-767 aircraft and soon thereafter transitioning to MD-11 aircraft, and stated that it could commence services immediately upon the availability of the slots.

American stated that it would use the slots to increase its Dallas/Ft. Worth-Tokyo combination services to double daily, using B-777 aircraft, also carrying JAL's code on these flights.

Responsive pleadings were filed by American, UPS and the Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport.<sup>2</sup>

On April 10, American filed a supplement stating that it was reducing its service in the Dallas/Ft. Worth-Tokyo market from 11 to 7 effective April 5 – June 14, 2003, and that due to the current economic environment it is unlikely that it will operate more than 12 weekly flights between Dallas/Ft. Worth and Tokyo until after the end of the 2003 summer season. American stated that the Department should suspend this proceeding and not make an award at this time unless UPS is prepared to confirm that it will use the two slots during the 2003 summer season and the Department is convinced that all-cargo operations on intra-Asia route segments represent the best long-term use of the slots.

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<sup>1</sup> Continental and Continental Micronesia filed a pleading stating that neither carrier is in a position at this time to apply for the slots but that both carriers will in the future require additional Narita slots to compete effectively.

<sup>2</sup> The Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport supports the application of American for additional Dallas/Ft. Worth-Tokyo nonstop flights.

On April 17, UPS responded that it is prepared to begin using the slots immediately upon notice of the award, with wide body B-767 freighter equipment—ultimately upsizing to MD-11 equipment, and that the Department should award the slots to the carrier that will use them.

**Decision:** We have decided to award the two available slots to UPS. We believe that the slots will provide UPS with an opportunity to enhance service and competition in the marketplace. While we recognize American's interest in operating additional flights between Dallas/Ft. Worth and Tokyo, the carrier has stated that it is not in a position to use the slots at issue in this proceeding in the 2003 summer season. When we issued our Notice citing the availability of the summer-season slots and inviting applications for them, we expressly said that we were doing so "to assure that these valuable opportunities do not go unused." Notice of February 10, 2003, in this Docket. We believe that awarding the slots to UPS, the only applicant prepared to use them during the 2003 summer season, best meets the objectives as set forth in our Notice and best serves the public interest.<sup>3</sup>

### DISPOSITION

**XX** Granted to UPS (two slots)

The award granted was effective when taken: **May 9, 2003**

**Action taken by: Read C. Van de Water  
Assistant Secretary for Aviation  
and International Affairs**

We may amend, modify, or revoke the award granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

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<sup>3</sup> In the circumstances presented, we need not reach the issue raised by American concerning long-term use of the slots.