



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

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**Joint Application of America West Airlines, Inc. and Royal Jordanian Airlines  
for Approval of and Antitrust Immunity for Alliance Agreements  
under 49 U.S.C. §§ 41308 and 41309 (Docket OST-2004-18613)**

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**NOTICE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL DATES**

On July 12, 2004, America West Airlines, Inc. (America West) and Royal Jordanian Airlines (Royal Jordanian) filed a joint application requesting approval of and antitrust immunity for a commercial cooperative agreement (Exhibit JA-1), hereafter the "Alliance Agreement". On July 12, the applicants filed a joint Motion under 14 C.F.R. 302.12 (Rule 12) of our regulations seeking confidential treatment for supporting documents and information.<sup>1</sup> They state that the material filed under the Motion is proprietary, commercially sensitive, and confidential in nature, which qualifies for being withheld from public disclosure. The applicants have asked that access to this material be limited to counsel and outside experts for interested parties.<sup>2 3</sup>

We have now finished our initial review. We find the application is now substantially complete.<sup>4</sup> We will require that answers to the application be filed no later than 21 calendar days from the issue date of this Notice, and that replies be filed no later than 7 business days after the last day for filing an answer.

We shall serve this notice on all persons on the service list for this docket.

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<sup>1</sup> Answers to the Motion were due on July 19, 2004. The Motion is unopposed.

<sup>2</sup> See Motion at 3.

<sup>3</sup> We will rule on the merits of the Rule 12 Motion by subsequent order. By Notice dated August 16, 2004, we granted immediate interim access to all documents covered by the applicants' Motion, or to any subsequent materials that may be filed confidentially in this proceeding, to counsel and outside experts for interested parties, consistent with conditions agreed to by the Joint Applicants and imposed by the Department in recent cases. At the same time, we suspended the procedural schedule of this case, pending a determination of completeness.

<sup>4</sup> We reserve the right to require the filing of additional information deemed relevant to the proceeding at any time.

By:

**KARAN K. BHATIA**  
Assistant Secretary for Aviation  
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