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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending April 11, 2008

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 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: DOT-OST-2007-0124.

Date Filed: April 8, 2008.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion To Modify Scope: April 29, 2008.

Description: First amended application of Aerolineas Mesoamericanas, S.A. de C.V. requesting to include service from Culiacan to Las Vegas operating 3 weekly roundtrip flights to the previous foreign air carrier permit and exemption authority requested.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2008-0130.

Date Filed: April 9, 2008.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion To Modify Scope: April 30, 2008.

Description: Application of Belair Airlines Ltd. ("Belair") requesting a foreign air carrier permit authorizing it to provide: (i) Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail from points behind Switzerland via Switzerland and intermediate points to a point or points in the United States and beyond, as provided in Section 1 to Annex I of the Open Skies Agreement, together with all of the operational rights provided for in that annex; and (ii) charter foreign air transportation of

persons, property and mail to the full extent permitted in Annex II of the Open Skies Agreement. In addition, Belair requests an amendment to its existing exemption authority to enable it engage in the above-described operations pending issuance of its foreign air carrier permit.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2008-0133.

Date Filed: April 10, 2008.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion To Modify Scope: May 1, 2008.

Description: Joint Application of Arrow Air, Inc. (Arrow), ATA Airlines, Inc., North American Airlines, Inc., World Airways, Inc. and MatlinPatterson Global Advisers, LLC (MatlinPatterson) requesting any necessary approval for the de facto transfer of the certificate authority of Arrow in connection with the purchase by MatlinPatterson of a controlling interest in that company's voting stock.

Renee V. Wright,

Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending April 4, 2008

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 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: DOT-OST-2008-0125.

Date Filed: April 1, 2008.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: April 22, 2008.

Description: Application of Martinair Holland N.V. requesting an exemption and amendment to its foreign air carrier permit to engage in: (1) Foreign

scheduled and charter air transportation of persons, property and mail between 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 or beyond; (2) 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; (3) foreign scheduled and charter cargo air transportation between any point or points in the United States and any other point or points; (4) other charters; and (5) transportation authorized by any additional route rights that may be made available to European Union carriers in the future.

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Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Approvals and Disapprovals

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Monthly Notice of PFC Approvals and Disapprovals. In May 2008, there were 11 applications approved. Additionally, 16 approved amendments to previously approved applications are listed.

SUMMARY: The FAA publishes a monthly notice, as appropriate, of PFC approvals and disapprovals under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. No. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158). This notice is published pursuant to paragraph d of § 158.29.

PFC Applications Approved

Public Agency: Panama City-Bay County Airport and Industrial District, Panama City, Florida.

Application Number: 07-02-C-00-PFN.

Application Type: Impose and use a PFC.

PFC Level: \$4.50.

Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision: \$41,968,640.

Earliest Charge Effective Date: April 1, 2009.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: July 1, 2039.

Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's: None.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use: Site development. Primary runway paving. Paving, lighting, and navigational aids. Terminal building. Utilities.

Brief Description of Project Partially Approved for Collection and Use: Facilities.

Determination: The FAA determined that two of the project elements were not eligible for PFC funding.

Decision Date: May 2, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Moore, Orlando Airports District Office, (407) 812-6331, extension 120.

Public Agency: City of Rapid City, South Dakota.

Application Number: 08-05-C-00-RAP.

Application Type: Impose and use a PFC.

PFC Level: \$4.50.

Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision: \$729,192.

Earliest Charge Effective Date: September 1, 2008.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: June 1, 2009.

Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's: None.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use: General aviation security and lighting upgrades. Midfield development and perimeter fencing. Access control/security upgrades. Acquire two snow removal equipment vehicles and deicing truck. Design and construct general aviation area/access road pavement rehabilitation. Master plan update phase 2. Acquisition and installation of boarding bridge. PFC application administration.

Decision Date: May 2, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Schauer, Bismarck Airport District Office, (701) 323-7380.

Public Agency: Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority, Charleston, West Virginia.

Application Number: 08-11-C-00-CRW.

Application Type: Impose and use a PFC.

PFC Level: \$4.50.

Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision: \$1,582,686.

Earliest Charge Effective Date: September 1, 2011.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: November 1, 2012.

Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's: None.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use: Runway 5

obstruction removal. Rehabilitate taxiways A and B. Update airport master plan. Fire hydrant system. Dynamic friction tester. Purchase emergency stairs. Main terminal expansion.

Decision Date: May 2, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Matthew DiGiulian, Beckley Airports District Office, (304) 252-6216.

Public Agency: Port of Bellingham, Bellingham, Washington.

Application Number: 08-09-C-00-BLI.

Application Type: Impose and use a PFC.

PFC Level: \$4.50.

Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision: \$2,548,830.

Earliest Charge Effective Date: September 1, 2012.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: September 1, 2014.

Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's: Part 135 air taxi operators—nonscheduled/on-demand air carriers.

Determination: Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the proposed class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Bellingham International Airport.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use: Acquire interactive airport training equipment. Design and construction of hardstand. Terminal building modifications to support security changes. Plans and specifications for taxiway D rehabilitation. Design and construction of taxiway E. Plans and specifications—acquisition of snow removal equipment. Rehabilitate terminal apron, phase 2. Runway 16/34 crack/fog seal, phase 2. Taxilane construction, phase 2. Construct apron taxiway. Construct taxiway C, phase 2. Design and construction of aircraft rescue and firefighting building. Acquire security equipment.

Brief Description of Project Approved for Collection: Plans and specifications for terminal rehabilitation.

Decision Date: May 8, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Trang Tran, Seattle Airports District Office, (425) 227-1662.

Public Agency: City of Manhattan, Kansas.

Application Number: 08-02-C-00-MHK.

Application Type: Impose and use a PFC.

PFC Level: \$4.50.

Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision: \$601,007.

Earliest Charge Effective Date: April 1, 2009.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: June 1, 2018.

Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's: On-demand air taxi/commercial operations.

Determination: Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the proposed class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Manhattan Regional Airport.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use: Taxiway A extension. Aircraft rescue and firefighting building. Acquire snow removal equipment. Replace deicer truck. Install wildlife fence. Replace mobile stairs. Environmental assessment. Contract air traffic control tower construction. Airfield lighting and electrical improvements. Acquire displacement plow.

Decision Date: May 9, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Rottingham, Central Region Airports Division, (816) 329-2627.

Public Agency: Texarkana Airport Authority, Texarkana, Arkansas.

Application Number: 08-06-C-00-TXK.

Application Type: Impose and use a PFC.

PFC Level: \$4.50.

Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision: \$564,071.

Earliest Charge Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: April 1, 2010.

Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's: Air taxi commercial operators, air carriers operating under Part 135 and filing FAA Form 1800-31.

Determination: Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the proposed class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Texarkana Regional Airport.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use: Rehabilitate terminal building. PFC administrative costs.

Decision Date: May 19, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Burns, Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports Development Office, (817) 222-5648.

Public Agency: Wichita Airport Authority, Wichita, Kansas.

Application Number: 08-06-C-00-ICT.

Application Type: Impose and use a PFC.

PFC Level: \$4.50.

Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision: \$3,630,000.

Earliest Charge Effective Date: October 1, 2008.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: October 1, 2009.

Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's: None.

Brief Description of Project Approved for Collection and Use: Security improvements.

Decision Date: May 20, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Deitering, Central Region Airports Division, (816) 329-2637.

Public Agency: Lafayette Airport Commission, Lafayette, Louisiana.

Application Number: 08-06-C-00-LFT.

Application Type: Impose and use a PFC.

PFC Level: \$4.50.

Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision: \$3,950,000.

Earliest Charge Effective Date: August 1, 2008.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: May 1, 2012.

Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's: Air taxi commercial operators or carriers filing FAA Form 1800-31.

Determination: Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the proposed class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Lafayette Regional Airport.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use: Airport security system upgrade. Replace precision approach path indicator systems, runways 4L, 4R, 22L, 22R, 11, and 29. PFC administrative fees.

Decision Date: May 20, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ilia Quinones, Louisiana/New Mexico Airports Development Office, (817) 222-5646.

Public Agency: Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport Authority, Detroit, Michigan.

Application Number: 08-07-C-00-DTW.

Application Type: Impose and use a PFC.

PFC Level: \$4.50.

Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision: \$257,020,320.

Earliest Charge Effective Date: October 1, 2032.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: August 1, 2034.

Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's: All air taxi/commercial operators filing FAA Form 1800-31.

