



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

Issued by the Department of Transportation on **January 2, 2004**

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-2003-15384

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).

Application of **American Airlines, Inc.**, filed **12/11/03** for:

XX Allocation of four weekly Dallas/Ft. Worth-Buenos Aires combination frequencies

Applicant rep: **Carl B. Nelson (202) 496-5647** DOT Analyst: **Linda L. Lundell (202) 366-2336**

DISPOSITION

XX Granted (subject to conditions, see below)

The frequency allocation was granted: **January 2, 2004,** and will remain in effect indefinitely, provided that American continues to hold the necessary underlying authority to serve the U.S.-Argentina market, and meets the conditions outlined below.

**Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation**

XX The authority granted is consistent with the aviation agreement between the United States and Argentina.

Except to the extent exempted or waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

XX Holder's certificate of public convenience and necessity

Responsive Pleadings: The Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport filed an answer in support of the application. No other answers were received.

Conditions: Consistent with our standard practice, the frequency allocation granted is subject to the condition that if any of the frequencies are not used for a period of 90 days, the allocation as to each of those frequencies will expire automatically and the frequencies will revert to the Department for reallocation.¹

We will require American to begin service using the frequencies allocated here on or before June 10, 2004, American's proposed startup date for services in this proceeding. In this regard, we will require American to file a written notice with the Department confirming that the carrier has commenced new Dallas/Ft. Worth-Buenos Aires services on or before June 10, 2004.²

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) our action was consistent with Department policy; and (2) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest. To the extent not granted, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within seven (7) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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¹ The 90-day dormancy period will begin June 10, 2004, American's proposed startup date for its Dallas/Ft. Worth-Buenos Aires services. However, since American's frequency allocation here would expire by its terms should American not inaugurate service by June 10, 2004, the 90-day dormancy provision would have meaning in American's case only if the carrier began service by the prescribed date and thereby retained an effective allocation.

² This notice should be filed in Docket OST-2003-15384 and served on all parties to this proceeding.