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NOTE: AIR CENTURY WILL BE POLLING THE US CARRIER REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SERVICE LIST REGARDING THIS APPLICATION, AND WILL PROVIDE THE RESULTS OF THAT POLLING TO THE DEPARTMENT WHEN COMPLETE.

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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109 and Subpart C of the Department's Rules of Practice (14 C.F.R. § 302.301, <u>et seq.</u>), Air Century, S.A. ("Air Century") hereby applies for an amendment of its current exemption authority to include scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between a point or points in the Dominican Republic and New York, New York. Air Century will poll the U.S. air carrier representatives on the attached service list and report the results of the polling to the Department as soon as completed.

In support of this Application, Air Century submits the following information:

1. Air Century is a carrier of the Dominican Republic. It currently holds exemption authority from the Department to engage in (1) scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between a point or points in the Dominican Republic, on the one hand, and San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Miami, Florida, on the other hand; (2) charter foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between any point or points in the Dominican Republic and any point or points in the United States, and between any point or points in the United States and any point or points in a third country or countries, provided that such traffic is carried via the Dominican Republic and makes a stopover in the Dominican Republic for at least two consecutive nights; and (3) other charters pursuant to 14 CFR Part 212. <u>See</u> Notice of Action Taken, dated October 23, 2017 (Docket DOT-OST-2007-0019), *timely renewal filed October 19, 2018 and pending under the APA*.¹

2. Air Century plans to commence scheduled service five times per week between Santo Domingo (SDQ) and Santiago (STI), on the one hand, and New York, New York, on the other hand, on or around December 3, 2021. The flights will be operated by Avion Express Malta Ltd. using Airbus 321XLR aircraft with 200 passenger seats.²

3. Air Century requires the amendment of its current exemption authority for scheduled service to add New York for these planned flights.

4. Air Century's request to amend its authority to add New York is consistent with the Air Transport Agreement between the United States and the

¹ The exemption authority does not have aircraft size limitations. Air Century also holds a Foreign Air Carrier Permit from the Department to engage in the charter air transportation described above. <u>See</u> DOT Order 2008-4-15.

² Avion Express Malta Ltd. will apply for an amendment of its current statement of authorization (long-term wet lease) to wet lease A321 aircraft to Air Century for scheduled service between the Dominican Republic and Miami, Florida. <u>See</u> Statements of Authorization, #2021-1465 and #2021-895.

Dominican Republic, dated July 22, 1986, <u>see</u> Annex I, Section 1(B), and the overall state of relations between the two countries.

5. Air Century's request to provide scheduled service between its homeland of the Dominican Republic and New York is also in the public interest as it will offer travelers additional service options for traveling between the two countries.

WHEREFORE, Air Century, S.A. respectfully requests that the Department amend its exemption authority to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between the Dominican Republic and New York, New York, as described herein, and grant such further and additional relief as the public interest may require.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Application of Air Century, S.A.

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