

**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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Joint Application of))
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GOJET AIRLINES, L.L.C.) Docket OST-07-)
MESA AIRLINES, INC.))
SHUTTLE AMERICA CORPORATION))
SKYWEST AIRLINES, INC.))
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for Blanket Statements of Authorization pursuant))
to 14 C.F.R. Part 212 (Qatar Airways Code Share)))
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MESA AIRLINES, INC., SHUTTLE AMERICA CORPORATION, AND
SKYWEST AIRLINES, INC. FOR BLANKET STATEMENTS OF AUTHORIZATION**

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Notice: The Joint Applicants are requesting expedited treatment of this application. United, in filing this application on their behalf, will poll the U.S. carrier representatives listed in the attached service list and report the results to the Department.

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GoJet Airlines, L.L.C., Mesa Airlines, Inc., Shuttle America Corporation, and SkyWest Airlines, Inc. d/b/a United Express (collectively, the “Joint Applicants”) hereby jointly apply for blanket statements of authorization pursuant to Part 212 of the Department’s regulations to facilitate code-share services with the Qatar Airways, Q.C.S.C. (“Qatar Airways”), which is a code-share partner of United Air Lines, Inc. (“United”).¹ Specifically, the Joint Applicants request authorization to display Qatar Airways’ “QR” designator code on flights operated by them as United Express carriers between points in the United States and between points in the United States and points in third countries. A list attached hereto as Exhibit A reflects markets

¹ United is filing this application on behalf of and with the permission of the Joint Applicants.

where code-sharing services will be operated.² The Joint Applicants hereby notify the Department that they intend to begin code-share services with Qatar Airways beginning on or about September 18, 2007. The Joint Applicants respectfully request the Department's prompt approval of this application so that the marketing and sale of code-share services by United and Qatar Airways can begin without delay.³

In support of this Application, the Joint Applicants submit the following:

1. The Joint Applicants have entered into code-share agreements with Qatar Airways which provides for their operation of certain United Express flights to carry the "QR" designator code. Copies of these agreements will be sent to the Department under separate cover and will be provided to any interested party upon request.

2. The Joint Applicants are each air carriers holding certificates of public convenience and necessity and exemptions authorizing them to operate scheduled air services in the United States and foreign markets.⁴ They are also each participants in the United Express commuter program, operating code-share services for United and displaying United's designator code, as well as those of certain of United's foreign code-share partners. As such, United and its

² For purposes of satisfying the Department's standard requirement that carriers provide advance notice of any new city pair in which the designator code of a foreign carrier will be displayed, the Joint Applicants hereby submit Exhibit A. Exhibit A is intended to ease the Department's and the carriers' administrative burden with respect to such notices, while also ensuring that United and its United Express carrier partners enjoy the operational flexibility to substitute DOT-authorized operating carriers in a given city pair as may be necessary at short notice without the need to re-notify the Department for purposes of continuing to display the Qatar Airways' designator code on United Express flights. *See, e.g.*, Letter to Mr. George Wellington dated Sept. 9, 2004 (Dockets OST-03-15758, 00-6803, 99-5251, and Undocketed); Air Wisconsin/Chautauqua/Mesa/Republic/Shuttle America/Skywest/Trans States Airlines (Docket OST-04-17986); Delta/Comair/ASA/Aeromexico/Aerolitoral (Dockets OST-01-10833, 00-7708, 97-3289); Delta/KAL/ASA/Comair (Docket OST-03-14367); Delta/Alitalia/Comair/ASA/Eurofly (Docket OST-01-10417); and Delta/Air France/ASA/Comair/Brit Air/City Jet/Regional (Docket OST-00-6939).

³ The Joint Applicants request a waiver of the 45-day advance filing requirement contained in 14. C.F.R. 212.10(d)(2).

⁴ *See, e.g.*, Orders 05-9-20, 98-11-15, and 98-7-6; Notices of Action Taken, all of which have pending renewal applications, dated April 6, 2005 (Docket OST-05-20503), dated May 27, 2005 (Docket OST-05-21119), and dated May 5, 2004 (Docket OST-04-17581).

United Express carriers wish to make these United Express services available for code-share purposes to Qatar Airways, thereby increasing the online service offerings between United's North American network and Qatar Airways' Middle East network.

3. The code-share authorizations requested herein are fully consistent with the U.S.-Qatar Air Transport Agreement ("U.S.-Qatar Agreement"), and the Department's precedents in cases involving similar code-share arrangements between U.S. and foreign air carriers.⁵

Pursuant to the terms of U.S.-Qatar Agreement, carriers designated to serve the United States, such as Qatar Airways, have been authorized to provide foreign air transportation (including code-share services) between the United States and Qatar. Qatar Airways also holds the requisite underlying economic authority for purposes of holding out the code-share services proposed herein.⁶

4. The code-share authority requested herein is also consistent with the public interest because it will facilitate the Joint Applicants, as United Express carriers, and United, in conjunction with Qatar Airways, to provide online service between U.S. cities and points around the globe, via United's domestic hubs and Qatar Airways' U.S. gateways. Moreover, the additional traffic attracted to these services will improve the economics of the United Express network and also ensure the continued efficiency of United's network.

