



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

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NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-2004-16941

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 Continental Airlines, Inc. filed 1/20/04 for:

XX Allocation of seven additional weekly U.S.-Ecuador combination frequencies to provide a second daily Houston-Ecuador service.

Continental states that it plans to institute daily, nonstop round-trip flights between Houston and Quito and between Houston and Guayaquil on June 10, 2004. It states that it currently holds seven frequencies under which it operates a daily Houston-Quito-Guayaquil-Houston flight and that in order to institute its proposed services, it will require an additional seven frequencies.

The City of Houston and the Greater Houston Partnership filed a joint answer in support of Continental's application.

Applicant rep: R. Bruce Keiner, Jr. (202) 624-2615 DOT Analyst: Linda Senese (202) 366-2367

DISPOSITION

XX Granted (subject to conditions, see below)

The above action was effective when taken: February 20, 2004, and will remain in effect indefinitely, subject to conditions described below.

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

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

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

XX Holder's Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity

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 that unused frequency will expire automatically and the frequency will revert to the Department for reallocation. The 90-day dormancy period will begin on June 10, 2004, the date on which Continental proposes operations with these frequencies.

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On the basis of data officially noticeable under Rule 24(g) of the Department's regulations, we found the applicant qualified to provide the services authorized.

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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