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Pursuant to Subpart C of the Department's Rules of Practice and 49 U.S.C. § 40109, Air Pacific Limited d/b/a Fiji Airways ("Fiji Airways") hereby applies for a renewal of its exemption authority to engage in codesharing operations with Alaska Airlines, Inc. ("Alaska"), Horizon Air Industries, Inc. ("Horizon"), and SkyWest Airlines, Inc. ("SkyWest") (collectively, the "Alaska Carriers"). In support of this application, Fiji Airways states as follows:

1. Fiji Airways and the Alaska Carriers have been codesharing more than a decade.<sup>1</sup> By Notice of Action Taken in the above-referenced docket and Docket OST-2009-0087, the Department granted (i) amended exemption authority to Fiji Airways to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail on flights operated by the Alaska Carriers between (1) San Francisco and Everett/Paine Field, Washington; and (2) Honolulu, on the one hand, and Anchorage, Alaska; Portland, Oregon; San Diego, California; San Jose, California; and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Department Action on Application in Docket DOT-OST-2009-0087 (Apr. 23, 2009).

Seattle, Washington, on the other hand, and (ii) an amended statement of authorization to the Alaska Carriers in order for them to display the FJ\* designator code on the previously-mentioned routes. Pursuant to this amended exemption authority and the Alaska Carriers' amended statement of authorization, Fiji Airways is authorized to display its code on Alaska Carrier flights to a number of named points behind/beyond Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Honolulu.<sup>2</sup>

- 2. While Fiji Airways has generally suspended scheduled service to the U.S. during the COVID-19 crisis, the underlying codesharing agreement and statement of authorization remain in place. In addition, Fiji Airways continues to hold all necessary authorizations from its homeland authorities for these operations.
- 3. The Department has previously found grant of this authority to be consistent with the Air Transport Agreement between the United States and Fiji, as amended, and with the overall state of aviation relations between the United States and Fiji. These services have also provided a valuable transportation option between Fiji and the U.S. and renewal of this authority is therefore in the public interest.
- 4. Fiji Airways requests that its exemption authority be granted for a period of not less than one year.
- 5. Pursuant to Section 377.10(a) of the Department's Regulations, Fiji Airways states its intention to rely upon 5 U.S.C. § 558(c), as implemented by Part 377, to continue in effect its current authority for the service specified in this application, pending final Department action on this application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Notices of Action Taken, May 30, 2019 and June 20, 2018 (Dockets DOT-OST-2009-0087 and DOT-OST-2018-0005). <u>See</u> Appendix A hereto incorporating all of these points.

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6. Fiji Airways will accept all terms, limitations, and conditions that the Department normally attaches to exemption authority for foreign air transportation, and Fiji Airways will comply with the provisions of the Transportation Code as well as the rules, regulations, and requirements issued thereunder.

WHEREFORE, Air Pacific Limited d/b/a/ Fiji Airways respectfully requests that the Department grant the renewed exemption authority requested herein and such other relief as the Department may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Honolulu (HNL)	Anchorage (ANC)
Honolulu (HNL)	Portland (PDX)
Honolulu (HNL)	San Diego (SAN)
Honolulu (HNL)	San Jose (SJC)
Honolulu (HNL)	Seattle (SEA)
Los Angeles (LAX)	Vancouver (YVR)
San Francisco (SFO)	Portland (PDX)
San Francisco (SFO)	Seattle (SEA)
San Francisco (SFO)	Albuquerque (ABQ)
San Francisco (SFO)	Austin (AUS)
San Francisco (SFO)	Boston (BOS)
San Francisco (SFO)	Everett/Paine Field (PAE)
San Francisco (SFO)	Honolulu (HNL)
San Francisco (SFO)	Indianapolis (IND)
San Francisco (SFO)	Kahului (OGG)
San Francisco (SFO)	Kansas City (MCI)
San Francisco (SFO)	Kona (KOA)
San Francisco (SFO)	Las Vegas (LAS)
San Francisco (SFO)	Nashville (BNA)
San Francisco (SFO)	New Orleans/L. Armstrong Intl (MSY)
San Francisco (SFO)	Orlando (MCO)
San Francisco (SFO)	Palm Springs (PSP)
San Francisco (SFO)	Puerto Vallarta (PVR)
San Francisco (SFO)	Raleigh/Durham (RDU)
San Francisco (SFO)	Salt Lake City (SLC)
San Francisco (SFO)	San Diego (SAN)
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