

**BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, DC**

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Joint Application of )  
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 **ALASKA AIRLINES, INC.,** )  
 **HORIZON AIR INDUSTRIES, INC. and** )  
 **SKYWEST AIRLINES, INC.** ) Docket DOT-OST-2021-\_\_\_\_\_  
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 for blanket statements of authorization )  
 pursuant to 14 C.F.R. Part 212 )  
 (Codeshare with Iberia) )  
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**JOINT APPLICATION OF ALASKA AIRLINES, INC.,  
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FOR BLANKET STATEMENTS OF AUTHORIZATION**

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**NOTE: The Joint Applicants request expedited approval and will poll the carriers on the attached service list and report the polling results to the Department.**

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Pursuant to 14 C.F.R. Part 212, Alaska Airlines, Inc. (“Alaska”), Horizon Air Industries, Inc. (“Horizon”), and SkyWest Airlines, Inc. (“SkyWest”) (together, the “Joint Applicants”) hereby apply for blanket statements of authorization to display the IB\* designator code of Iberia Líneas Aéreas de España Sociedad Anónima Operadora (“Iberia”) on flights operated by the Joint Applicants: (i) between points in the United States; and (ii) between points in the United States and points in third countries for the purpose of transporting Iberia’s Spain-U.S./beyond passengers.<sup>1</sup> The Joint Applicants plan to begin marketing these codeshare services as soon as they have obtained all necessary governmental approvals and respectfully request that

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the Department’s Notice in the Matter of Blanket Codeshare Service to Open Skies Partners and Points, Feb. 9, 2009, the Joint Applicants request blanket statements of authorization and provide blanket notification of their intent to display Iberia designator code on their flights between points in the U.S. and between points in the U.S. and points beyond the U.S. in countries with which the U.S. has entered into an open skies agreement. The Joint Applicants will notify the Department no later than 30 days before commencing additional codeshare services between points in the U.S. and points in non-open skies countries, including between points in the U.S. and Mexico.

the Department promptly approve this application so that marketing and selling of the proposed codeshare services can begin without delay.<sup>2</sup> Counsel for the Joint Applicants will poll the carriers on the attached service list and advise the Department of the results. The Joint Applicants request that blanket statements of authorization be granted for an indefinite period, consistent with DOT precedent.

In support of their application, the Joint Applicants state as follows:

1. Alaska is incorporated under the laws of the State of Alaska; Horizon is incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington. Alaska's principal headquarters are located at 19300 International Boulevard, Seattle, Washington; Horizon's principal headquarters are located at 19521 International Boulevard, Seattle, Washington. Both Alaska and Horizon are wholly owned subsidiaries of Alaska Air Group, Inc., which is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. SkyWest is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Utah with its principal place of business located at 444 South River Road, St. George, Utah.

2. Each of the Joint Applicants is a "citizen of the United States" within the meaning of 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(15). The Department has repeatedly found the Joint Applicants fit, willing and able to provide interstate and foreign air transportation. Each holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to engage in scheduled interstate and foreign air

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<sup>2</sup> To the extent necessary, the Joint Applicants request a waiver of the 45-day advance filing requirement contained in 14 C.F.R. § 212.10(d)(2).

transportation of persons, property, and mail.<sup>3</sup> The Joint Applicants and Iberia hold the underlying authority necessary to operate the proposed codeshare services.<sup>4</sup>

3. The Joint Applicants request blanket statements of authorization to display the IB\* designator code of Iberia on flights operated by the Joint Applicants (i) between points in the United States; and (ii) between points in the United States and points in third countries, for the purpose of transporting Iberia's Spain-U.S./beyond passengers. The Joint Applicants' flights will initially connect Iberia's flights serving the United States with other points in the United States and points in Mexico and Costa Rica, as set forth in an Exhibit hereto, but may later add other points on Alaska's domestic and international route network.

