

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2007-0030.

Date Filed: October 31, 2007.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion To Modify Scope: November 21, 2007.

Description: Application of Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) requesting an exemption and an amended foreign air carrier permit authorizing SAS to conduct operations to and from the United States to the full extent authorized by the recently signed United States-European Union Air Transport Agreement, for flights operations on or after March 30, 2008, including authority to engage in: (i) Foreign scheduled and charter air transportation of persons, property and mail from any point or points behind any Member State of the European Union, via any point or points in the United States and beyond; (ii) foreign scheduled and charter air transportation of persons, property and mail between any point or points in the United States and any point or points in any member of the European Common Aviation Area; (iii) foreign scheduled and charter cargo air transportation between any point or points in the United States and any point or points; (iv) other charters pursuant to prior approval requirements; and (v) transportation authorized by any additional route rights made available to European Community carriers in the future.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2005-20395.

Date Filed: November 2, 2007.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion To Modify Scope: November 23, 2007.

Description: Amendment No. 1 of Flyjet Limited d/b/a Silverjet (Silverjet) to its application for a foreign air carrier permit and requesting an exemption to seek expanded authority to permit it to engage in: (a) Foreign scheduled and charter air transportation of persons, property, and mail from any point or points behind any Member State of the European Union, via any point or points in any Member state and via intermediate points, to any point or points in the United States and beyond; (b) foreign scheduled and charter air transportation of persons, property and mail between any point or points in the United States and any point or points in any member of the European Common Aviation Area; (c) foreign scheduled and charter cargo air transportation between any point or points in the United States and any point or points; (d) other charters; and (e) transportation authorized by any additional route rights made available to European community carriers in the future.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2007-0033.

Date Filed: October 30, 2007.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion To Modify Scope: November 20, 2007.

Description: Application of WestCan International Airlines, Inc. requesting a foreign air carrier permit and an exemption for non-scheduled, all-cargo charter flights between Canada and the United States and its possessions.

Renee V. Wright,

*Program Manager, Docket Operations,
Federal Register Liaison.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed the Week Ending November 9, 2007

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the sections 412 and 414 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1383 and 1384) and procedures governing proceedings to enforce these provisions. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2007-0041.

Date Filed: November 8, 2007.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: TC123 South Atlantic. Expedited Resolution 002bc and Specified Fares Tables. Package/expedited (PTC123 SATL 0388). Intended effective date: 15 December 2007.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2007-0042.

Date Filed: November 8, 2007.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: TC12 Mexico, Mid Atlantic, South Atlantic—Europe. (Memo PTC12 MEX-EUR 0094). Minutes: TC12 Passenger Tariff Coordinating Conference Geneva, 3 October 2007. PTC12 Mexico, Mid Atlantic, South Atlantic—Europe. Minutes (Memo PTC12 MEX-EUR 0096). Intended effective date: 1 December 2007.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2007-0043.

Date Filed: November 8, 2007.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: TC23/123 Africa-South East Asia. Expedited Resolutions and

Specified Fares Tables. Intended effective date: 1 November 2007.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2007-0044.

Date Filed: November 8, 2007.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: Expedited Resolution 002ar (PTC123 0387). Intended effective date: 15 December 2007.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2007-0045.

Date Filed: November 8, 2007.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: TC1 Longhaul Package Resolutions. (Memo PTC1 0364). Intended effective date: 1 January 2008.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2007-0046.

Date Filed: November 8, 2007.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: TC23/123 Middle East-South East Asia. Expedited Resolutions and Specified Fares Tables. Intended effective date: 1 November 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2007-0108]

National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal With Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of membership and first meeting of advisory committee.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the membership and the first meeting of the National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays.

DATES: The first meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for February 26, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting of the Task Force will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, in the Oklahoma City Conference Room on the lobby level of the West Building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING

THE TASK FORCE:

Livaughn Chapman, Jr., or Kathleen Blank-Riether, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., W-96-429, Washington, DC 20590-0001; Phone: (202) 366-9342; Fax: (202) 366-7152; E-mail: Livaughn.Chapman@dot.gov, or Kathleen.Blankriether@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

DOT's Office of Inspector General recommended, in its audit report, entitled "Actions Needed to Minimize Long, On-Board Flight Delays," issued on September 25, 2007, that the Secretary of Transportation establish a national task force of airlines, airports, and the Federal Aviation Administration to coordinate and develop contingency plans to deal with lengthy delays, such as working with carriers and airports to share facilities and make gates available in an emergency.