5. Each of the Joint Applicants agrees to accept the Department's standard conditions and notice requirements imposed on code-share arrangements.

⁵ See, Dockets OST-07-28788, -06-26817, -05-22547, -05-23021, and -04-17986 in which the Department approved similar code-sharing arrangements between various United Express operators and foreign carrier partners, among others.

⁶ See, Docket OST-06-24061.

6. The Joint Applicants request that the Department issue statements of authorization applied for herein for an indefinite period, consistent with Department practice.

7. The Joint Applicants are not CRAF participants, and issuance of the requested blanket statements of authorization will not affect the CRAF program.

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Joint Applicants respectfully request expedited approval for this application and that the Department grant them the blanket statements of authorization as described herein for an indefinite period, consistent with the Department's practice in other code-share proceedings, and such other relief as the Department may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENT A

U.S. Code-Share Points

Akron/Canton, OH	Denver, CO	Lihue, Kauai, HI
Albany, NY	Des Moines, IA	Lincoln, NE
Albuquerque, NM	Detroit, MI	Los Angeles, CA
Allentown, PA	Durango, CO	Louisville, KY
Anchorage, AS	El Centro/Imperial, CA	Madison, WI
Appleton, WI	El Paso, TX	Manchester, NH
Aspen, CO	Eugene, OR	Medford, OR
Atlanta, GA	Eureka/Arcata, CA	Memphis, TN
Austin, TX	Fargo, ND	Miami, FL
Bakersfield, CA	Fayetteville, AR	Milwaukee, WI
Baltimore, MD	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN
Billings, MT	Fort Myers, FL	Missoula, MT
Binghamton, NY	Fort Wayne, IN	Modesto, CA
Birmingham, AL	Fresno, CA	Moline, IL
Bismarck, ND	Grand Junction, CO	Monterey, CA
Bloomington, IL	Grand Rapids, MI	Montrose, CO
Boise, ID	Great Falls, MT	Myrtle Beach, SC
Boston, MA	Green Bay, WI	Nashville, TN
Bozeman, MT	Greensboro/High	New Orleans, LA
Buffalo, NY	Point/Winston-Salem, NC	New York, NY/Newark, NJ
Burbank, CA	Greenville/Spartanburg, SC	Norfolk/Virginia
Burlington, VT	Gunnison, CO	Beach/Williamsburg, VA
Carlsbad, CA	Harrisburg, PA	Oakland, CA
Casper, WY	Hartford, CT	Oklahoma City, OK
Cedar Rapids, IA	Honolulu, HI	Omaha, NE
Charleston, SC	Houston, TX	Ontario, CA
Charleston, WV	Huntsville, AL	Orange County, CA
Charlotte, NC	Idaho Falls, ID	Orlando, FL
Charlottesville, VA	Indianapolis, IN	Oxnard, CA
Chicago, IL	Inyokern, CA	Palm Springs, CA
Chico, CA	Jackson Hole, WY	Palmdale, CA
Cincinnati, OH	Jacksonville, FL	Pasco, WA
Cleveland, OH	Kahului, Maui, HI	Peoria, IL
Cody, WY	Kalamazoo, MI	Philadelphia, PA
Colorado Springs, CO	Kalispell, MO	Phoenix, AZ
Columbia, SC	Kansas City, MO	Pittsburgh, PA
Columbus, OH	Knoxville, TN	Portland, ME
Crescent City, CA	Kona, HI	Portland, OR
Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX	Lansing, MI	Providence, RI
Dayton, OH	Las Vegas, NV	Raleigh/Durham, NC
Daytona Beach, FL	Lexington, KY	Rapid City, SD

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Reno, NV
Richmond, VA
Roanoke, VA
Rochester, NY
Rockford, IL
Sacramento, CA
Saginaw, MI
Salt Lake City, UT
San Antonio, TX
San Diego, CA
San Francisco, CA
San Jose, CA

San Juan, PR
San Luis Obispo, CA
Santa Barbara, CA
Santa Maria, CA
Savannah, GA
Seattle/Tacoma, WA
Sioux Falls, SD
South Bend, IN
Spokane, WA
Springfield, IL
Springfield, MO
St. George, UT
St. Louis, MO
State College, PA

Steamboat Springs, CO
Syracuse, NY
Tampa, FL
Traverse City, MI
Tucson, AZ
Tulsa, OK
Vail/Eagle, CO
Washington, DC
Wausau, WI
West Palm Beach, FL
Westchester County, NY
Wichita, KS
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