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Benjamin Taylor, Director
 Brett Kruger, Division Chief, U.S. Air Carrier Licensing/Special Authorities
 Office of International Aviation
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 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
 Washington, DC 20590

Re: Pending Application of American Airlines, Inc. for 14 Weekly U.S.–Havana Frequencies (Docket DOT-OST-2016-0021)

Dear Mr. Taylor and Mr. Kruger:

American Airlines, Inc. (“American Airlines”) hereby requests that the Department act expeditiously to grant its pending application in this Docket for 14 roundtrip weekly combination U.S.–Havana frequencies to initiate additional daily nonstop service between Miami, Florida (MIA) and Havana, Cuba (HAV).

By application dated January 28, 2020, American requested the allocation of 14 roundtrip, weekly combination U.S.-Havana frequencies in order to provide enhanced nonstop scheduled passenger service between Miami and Havana starting in June 2020.¹ Unfortunately, before the Department was able to act on that request, the COVID-19 global pandemic began, resulting in devastating impacts on the passenger airline industry and the implementation of severe travel restrictions.

American now plans to initiate these two additional daily nonstop MIA–HAV roundtrips, comprising 14 frequencies weekly, within 90 days of the frequency allocation. Allocation of these 14 requested frequencies would enable American to operate a morning and evening service between Miami and Havana.

Dept Arp	Dept Time	Arvl Arp	Arrv Time	Block Time
MIA	8:00	HAV	9:13	1:13
HAV	10:13	MIA	11:24	1:11
MIA	17:35	HAV	18:52	1:17
HAV	19:52	MIA	21:03	1:11

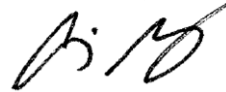
¹ On January 16, 2020, JetBlue Airways Corporation notified the Department that it was returning 14 weekly U.S.-Havana frequencies effective April 29, 2020. See Letter from Mr. Robert Land to Mr. Brett Kruger, dated January 16, 2020.

It would maximize public benefits by growing capacity at the gateway with the greatest demand for U.S.–Havana travel while enhancing connectivity using American’s leading network at MIA.

The basic information in American’s pending application remains current. American is a Delaware corporation with its principal office at 1 Skyview Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76155. American is a citizen of the United States within the meaning of 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(15)(C), and is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed additional MIA–HAV service contemplated by the application.² American holds exemption authority to provide, and in fact currently operates, scheduled foreign air transportation between Miami and Havana.³ American’s request remains consistent with the U.S.-Cuba Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) executed on February 16, 2016, pertaining to scheduled air transport services, which allows U.S. carriers to operate up to 20 daily round-trip frequencies for scheduled combination services to and from Havana.⁴

Accordingly, American respectfully requests that the Department grant its pending application for the allocation of 14 round-trip, weekly, combination U.S.-Havana frequencies, as more fully described above and in its application dated January 28, 2020, and grant such other and further relief as the Department deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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² American requests that, pursuant to Rule 24, the Department take official notice of all data American has filed with the Department to establish its fitness.

³ Notice of Action Taken, Docket DOT-OST-2016-0021, issued on July 25, 2018, *renewal application filed*, May 1, 2020, and March 23, 2021.

⁴ See U.S.-Cuba MOU at the Annex.

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Letter of American Airlines has been served this August 11, 2022, upon the following addressees:

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