SKYLINK AIRWAYS

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Re: SkyLink Airways Update; DOT Dockets OST-04-17171; OST-04-17172

Dear Ms. Thomas and Ms. Wilkins:

SkyLink is an applicant for certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for interstate and foreign transportation. SkyLink has sought authority to serve countries that have "Open Skies" agreements with the United States and countries that are known to have open aviation relationships with the United States. With respect to the later countries, SkyLink has filed for certificate authority only to those countries where certificate authority has been readily granted by DOT to other applicants.

To expedite the certification process, SkyLink requests that its authority for UK, Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Taiwan, Costa Rica, Aruba, Chile and the Dominican Republic be granted first on an expedited basis. SkyLink requests the application for the other named countries be deferred until after initial certification. SkyLink will pursue its application for the other countries after certification. For your information, all of the above countries with the exception of the United Kingdom have "Open Skies" with the United States. The route that SkyLink proposes to operate to and from the Stansted Airport in the United Kingdom is permitted, and there should not be any issue with respect to the grant of that authority to SkyLink.

If you have any questions, please give Amy Rogers at 571 246-5862 or me at 571-246-5574 a call. I may also be contacted at bkutzke@skylinkairways.com. Ms. Rogers is at arogers@skylinkairways.com.

Sincerely,

/s/
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