

**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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Contingent Application of)
)
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for exemption pursuant to 49 U.S.C.)
§ 40109 (Chicago-Buenos Aires))
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Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("Delta") hereby files this Contingent Motion to Consolidate the pending requests of Delta, Continental Airlines, Inc. ("Continental") and United Air Lines, Inc. ("United") for U.S.-Argentina authority.

Delta and Continental have both submitted certificate applications for U.S.-Argentina certificate authority, and United has requested to transfer a portion of its U.S.-Argentina frequencies for use on the Chicago-Buenos Aires route. In the event the Department determines that there are allocable frequencies available for U.S. carrier services to Argentina, Delta moves the Department to consolidate the above-captioned applications and to establish a carrier selection proceeding to determine the award of U.S.-Argentina frequencies. The requests of Delta, Continental and United are mutually exclusive and must receive contemporaneous consideration under the Ashbacker doctrine.

WHEREFORE, subject to the contingency that the Department determines there is an available allocation of U.S.-Argentina frequencies, Delta moves the Department to consolidate the captioned applications and establish a carrier selection proceeding.

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