



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

Issued by the Department of Transportation on May 12, 2004

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-2002-12211

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 MN AIRLINES, LLC d/b/a SUN COUNTRY AIRLINES filed 3/4/04, to:

XX Renew for two years exemption under 49 U.S.C. 40109 to provide the following service:

Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, on the one hand, and Cancun, Cozumel, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Manzanillo, Mexico, on the other hand; and between Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, and Cancun, Mexico, and to integrate this authority with other exemption and certificate authorities held by Sun Country. Sun Country states that it is providing seasonal service in all of the subject markets, and it proposes to continue providing such seasonal service.¹

XX Reactivate for two years dormant exemption authority under 49 U.S.C. 40109 to provide the following service:

Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, and Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo, Mexico. Sun Country states that it will provide seasonal service in this market.

Applicant rep: John S. Fredericksen (651) 681-3948 DOT Analyst: Sylvia Moore (202) 366-6519

DISPOSITION

XX **Granted (subject to conditions, see below)**

The authority granted was effective when taken: May 12, 2004, through May 12, 2006

**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 Mexico.**

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**

XX **Standard exemption conditions (attached)**

¹ The carrier does not seek to renew exemption authority to serve the Dallas/Ft. Worth-Cozumel/Puerto Vallarta markets, granted in the original request. (See Notice of Action Taken May 30, 2002, in this docket.)

Conditions: The U.S.-Mexico exemption authority granted is subject to the dormancy notice requirements set forth in condition 7 of Appendix A of Order 88-10-2.²

The route integration authority granted to Sun Country is subject to the condition that any service provided under this exemption shall be consistent with all applicable agreements between the United States and the foreign countries involved. Furthermore, (a) nothing in the award of the route integration authority granted should be construed as conferring upon Sun Country additional rights (including fifth-freedom intermediate and/or beyond rights) to serve markets where U.S. carrier entry is limited unless Sun Country notifies the Department of its intent to serve such a market and unless and until the Department has completed any necessary carrier selection procedures to determine which carrier(s) should be authorized to exercise such rights); (b) should there be a request by any carrier to use the limited-entry route rights that are included in Sun Country's authority by virtue of the route integration exemption granted here, but that are not then being used by Sun Country, the holding of such authority by route integration will not be considered as providing any preference for Sun Country in a competitive carrier selection proceeding to determine which carrier(s) should be entitled to use the authority at issue.

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; (2) grant of the application was consistent with the public interest; and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. 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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² With respect to the reactivated authority to serve the Minneapolis/St. Paul-Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo market, consistent with our policy, the dormancy period will begin January 1, 2005, Sun Country's proposed startup date for this service.

U.S. Carrier Exemption Conditions

In the conduct of the operations authorized, the U.S. carrier applicant(s) shall:

- (1) Hold at all times effective operating authority from the government of each country served;
- (2) Comply with applicable requirements concerning oversales contained in 14 CFR 250 (for scheduled operations, if authorized);
- (3) Comply with the requirements for reporting data contained in 14 CFR 241;
- (4) Comply with requirements for minimum insurance coverage, and for certifying that coverage to the Department, contained in 14 CFR 205;
- (5) Except as specifically exempted or otherwise provided for in a Department Order, comply with the requirements of 14 CFR 203, concerning waiver of Warsaw Convention liability limits and defenses;
- (6) Comply with all applicable requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration and with all applicable U.S. Government requirements concerning security, including, but not limited to, 49 CFR Part 1544. To assure compliance with all applicable U.S. Government requirements concerning security, the holder shall, before commencing any new service (including charter flights) to or from a foreign airport, contact its International Principal Security Inspector (IPSI) to advise the IPSI of its plans and to find out whether the Transportation Security Administration has determined that security is adequate to allow such airport(s) to be served; and
- (7) Comply with such other reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations required by the public interest as may be prescribed by the Department of Transportation, with all applicable orders and regulations of other U.S. agencies and courts, and with all applicable laws of the United States.

The authority granted shall be effective only during the period when the holder is in compliance with the conditions imposed above.