To effectuate this recommendation, the Department published a notice of intent to form an advisory committee in the **Federal Register** on December 20, 2007 (72 FR 72435). This notice, consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, announced the establishment of the Task Force and invited comments, as well as nominations and applications for membership. The Task Force Charter is attached as Appendix 1.

A total of thirty-four (34) applications/nominations for membership on the Task Force were submitted to the docket. In selecting the members of the Task Force, the Department attempted to achieve a balanced membership representing a broad cross-section of the diverse agencies, organizations and individuals that represent airlines, airports, consumer groups and other interested entities in the United States. We also contacted some organizations that had not submitted an application for membership by the January 4 deadline, but whose membership in the Task Force we believed would be beneficial, to encourage their participation. The Secretary of Transportation has now named the members of the Task Force, and their names are listed below as Appendix 2 to this notice. In addition to the Task Force members named by the Secretary, individuals from the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Office of the Secretary will

participate in the Task Force as non-member participants.

As noted above, the first meeting of the Task Force will take place on February 26, 2008. The agenda topics for the first meeting will include: (1) Orientation about the Federal Advisory Committee Act procedures and the purpose of the task force; (2) an introduction of the issues and discussion of contingency plans, and (3) establishment of working groups. A period of time for public comments, if any, will also be provided.

The Department anticipates that the Task Force will meet at least three additional times in 2008. It is anticipated that all meetings will be held in Washington, DC at the U.S. DOT headquarters building. The Department will publish notices in the **Federal Register** to announce the dates, times, and locations of future meetings. Meetings of the Task Force are open to the public, and time will be provided for comments by members of the public. Since access to the U.S. DOT headquarters building is controlled for security purposes, any member of the general public who plans to attend the first meeting must notify the Department contact noted above ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting. Attendance will be necessarily limited by the size of the meeting room.

Members of the public may present written comments at any time and, at the discretion of the Chairman and time permitting, oral comments at the meeting. Any oral comments permitted must be limited to agenda items and will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Members of the public who wish to present oral comments must notify the Department contact noted above via e-mail that they wish to attend and present oral comments at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting. For this February 20 meeting, no more than one hour will be set aside for oral comments. Although written material may be filed in the docket at any time, comments regarding upcoming meeting topics should be sent to the Task Force docket, (10) calendar days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may also contact the Department contact noted above to be placed on the Task Force mailing list.

Persons with a disability requiring special accommodations, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact the Department contact noted above at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the FACA and the General Services Administration regulations covering management of

Federal advisory committees. (41 CFR part 102-3.)

Conclusion

The First Meeting of the National Task force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays will be held on February 26, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Time, at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, in the Oklahoma City Conference Room on the lobby level of the West Building.

Issued on: February 5, 2008.

Samuel Podberesky,

Assistant General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement & Proceedings, U.S. Department of Transportation.

Appendix 1—Charter for the National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal With Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays

Federal Advisory Committee Charter

National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays

U.S. Department of Transportation

1. *Purpose:* This charter establishes the National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, and sets forth policies for its operations.

2. *Scope and Objectives:*

a. The Task Force will develop model contingency plans for minimizing the impact of lengthy airline on-board ground delays.

b. The Task Force will be responsible for reviewing incidents involving long, on-board ground delays and their causes; identifying trends and patterns of such events; and recommending workable solutions for mitigating the on-board consumer impact of extraordinary flight disruptions.

c. The Task Force will report to the Secretary of Transportation the results of its consideration and a description of model contingency plans it develops.

d. The Task Force will not exercise program management, regulatory or program guidance responsibilities. It will make no decision directly affecting the programs on which it provides advice. The Task Force will provide a forum for the development, consideration, and communication from a knowledgeable and independent perspective of a strategy for dealing with

lengthy on-board ground delays nationwide.

3. *Duties:* The Task Force will carry out the following tasks:

a. Develop model contingency plans to deal with lengthy air carrier on-board delays.

b. Review incidents involving long, on-board ground delays and their causes; identify trends and patterns of such events; and recommend workable solutions for mitigating the on-board consumer impact of extraordinary flight disruptions.

c. Review existing airline and airport contingency plans for extended tarmac delays for best practices.

d. Report to the Secretary of Transportation the results of its consideration and a description of the model contingency plans developed.