Determination: Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has

determined that the proposed class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW).

Brief Description of Project Approved for Collection at DTW and USE at DTW and Willow Run Airport at a \$3.00 PFC Level: Airfield snow removal vehicles and equipment.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection at DTW and Use at DTW at a \$3.00 PFC Level: Master plan update. Runway surface monitor system on runway 4L/22R. McNamara terminal in-line explosive detection system.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection at DTW and Use at DTW at a \$4.50 PFC Level: Infill island at taxiway Y-10. Runway and taxiway improvements.

Brief Description of Project Approved for Collection at DTW and Use at DTW and Willow Run Airport at a \$3.00 PFC Level: Rehabilitate terminal apron, phase 2. Runway 16/34 crack/fog seal, phase 2. Taxilane construction, phase 2. Construct apron taxiway. Construct taxiway C, phase 2. Design and construction of aircraft rescue and firefighting building. Acquire security equipment.

Brief Description of Project Approved for Collection at a \$4.50 PFC Level: Reconstruct runway 4R/22L.

Decision Date: May 27, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jason Watt, Detroit Airports District Office, (734) 229-2906.

Public Agency: Metropolitan Airports Commission, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Application Number: 08-10-C-00-MSP.

Application Type: Impose and use a PFC.

PFC Level: \$4.50.

Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision: \$128,448,231.

Earliest Charge Effective Date: February 1, 2019.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: August 1, 2020.

Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's: All air taxi/commercial operators filing FAA Form 1800-31.

Determination: Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the proposed class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use at a \$3.00 PFC Level: Airside bituminous rehabilitation. Taxiway P reconstruction. Runway 12L/30R overlay. Miscellaneous airfield

construction. Material storage building door replacement.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use at a \$4.50 PFC Level: Taxiway C-D complex. Pavement rehabilitation—runway 12L/30R segment 2. Lindbergh terminal in-line bag screening handling. Lindbergh terminal jet bridge/luggage handling system.

Brief Description of Project Partially Approved for Collection and Use at a \$3.00 PFC Level: Pavement rehabilitation 2007 and 2010.

Determination: The fuel hydrant system is not PFC eligible because it does not meet the requirements of § 158.15(b)(6). The approved PFC amount was reduced from that requested by the cost of this ineligible element.

Brief Description of Project Partially Approved for Collection and Use at a \$4.50 PFC Level: Concourse G site preparation.

Determination: The approved PFC amount was reduced from that requested due to updated cost estimates which show that the cost will be less than originally estimated.

Brief Description of Withdrawn Projects: North side storm sewer.

Date of Withdrawal: May 5, 2008.

Runway 12L snow melting pad expansion.

Date of Withdrawal: March 4, 2008.

Decision Date: May 28, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Nistler, Minneapolis Airports District Office, (612) 713-4353.

Public Agency: City of Albany, Georgia.

Application Number: 08-04-C-00-ABY.

Application Type: Impose and use a PFC.

PFC Level: \$4.50.

Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision: \$341,518.

Earliest Charge Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: August 1, 2010.

Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's: Air taxi/commercial operators filing FAA Form 1800-31.

Determination: Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the proposed class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Southwest Georgia Regional Airport.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use: Acquire aircraft rescue and firefighting suits. Construct cargo apron—phase II. Groove runway 16/34. Install runway distance-to-go

signs. Install runway visual guidance signs. Acquire equipment (precision approach path indicators and runway end identifier lights). Construct cargo

apron—phase III. Rehabilitate taxiway (design). Reconstruct taxiway D. Improve access road. Replace security gates.

Decision Date: May 29, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Aimee McCormick, Atlanta Airports
District Office, (404) 305-7143.

