



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

Order 2003-5-14

Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 12th day of May, 2003

Fitness Determination of

MID-ATLANTIC FREIGHT, INC.

as a commuter air carrier under section 49 U.S.C. 41738

Served: May 12, 2003

Docket OST-02-14145

FINAL ORDER

By Order 2003-4-19, issued April 25, 2003, we directed all interested persons to show cause why we should not issue an order finding that Mid-Atlantic Freight, Inc. d/b/a OBXpress Air Shuttle is fit, willing, and able under 49 U.S.C. 41738 to provide scheduled passenger service as a commuter air carrier and issue to it a Commuter Air Carrier Authorization subject to the attached specimen Terms, Conditions, and Limitations.

Interested persons were given 14 days to file objections.

No objections to the show-cause order were received within the answer period provided.

ACCORDINGLY:

1. We find that Mid-Atlantic Freight, Inc. d/b/a OBXpress Air Shuttle is fit, willing, and able to engage in scheduled passenger service as a commuter air carrier.
2. We issue a Commuter Air Carrier Authorization to Mid-Atlantic Freight, Inc. d/b/a OBXpress Air Shuttle, subject to the Terms, Conditions, and Limitations attached.

4. We will serve a copy of this order on the persons listed in Attachment A to this order.

By:

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

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Commuter Air Carrier Authorization

MID-ATLANTIC FREIGHT, INC. d/b/a OBXpress Air Shuttle

is authorized, subject to the provisions of Subtitle VII of Title 49 of the United States Code, the orders, rules, and regulations issued thereunder, and the attached Terms, Conditions, and Limitations, to engage in scheduled passenger air transportation operations as a commuter air carrier.

This authorization is not transferable without the approval of the Department of Transportation.

Secretary By Direction of the

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for

Read C. Van de Water
Assistant Secretary

Effective on (See Attached)
International Affairs

Aviation

and



Terms, Conditions, and
Limitations

MID-ATLANTIC FREIGHT, INC.
d/b/a OBXpress Air Shuttle

is authorized to engage in scheduled passenger air transportation operations as a commuter air carrier.

This authority is subject to the following provisions:

(1) The authority to conduct scheduled passenger operations will not become effective until six (business) days after the Department has received the following documents; provided, however, that the Department may stay the effectiveness of this authority at any time prior to that date:

(a) A copy of the holder's Air Carrier Certificate and Operations Specifications authorizing such operations from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

(b) A certificate of insurance on OST Form 6410 evidencing liability insurance coverage meeting the requirements of 14 CFR 205.5(b).

(c) A statement of any changes the holder has undergone in its ownership, key personnel, operating plans, financial posture, or compliance history, since the date of the Show Cause Order in this case.

(d) A revised list of pre-operating expenses already paid and those remaining to be paid, as well as independent verification that the holder has available to it funds sufficient to cover any remaining pre-operating expenses and to provide a working capital reserve equal to the operating

costs that would be incurred in three months of operations.

(2) Pending receipt of effective authority, the holder may not accept payment of any kind (i.e., cash, check, or credit card) or issue tickets for scheduled passenger operations, and any advertisement or listing of flights by the holder must prominently state: "This service is subject to receipt of government operating authority."

(3) The holder shall at all times conduct its operations in accordance with the requirements of 14 CFR Part 298 and any other regulations prescribed by the Department of Transportation for the services authorized here, and with such other reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations as the Department of Transportation may prescribe in the public interest.

(4) The holder's authority is limited to aircraft that can be operated under Part 135 of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

(5) The holder's authority is effective only to the extent that such operations are also authorized by the FAA, and comply with all Department of Transportation and Department of Homeland Security requirements concerning security.

(6) The holder shall at all times remain a "Citizen of the United States" as required by 49 U.S.C. 40102(a)(15).

(7) The holder shall maintain in effect liability insurance coverage as required under 14 CFR Part 205. Failure to maintain such insurance coverage will render this authority ineffective, and this or other failure to comply with the provisions of Subtitle VII of Title 49 of the United States Code or the Department's regulations shall be sufficient grounds to revoke this authority.

(8) The holder shall maintain in effect at all times with the Department of Transportation current information on OST Registration Form 4507.

(9) In the event that the holder receives effective scheduled passenger authority, the following additional conditions will apply:

(a) The holder may reduce or terminate service at any point or between any two points, subject to compliance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 41734 and all orders and regulations issued by the Department of Transportation under that section.

(b) The holder may not provide scheduled passenger air transportation to or from Dallas (Love Field), Texas, except within the limits set forth in section 29 of the International Air Transportation Competition Act of 1979, as amended by section 337 of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998.

(10) Should the holder propose any substantial changes in its ownership, management, or operations (as that term is defined in 14 CFR 204.2(l)), it must first comply with the requirements of 14 CFR 204.5.

(11) In the event that the holder does not commence actual flying operations as a commuter air carrier under this authority within one year of the date of the Department's determination of its fitness, its commuter authority shall be revoked for dormancy. Further, in the event that the holder commences but subsequently ceases all scheduled passenger operations, the authority granted here shall be suspended under the terms of 14 CFR 204.7 and the holder may neither recommence nor advertise such operations unless its fitness to do so has been redetermined by the Department. Moreover, if the holder does not resume such operations within one year of its cessation, its commuter authority shall be revoked for dormancy.

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