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APPLICATION OF OZARK AIR LINES FOR AN EXEMPTION

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OZARK AIR LINES, respectfully requests an exemption from the requirements of subparts K and S of Part 93 of the Federal Air Regulations so that it may initiate service between Columbia, MO and Chicago O'Hare.

Ozark Air Lines is a new entrant full service jet carrier which received its Part 121 operating certificate February 11, 2000. It presently operates 2 Dornier 328 regional jet aircraft (1) from its base in Columbia, Missouri to Chicago Midway and Dallas / Ft. Worth and presently has options for 3 additional aircraft. These are 32 seat aircraft meeting Stage 3 requirements.

In accordance with amended Chapter 417, Ozark Air Lines is requesting 10 slots to be used from Chicago O'Hare to Columbia, Missouri and from Chicago O'Hare to Joplin, Missouri, airports meeting the definition of a nonhub airport (2). Ozark is requesting four morning slots, two noon slots and four afternoon slots.

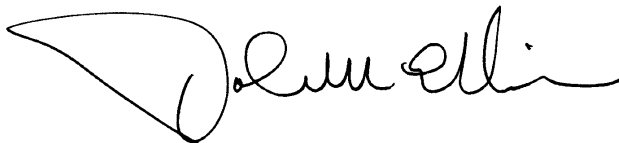
Under new Section 417817(b), Ozark Air Lines conforms to the new requirements of providing nonstop transportation, using an aircraft with a certificated maximum passenger seating capacity of less than 71, between Chicago O'Hare International Airport and Columbia, Missouri, and between Chicago O'Hare and Joplin, Missouri, airports meeting the definition of a nonhub airport.

(1)(2) 49 U.S.C. Amended Section 41714(i)

Ozark Air Lines received its Part 121 operating certificate February 11, 2000 which satisfies the requirements of new Section 41717(b)(1,2) of non-operation to O'Hare during the week of November 1, 1999 and qualifies for slot exemptions as a new entrant air carrier under New Section 41717(c).

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, Ozark Air Lines respectfully requests that the Department grant it an exemption from Subparts K and S of Part 93 of the Federal Aviation Regulations for 10 slots at Chicago O'Hare Airport.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Ellis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Ozark Air Lines, Inc.

John M. Ellis, President

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