AMENDMENT TO PFC APPROVALS

Amendment no. city, state	Amendment approved date	Original ap- proved net PFC revenue	Amended ap- proved net PFC revenue	Original esti- mated charge exp. date	Amended esti- mated charge exp. date
05-05-C-01-LAX Los Angeles, CA	04/25/08	\$267,249,968	\$697,249,968	10/01/09	04/01/11
98-04-C-03-CLM Port Angeles, WA	05/02/08	100,428	85,444	12/01/99	08/01/99
00-05-C-02-LSE LaCrosse, WI	05/06/08	689,028	673,014	08/01/02	10/01/01
99-03-C-02-TYR Tyler, TX	05/08/08	1,123,700	1,113,032	08/01/08	08/01/08
98-02-C-02-ACT Waco, TX	05/08/08	2,081,400	1,857,193	12/01/08	01/01/08
02-09-C-05-MCO Orlando, FL	05/09/08	163,040,998	165,358,198	10/01/12	10/01/12
06-01-C-01-ITO Hilo, HI	05/14/08	781,000	467,293	07/01/11	10/01/08
06-02-C-01-HNL Honolulu, HI	05/14/08	78,050,000	46,699,392	07/01/11	10/01/08
06-02-C-01-OGG Kahului, HI	05/14/08	15,000,000	9,573,226	07/01/11	10/01/08
06-02-C-01-KOA Kona, HI	05/14/08	6,281,000	3,758,090	07/01/11	10/01/08
06-02-C-01-LIH Lihue, HI	05/14/08	3,346,000	2,002,001	07/01/11	10/01/08
06-10-C-02-PHL Philadelphia, PA	05/14/08	198,950,000	238,950,000	09/01/17	04/01/18
05-01-C-02-PIE St. Petersburg, FL	05/15/08	3,357,639	4,051,039	02/01/09	02/01/09
98-04-C-02-MSP Minneapolis, MN	05/20/08	55,471,897	47,800,645	05/01/01	04/01/01
00-05-C-03-MSP Minneapolis, MN	05/20/08	122,873,838	112,533,104	07/01/03	02/01/03
97-02-C-04-DSM Des Moines, IA	05/23/08	9,874,583	9,694,565	05/01/02	05/01/02

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-25756]

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Standards; Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.'s Exemption Application

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety
Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final disposition;
granting of application for exemption.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to grant Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.'s (Volvo) application for an exemption for three of its drivers to enable them to test-drive commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in the United States without a commercial driver's license (CDL) issued by one of the States. Volvo had requested that the exemption cover three Swedish engineers and technicians who will test drive CMVs for Volvo within the U.S. They stated the exemption is needed to support a Volvo field test to meet future air quality standards and to test-drive Volvo prototype vehicles to verify results in "real world" environments. Each of these drivers holds a valid CDL issued in Sweden but lacks the U.S.

residency necessary to obtain a CDL issued by one of the States in the U.S. FMCSA believes the knowledge and skills testing and training program that drivers must undergo to obtain a Swedish CDL ensures that these drivers will achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety achieved without the exemption.

DATES: This decision is effective June 18, 2008. The exemption expires on June 18, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Clemente, Driver and Carrier Operations Division, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, MC-PSD, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4325. E-mail: MCPSD@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), FMCSA may grant an exemption from the CDL requirements in 49 CFR 383.23 for a 2-year period if it finds "such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption" (49 CFR 381.305(a)). FMCSA has evaluated Volvo's application on its merits and decided to grant the exemption for three of Volvo's engineers and technicians for a 2-year period.

Volvo Application for an Exemption

Volvo applied for an exemption from the 49 CFR 383.23 requirement that the operator of a CMV obtain a CDL. This section of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) sets forth the standards that States must employ in issuing CDLs to drivers operating in commerce. In the U.S., an individual must be a resident of a State in order to qualify for a CDL¹. The Volvo drivers-employees for whom this exemption is sought are all citizens and residents of Sweden; therefore, they cannot apply for a CDL in any State of the United States. A copy of the request for exemption from section 383.23 is in the docket identified at the beginning of this notice.

Swedish Drivers

This exemption enables the following drivers to test-drive in the U.S. Volvo CMVs that are assembled, sold or primarily used in the U.S.: Andreas Hamsten, Carl-Gustaf Theen and Therese Johansson.

Collectively, these drivers form a team of engineers and technicians. Volvo currently employs these drivers in Sweden, and wants them to be able to test-drive Volvo prototype vehicles at its test site and in the vicinity of Phoenix, Arizona, to verify vehicle results in "real world" environments. These drivers would test-drive Volvo CMVs that are assembled, sold or primarily used in the U.S. They are highly trained,

¹ Although 49 CFR 383.23 indicates that these drivers could obtain a Nonresident CDL, few States are currently issuing Nonresident CDLs.