4. *Duration:* The Task Force will remain in existence for 1 year from the effective date of this charter, unless recommended for termination or renewal by the Secretary of Transportation.

5. *Official to Whom the Task Force Reports:* The Task Force will report to the Secretary of Transportation through the sponsor.

6. *Sponsor and Agency Providing Support:* The Office of the General Counsel serves as sponsor of the Task Force and has designated the Assistant General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings as the Designated Federal Official and Chairman of the Task Force. The Sponsor has designated the Federal Aviation Administration's Associate Administrator for Airports as the Vice Chairman of the Task Force. The Chairman of the Task Force will direct the affairs of the Task Force and will provide necessary administrative support, as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act. At the request of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman will perform these duties.

7. *Delegation:* The Chairman is delegated the authority to require special reports under 49 U.S.C. 41708 to effectuate the duties of the Task Force. The Chairman is also delegated the authority to issue **Federal Register** notices regarding the workings of the Task Force.

8. *Membership:*

a. The Task Force will be composed of individuals appointed by the Secretary of Transportation. Task Force members will be Regular Government Employees and Representatives of airlines, airports and consumer groups in the U.S.

b. Nonparticipation by any member in Task Force activities will be sufficient reason for the appointment of a

replacement member by the Secretary of Transportation.

c. The Task Force will ensure that the public is able to present its views to the Task Force in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

9. *Task Force Officers:* The Chairman will conduct each meeting using generally accepted meeting management techniques, provide an opportunity for participation by each member and by public attendees, ensure adherence to the agenda, maintain order, and prepare any recommendations to be submitted to the Secretary of Transportation. At the request of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman will perform these duties.

10. *Meetings:*

a. Meetings will be held at the call of or with the advance approval of the Designated Federal Official. The Task Force will meet approximately 4 times the first year in Washington, DC. Special meetings and working group meetings may be called as necessary. Notice of each scheduled meeting will be published in the **Federal Register**.

b. All meetings will be open to the public. Members of the public will be permitted to appear before or file statements with the Task Force. The Designated Federal Official must be present at each Task Force meeting. The official has the authority to adjourn the meeting whenever such action is deemed to be in the public interest. A quorum exists when at least one-half of the appointed members are present. A quorum must exist for any official action, including voting, to occur. In any situation involving voting, the majority vote of members present will prevail. An agenda for each meeting must be approved in advance by the Designated Federal Official.

11. *Compensation:* Members of the Task Force are responsible for their own travel and per diem expenses.

12. *Costs:* Operating expenses are borne by the Task Force Sponsor. The estimated annual cost to the government is \$20,000 inclusive of support, report writing, meeting costs, travel, and other logistics.

13. *Availability of Records:* Pursuant to Section 552 of Title 5, United States Code, the records, reports, minutes, agenda, and other documents made available to or by the Task Force will be available for public inspection and duplication in the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. A docket will be established for this Task Force to accomplish this result. To the extent that there is a discussion of issues concerning on-going rulemaking proceedings during a Task Force meeting, the minutes of that meeting will be placed in the appropriate docket.

14. *Reports:* The Designated Federal Official will furnish detailed minutes of each meeting to the Sponsor. The minutes contain a record of the persons present, a complete and accurate description of matters discussed and conclusions reached, and copies of all reports received, issued, or approved by the Task Force. The Chairman will certify the accuracy of the minutes.

15. *Working Groups:*

a. The Task Force may establish working groups to perform specific assignments with the approval of the Designated Federal Official. The Chairman may designate members from either the Task Force or the public to serve on working groups. Any Working Group Chairman will be a Task Force member. Recording or videotaping of working group meetings may be performed only with the Designated Federal Official's approval.

b. Any recommendations to the Department by working groups are subject to approval by the Task Force as a whole.

16. *Filing Date:* January 3, 2008 is the filing date and the effective date of this charter which will expire 1 year from this filing date, unless sooner terminated or extended.

Appendix 2—Membership of the National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal With Lengthy On-Board Ground Delays

Samuel Podberesky, Chairman, Assistant General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, U.S. Department of Transportation.

D. Kirk Shaffer, Vice Chairman, Associate Administrator for Airports, Federal Aviation Administration.

Basil Barimo, Vice President, Operations and Safety, Air Transport Association.

Brian Bartal, Project Manager, American Eagle Airlines.

Roger Cohen, President, Regional Airline Association.

