



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

Issued by the Department of Transportation on October 4, 2004

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-2004-17986

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).

By Notice of Action dated July 6, 2004, we granted the joint application of Air Wisconsin Airlines Corporation, Chautauqua Airlines, Inc., Mesa Airlines, Inc., Republic Airline, Inc., Shuttle America Corp., SkyWest Airlines, Inc., Trans States Airlines, Inc. (Joint Applicants) for interim statements of authorization under 14 CFR Part 212, for a 90-day period, to enable them to carry the codes of certain foreign carriers (described below) on services that Joint Applicants operate as United Express, pending finalization and Departmental review of relevant contractual agreements. The foreign carriers involved are: Air Canada, All Nippon Airways Co. Ltd., Austrian Airlines, Österreichische Luftverkehrs AG, British Midland Airways Limited, Deutsche Lufthansa AG, and Scandinavian Airlines System.¹

On September 17, 2004, the Joint Applicants filed in this Docket a request for extension of the interim statements of authorization for an additional 90-day period. The Joint Applicants state that it has taken longer than they anticipated to complete the contractual arrangements described above, and that a 90-day extension will afford them additional time they need to conclude this process.

No answers to the Joint Applicants' September 17 request have been received.

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DISPOSITION

XX Granted, (subject to the conditions contained in our Notice of Action Taken dated July 6, 2004, in this Docket)

The above action was effective when taken: **October 4, 2004** through **January 2, 2005**.

Basis for action: We found that the Joint Applicants demonstrated good cause for the requested extension of the interim statements of authorization, and noted that no party opposed such extension. Under these circumstances, we found that the requested extension, subject to the conditions noted above, was in the public interest. In taking this action, we reserved the right to amend, modify, or revoke this authority at any time without hearing.

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

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¹ We fully described the background and nature of authority conferred in our July 6 Notice of Action Taken.