

Dated: July 7, 1998.

**Don A. Christensen,**

*Associate Administrator for Investment.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending July 3, 1998

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et. seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings:

*Docket Number:* OST-98-3997.

*Date Filed:* June 26, 1998.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope:* July 24, 1998.

*Description:* Application of Passaredo Transportes Aereos S.A. pursuant to Section 402 of the Act and Subpart Q, applies for an air carrier permit authorizing the carriage of passengers on a charter basis between a point or points in Brazil and a point or points in the United States.

*Docket Number:* OST-98-4009.

*Date Filed:* June 29, 1998.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope:* July 27, 1998.

*Description:* Application of Tower Air, Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41108 and Subpart Q, applies for the issuance of a new Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity or Amendment of its existing Certificate for Route 401, to engage in foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between any points in the United States, directly and via intermediate points, and any points in France, and beyond France to points in third countries, as limited by applicable bilateral agreements.

*Docket Number:* OST-98-4010.

*Date Filed:* June 29, 1998.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope:* July 27, 1998.

*Description:* Application of Federal Express Corporation pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41102 and Subpart Q, applies for issuance of a new Certificate of Public Convenience and necessity authorizing Federal Express to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail between points in the United States, on the one hand, and points in the forty-eight (48) foreign countries listed, on the other hand.

**Dorothy W. Walker,**

*Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed During the Week Ending July 3, 1998

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Sections 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

*Docket Number:* OST-98-4015

*Date Filed:* July 1, 1998

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association

*Subject:*

PTC12 Telex Mail Vote 946-r1-4

USA-Austria/Belgium/Germany/Neth/Scand/Switz fares

r1-002m, r2-054vv, r3-044v, r4-064vv

Intended effective date: August 1, 1998

*Docket Number:* OST-98-4016

*Date Filed:* July 2, 1998

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association

*Subject:*

PTC2 ME 0045 dated June 26, 1998

Within Middle East Expedited Resos r-1-002j, r-2-070ba, r-3-071ea, r-4-

072c, r-5-079b, r-6-085dd, r-7-002o

Intended effective date: August 1/ October 1, 1998

*Docket Number:* OST-98-4017

*Date Filed:* July 2, 1998

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association

*Subject:*

COMP Telex Mail Vote 948

Standard Condition Resolution for Special Fares

Intended effective date: August 1, 1998

*Docket Number:* OST-98-4020

*Date Filed:* July 2, 1998

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association

*Subject:*

PTC2 EUR-ME 0056 dated June 30,

1998

Europe-Middle East Expedited Resos 002a

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing

July 9, 1998.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century ("TEA-21"), Pub. L. No. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107 (1998), established the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing program ("RRIF"). To assist in its implementation, the Federal Railroad Administration ("FRA") is requesting information on (1) types of projects which might benefit from financial assistance available under RRIF, and (2) potential applicants for such financial assistance.

**ADDRESSES:** Responses should be sent to James T. McQueen, Associate Administrator, Office of Railroad Development, Federal Railroad Administration, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James T. McQueen or JoAnne M. McGowan, Chief, Freight Programs, (202) 632-3290.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** TEA-21 amended Title V of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976, as amended, 45 U.S.C. 821 et seq., by establishing RRIF, which will make financial assistance, in the form of *direct loans and loan guarantees*, available for eligible railroad projects. The aggregate unpaid principal balance of all financial assistance outstanding may not exceed \$3.5 billion, of which not less than \$1 billion shall be available solely for other than Class I railroads.

Applicants for assistance include State or local governments, government sponsored authorities and corporations, shippers, railroads, and joint ventures, but *each application must include at least one railroad*. Funds can be used to (1) acquire, improve or rehabilitate intermodal or rail equipment or facilities, including track, components of track, bridges, yards, buildings and