This letter is submitted on behalf of Boston-Maine Airways Corporation ("BMAC") for the purpose of transmitting a copy of BMAC's Supplement No. 14, filed today in the referenced proceeding, directly to you and Ms. Wilkins of your staff for your convenience.

The sole purpose of the enclosed Supplement No. 14 is to furnish certain additional fitness information to the Department in connection with BMAC's pending application in the referenced proceeding and in support of BMAC's previously-filed requests for an expedited decision in this proceeding, and BMAC's concurrently-pending application in Docket OST-03-14985 for issuance of a Certificate authorizing BMAC to provide foreign scheduled air transportation utilizing large aircraft.

The fitness evidence contained in the enclosed Supplement No. 14 consists of two documents, as follows:

(1) copies of the amended Section D085 of BMAC's Part 121 Operations Specifications issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (the "FAA") reflecting the FAA's approval of a fourth Boeing 727-200 aircraft as an addition to BMAC's approved aircraft fleet, and...
(2) a copy of BMAC’s investment account statement, dated April 1, 2005, (redacted to obscure BMAC’s specific account numbers), so as to provide third-party verification of BMAC’s currently available working capital.

The foregoing evidence constitutes BMAC’s submission of updated fitness information, covering all of the fitness evidence requirements specified in Section 204.3 of the Department’s Economic Regulations, for the purpose of updating the record relating to BMAC’s fitness to operate large aircraft in connection with BMAC’s pending certificate and exemption applications, referred to in the following paragraph of this letter. The bulk of BMAC’s updated fitness evidence was contained in BMAC’s prior Supplement No. 13, filed in this proceeding on April 5, 2005.

Finally, as you are aware, BMAC has filed several increasingly urgent requests for an expedited decision by the Department in this proceeding, and in BMAC’s concurrently-pending request for foreign certificate authority in Docket OST-03-14985, as well as BMAC’s application in Docket OST-04-19919, filed on December 15, 2004, for exemption authority to serve St. Kitts during the 2004/2005 Winter peak season (which is now over). BMAC’s two certificate applications have now been awaiting a final decision for over two years. BMAir’s routine St. Kitts exemption application has been pending for over four months, and BMAC’s extremely urgent application for an Emergency Exemption to authorize BMAC to operate a 4th B-727 aircraft, approved by the FAA, has now been awaiting action by the Department for over a month.

BMAC submits that those prolonged delays of action on BMAC’s appropriate and well-documented applications for wholly routine authority have become intolerable and unconscionable. Those delays have inflicted extremely severe and unjust economic harm on BMAC, and they have unjustly prevented BMAC from achieving critically-needed improved economic efficiency, and enhanced marketplace competitiveness, in its operations and have prevented BMAC from bringing substantial service improvements to the traveling public.

BMAC respectfully and earnestly urges you, as Chief of the Department’s Fitness Division, to do everything in your power to bring the long-delayed decision on BMAC’s fitness to a just and immediate conclusion, so as to permit the long-overdue grant of BMAC’s pending requests for expanded large-aircraft authority. Grant of that expanded authority is essential to enable BMAC to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of its operations, and, quite possibly, to BMAC’s very survival as an air carrier.

A copy of this letter is being filed in Dockets OST-00-7668 and OST-03-14985, and is being served upon all present interested parties to those two proceedings.
Mr. William Bertram  
May 2, 2005  
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Enclosure

c: Dockets OST-00-7668 and OST-03-14985  
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