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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §40109 and Subpart C of the Department's Rules of Practice, LIAT (1974) Limited (LIAT) hereby applies for renewal of its exemption from 49 U.S.C. §41301, which authorizes LIAT to engage in (1) scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail (a) between the coterminal points Antigua and Barbuda, Montserrat, and St. Kitts and Nevis; via the intermediate points Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands, and St. Maarten; and the coterminal points St. Croix, St. Thomas, and San Juan, Puerto Rico; and beyond to Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic; (b) between the coterminal points Antigua and Barbuda, and St. Kitts and Nevis, via the intermediate points St. Maarten and St. Lucia; and the terminal point Miami, Florida; (c) between San Juan, Puerto Rico and St. Vincent, and beyond to Port-of-Spain, Trinidad; (d) between San Juan, Puerto Rico and Dominica; and (e) between San Juan, Puerto Rico and St. Vincent, and beyond to Bridgetown, Barbados; and (2)

charter foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail pursuant to 14 C.F.R. Part 212 of the Department's regulations.

The Department granted LIAT's current authority pursuant to a Notice of Action Taken dated August 15, 2019. LIAT requests that the Department renew this authority, which is scheduled to expire August 15, 2020, for a period of at least two years.

LIAT invokes the automatic extension provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §558(c), as implemented by 14 C.F.R. Part 377, to maintain its current exemption authority in effect pending a final Department determination on this renewal application.

In April 2020, LIAT suspended its commercial passenger services due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. During this suspension, LIAT has been working with all interested parties to reestablish commercial air service as soon as possible to the Caribbean points that had been served by LIAT. While LIAT's board and shareholders have considered, and continue to explore, various proposals toward that objective, the pandemic has created unprecedented challenges. As a result, some of the proposals about how to move forward include the possible liquidation of the airline.

LIAT is therefore submitting this Application for Renewal in order to preserve its exemption from 49 U.S.C. §41301 until LIAT's future status can be clarified. LIAT will either update or withdraw this Application for Renewal as soon as more information becomes available.

LIAT further states that approval of this application is in the public interest. The United States continues to maintain positive aviation relations with the Organization of

Eastern Caribbean States and with the governments of the eleven Caribbean states that hold ownership interests in LIAT.

The services that LIAT has historically provided have satisfied a continuing need for commercial air service to the points on LIAT's Caribbean network.. In the event LIAT resumes its operations, renewal of LIAT's authority would allow LIAT to operate from Miami, San Juan, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to many Caribbean countries that would otherwise receive more limited commercial air transportation service. LIAT's services have supported tourism and other business activities and economic opportunities between the U.S. and the Caribbean region.

LIAT's renewal Application is limited in scope and non- controversial. The authority sought by this Application for Renewal is unchanged from that which the Department has previously approved.

LIAT (1974) Limited accordingly requests renewal of its authority to engage in scheduled and charter foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail, as set forth above, and such other relief as may be in the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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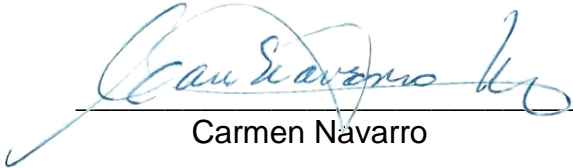
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing application of LIAT (1974) Limited was served upon all parties named on the following Service List via e-mail this 14th day of August 2020. No indication was received that any electronic transmission had failed.


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