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AIR ARUBA, N.V.

for an exemption pursuant to
49 U.S.C. § 40109 (Aruba-Tampa)

Docket OST-95-110-8

ANSWER OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY
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By application dated February 23, 1996, Air Aruba, N.V. ("Air Aruba") seeks to renew its exemption to serve the Tampa Bay area and to coterminalyze its Tampa Bay services with Baltimore and Miami services. The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, operator of Tampa International Airport, Tampa, Florida, answers in strong support of Air Aruba's application.

As the Department is aware, international air service at a U.S. community greatly benefits travellers and has a tremendous positive impact on economic activity. Accordingly, the Tampa Bay community has been actively pursuing air service expansion in international markets. Last year, Air Aruba responded positively to Tampa Bay community overtures and now provides Tampa-Netherlands Antilles service five days per week.

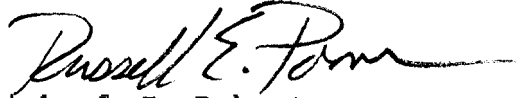
In the instant application, Air Aruba seeks to renew its existing exemption and coterminalization authority. Because Air Aruba's service benefits the public and presents no counter-

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veiling bilateral considerations, the Department should grant the request without delay.

WHEREFORE, the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority urges the Department to grant the referenced Air Aruba exemption renewal application.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I have, this 8th day of March 1996,
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