

BEFORE THE
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U.S.-ROMANIA THIRD-COUNTRY :
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Awarding limited U.S.-Romania code-share authority available April 1, 1999, to the airlines offering the maximum number of U.S. gateways, as proposed in this proceeding, would perpetuate the dominance of the largest airlines and the largest alliances and inhibit the immediate entry of a new competitor between the U.S. and Eastern Europe. Since U.S.-Romania code-sharing is new, the Department has an extraordinary opportunity to authorize Continental and Air France to start service at the same time as other, larger alliances which have already blanketed Eastern Europe with code-share service. Thus, Continental¹ objects to the Department's tentative decision awarding Delta, Northwest and United the three U.S. carrier

¹ Common names of carriers are used.

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designations now available April 1, 1999. Continental urges the Department to reverse its tentative decision and award Continental U.S.-Romania code-share authority effective April 1, 1999, for the reasons set forth in its application, consolidated answer and consolidated reply.

For the foregoing reasons, Continental objects to the Department's tentative decision in this proceeding and urges the Department to designate Continental for one of the three U.S.-Romania third-country code-share opportunities available on April 1, 1999.

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