

**BEFORE THE
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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(New York-Guayaquil))	
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FOR AN ALLOCATION OF FREQUENCIES**

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NOTICE: JetBlue requests expedited treatment of this application. JetBlue will poll U.S. carrier representatives and inform the Department of the results.

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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109 and Subpart C of the Department’s Rules of Practice, JetBlue Airways Corporation (JetBlue) respectfully requests an allocation of seven weekly United States-Ecuador combination frequencies in order to operate an additional daily roundtrip flight between New York John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) and Guayaquil’s José Joaquín de Olmedo International Airport (GYE) during the peak December/January holiday travel period. JetBlue plans to operate a second daily JFK-GYE-JFK service between December 18, 2020 and January 4, 2021. Upon the conclusion of this seasonal increase in service, JetBlue will return the additional weekly frequencies to the Department.¹ Finally, JetBlue is polling on this application and requests that the Department act promptly on its application.

In support of this application, JetBlue states as follows:

1. JetBlue is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Delaware with its principal place of business at 27-01 Queens Plaza North, Long Island City, NY 11101.

¹ Notice of Action Taken, Hawaiian Airlines, Inc., October 19, 2015, Docket DOT-OST-2015-0198.

2. JetBlue is a citizen of the United States as that term is defined in 49 U.S.C § 40102(a)(15). JetBlue's President and Chief Executive Officer and at least two-thirds of the members of its board of directors and managing officers are citizens of the United States, and at least 75 percent of JetBlue's voting stock is owned by citizens of the United States.

3. JetBlue holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Interstate Air Transportation and various exemption and certificate authorities authorizing it to engage in foreign air transportation, including to Ecuador.² JetBlue is fit, willing and able to provide the services proposed herein and respectfully requests the Department take official notice of all information contained in these dockets and orders pursuant to Rule 24. JetBlue already holds the necessary underlying economic authority to serve the New York-Guayaquil market and only requires an allocation of additional frequencies in order to provide the increased seasonal service.³

4. JetBlue plans to operate a second daily JFK-GYE-JFK flight between December 18, 2020 and January 4, 2021. JetBlue will operate these flights using Stage 3-compliant 200-seat Airbus A321neo aircraft. JetBlue currently operates daily year-round JFK-GYE-JFK service.

5. The authority JetBlue seeks is fully consistent with the Air Transport Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador, signed at Washington, September 26, 1986. Annex I to the Air Transport Agreement was recently extended until June 30, 2021. JetBlue understands that ample combination frequencies

² See DOT Order 2000-2-7, February 4, 2000 and DOT Order 2007-7-3, May 7, 2007. See also Notice of Action Taken, Docket DOT-OST-2010-0228, September 28, 2010 (granting exemption authority to serve Turks & Caicos), Notice of Action Taken, Docket DOT-OST-2015-0019, February 11, 2015 (granting exemption authority to serve Grenada), Notice of Action Taken, Docket DOT-OST-2016-0154, August 10, 2016 (granting exemption authority to serve Mexico), Notice of Action Taken, Docket DOT-OST-2015-0103, June 16, 2015 (granting exemption authority to serve Quito, Ecuador), and Notice of Action Taken, Docket DOT-OST-2018-0153, October 10, 2018 (granting exemption authority to serve Guayaquil, Ecuador).

³ Notice of Action Taken, JetBlue Airways Corporation, May 1, 2019, Docket DOT-OST-2019-0061.

remain available for allocation to U.S carriers. The Department has also previously issued frequencies for carriers to operate additional seasonal United States-Ecuador flights.⁴

6. Issuance of this authority is consistent with the public interest and will allow JetBlue to provide the traveling public in both the United States and Ecuador with its award-winning, low-fare service.

7. This application will have no effect on JetBlue's Civil Reserve Air Fleet commitments and approval of this application will not result in the near-term consumption of ten (10) million or more gallons of fuel.

WHEREFORE, JetBlue respectfully requests an allocation of seven weekly combination frequencies.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Land". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Land" clearly distinguishable.

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⁴ Notice of Action Taken, JetBlue Airways Corporation, November 21, 2018, Docket DOT-OST-2018-0191.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail this 3rd day of September, 2020 on the following:

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