Michael C. Collins, Disability Rights Advocate.

James M. Crites, Executive Vice President, Operations, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

Benjamin R. DeCosta, Aviation General Manager, Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.

George F. Doughty, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority.

Charles M. Durham, III, Sr. Manager of Dispatch, ExpressJet Airlines.

Edward P. Faberman, Executive Director, Air Carrier Association of America.

James J. Gaydos, Director, Airport Services, American Airlines.

Kate Hanni, Founder/Spokesperson, Coalition for an Airline Passengers' Bill of Rights.

Steve Hozdulick, Senior Director—Operational Performance, Southwest Airlines.

Kevin Hudson, Senior Manager, Operational Performance, Tracking and Reporting, Frontier Airlines.

William R. Lange, Vice President, Safety & Compliance, Compass Airlines.

Douglas E. Lavin, Regional Vice President, International Air Transport Association—North America.

Tony Lefebvre, Senior Vice President—Customer Service, Spirit Airlines.

D. Leo Malloy, Jr., Vice President, Customer Service, Skyway Airlines/Midwest Connect.

Alex Marren, Vice President, Operational Services, United Airlines.

Deborah C. McElroy, Executive Vice President, Policy and External Affairs, Airports Council International—North America.

Robert K. Muhs, Vice President, System Operations Control, Northwest Airlines.

Patrick V. Murphy, Aviation Consultant, representing U.S. Airways.

Capt. Larry Newman, Chairman, Air Traffic Service Group, Air Line Pilots Association, International.

Bradley, D. Penrod, CEO/Executive Director, Allegheny County Airport Authority.

Paul. M. Ruden, Senior Vice President, Legal and Industry Affairs, American Society of Travel Agents.

Daniel Rutenberg, Vice President, International Airline Passengers Association.

Melissa Sabatine, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, American Association of Airport Executives.

Leo J. Schefer, President, Washington Airports Task Force.

Lysa C. Scully, Assistant Director, Customer, Cargo, Concessions and Airport Services, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Jim Tabor, Vice President of Operations, AirTran Airways.

Daniel A. Weiss, Managing Director, International Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Continental Airlines.

Warren R. Wilkinson, Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, Republic Airways.

William H. Williams, Jr., Aviation Director, North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Thomas E. Zoeller, President and CEO, National Air Carrier Association.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notification of Petition for Approval; Railroad Safety Program Plan

Although not required, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is providing notice that it has received a petition for approval of a Railroad Safety Program Plan (RSPP) submitted pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 236, subpart H. The petition is listed below, including the party seeking approval, and the requisite docket number. FRA is not accepting comments on this RSPP.

Ohio Central Railroad System

[Docket Number FRA-2008-0003]

The Ohio Central Railroad System (OCSR) submitted a petition for approval of an RSPP. The petition, the RSPP, and any related documents have been placed in the requisite docket (FRA-2008-0003) and are available for public inspection.

Interested parties are invited to review the RSPP and associated documents at the DOT Docket Management Facility during regular business hours (9 a.m.–5 p.m.) at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications received into any of our dockets by name of the individual submitting the document (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78).

Issued in Washington, DC on February 4, 2008.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received

a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Big West Oil, LLC

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2007-0025]

The Big West Oil, LLC (FLYJ), a Class III railroad, seeks a waiver of compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR part 223.11 *Requirements for existing locomotives* for locomotive number 1. Specifically, FLYJ petitioned FRA for a waiver for a 600 horsepower diesel electric locomotive, model SW-600, built by the Electro Motive Division of General Motors in 1962. This locomotive is primarily used for industrial switching within an enclosed facility adjacent to the Big West Oil Refinery in Salt Lake City, Utah. The locomotive is stored during non-operational hours within a secure area of the refinery.

Locomotive number 1 is used on a limited basis for industrial switching over 3.5 miles of privately owned track. There are two (2) highway/rail crossings at grade through the industrial property with no overpasses or bridges. The railroad operates Monday to Friday, an average of 4 hours per day, during daylight hours, with a 10 mph speed restriction through the industrial complex. There have been no reports of glazing vandalism along this right-of-way since the operation of this locomotive began in 1999.

The petitioner believes that this locomotive can be safely operated throughout the industrial complex with the current non-compliant safety-type glazing. The cost to FLYJ for installation of all new window frames and compliant FRA Types I & II glazing is significant with only a marginal increase in safety due to the low speed.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2007-