4. The codeshare services contemplated herein are fully consistent with the U.S.-EU "open skies" air transport agreement, which provides for U.S. and EU air carriers to enter into cooperative marketing arrangements, including U.S.-EU and third-country codesharing arrangements.<sup>5</sup>

5. Grant of the Joint Applicants' application is in the public interest because it will benefit consumers by providing additional travel options between the EU, the U.S. and third

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<sup>3</sup> See In the Matter of Reissuance of Interstate Scheduled Passenger Certificates, Order 98-7-6, July 8, 1998 (Docket DOT-OST-98-4024); Order Issuing Certificates (U.S.-Mexico), Order 2020-10-11, Oct. 21, 2020 (Docket DOT-OST-2016-0149); In the Matter of Blanket Open-Skies Route Authority, Order 2007-7-3, May 7, 2007 (Docket DOT-OST-2007-27790); Application of Horizon Air Industries, Inc. for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (interstate), Order 84-7-79, July 26, 1984 (Docket 42041); Order Issuing Certificates (U.S.-Mexico), Order 2020-10-11, Oct. 21, 2020 (Docket DOT-OST-2016-0150); Application of SkyWest Airlines, Inc. for Reissuance of Certificates, Order 85-11-49, Nov. 19, 1985 (Docket 43456); Joint Application of SkyWest Airlines, Inc., ExpressJet Airlines, Inc. and Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc. for Approval of a De Facto Transfer of Route Authority Under 49 U.S.C. § 41105, Order 2011-12-11, Oct. 18, 2011 (Dockets DOT-OST-2005-22152 and DOT-OST-2010-0225); In the Matter of Blanket Open-Skies Route Authority for SkyWest Airlines, Inc. Under a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Order 2008-4-26, Feb. 14, 2008 (Docket DOT-OST-2007-0084); Order Issuing Certificates (U.S.-Mexico), Order 2020-10-11, Oct. 21, 2020 (Docket DOT-OST-2016-0156).

<sup>4</sup> See Order 2011-4-6, April 6, 2011 (Docket DOT-OST-2010-0283); DOT authorities cited in footnote 3.

<sup>5</sup> Air Transport Agreement between the United States of America and the European Community and its Member States, signed April 25 and 30, 2007, as amended by the Protocol dated June 24, 2010.

countries. The codeshare services proposed in this application will also enhance the Joint Applicants' and Iberia's ability to compete in these markets.

6. The Joint Applicants accept the conditions normally applicable to the codeshare authority requested herein. In addition, the Joint Applicants will comply with the requirements of 14 C.F.R. Part 257 regarding the codeshare services described herein. The codesharing arrangements contemplated by this application are fully consistent, and will not interfere, with Alaska's commitment to the Civil Reserve Air Fleet.

WHEREFORE, Alaska, Horizon and SkyWest respectfully request that the Department promptly grant them blanket statements of authorization to engage in codeshare operations with Iberia as more fully described herein, and such other and further relief as the Department deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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**EXHIBIT**

<b>Initial Codeshare Routes</b>			
ANC-LAX	LIH-LAX	SNA-LAX	LAS-SFO
AUS-LAX	LIR-LAX	STS-LAX	LAX-SFO
BOI-LAX	LTO-LAX	TPA-LAX	LTO-SFO
BOS-LAX	MFR-LAX	ZIH-LAX	MCO-SFO
BZN-LAX	MSO-LAX	ZLO-LAX	MSO-SFO
CUN-LAX	MZT-LAX	ANC-SFO	MZT-SFO
DAL-LAX	OGG-LAX	AUS-SFO	OGG-SFO
DCA-LAX	ORD-LAX	BOI-SFO	ORD-SFO
EUG-LAX	PAE-LAX	BOS-SFO	PAE-SFO
EWR-LAX	PDX-LAX	BZN-SFO	PDX-SFO
FAT-LAX	PVR-LAX	CUN-SFO	PVR-SFO
FCA-LAX	RDM-LAX	DAL-SFO	RDM-SFO
FLL-LAX	RNO-LAX	DCA-SFO	RNO-SFO
GDL-LAX	RSW-LAX	EWR-SFO	SEA-SFO
GEG-LAX	SEA-LAX	FLL-SFO	SJD-SFO
HNL-LAX	SFO-LAX	GEG-SFO	SLC-SFO
IAD-LAX	SJC-LAX	HNL-SFO	SNA-SFO
JFK-LAX	SJD-LAX	IAD-SFO	TPA-SFO
KOA-LAX	SJO-LAX	JAC-SFO	ZIH-SFO
LAS-LAX	SLC-LAX	JFK-SFO	

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Joint Application of Alaska Airlines, Inc., Horizon Air Industries, Inc., and SkyWest Airlines, Inc. by electronic mail upon the following:

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