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Joint Application of)
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 AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.)
 and)
 BRITISH AIRWAYS, PLC)
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 under 49 U.S.C. Sections 41308 and)
 41309 for approval of and antitrust)
 immunity for alliance agreement)

Docket OST-97-2058 - 332

**PETITION OF DELTA AIR LINES, INC.
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

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Order 98-7-23 directed “all parties that are interested in participating or intervening in this proceeding to file such a petition or request with the Department as soon as possible.” Delta Air Lines, Inc. (“Delta”) hereby petitions for leave to intervene in the captioned proceeding, pursuant to Order 98-7-23 and Rule 15 (14 C.F.R. Section 302.15).

In support of this Petition, Delta states as follows:

1. Delta is a certificated air carrier which currently operates scheduled service throughout the United States, and between the United States and numerous foreign countries, including the United Kingdom.
2. This proceeding raises important issues related to competition between the United States and London. Delta has a strong interest in expanding

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service between the United States and London, including to London Heathrow Airport. The Department's determination on the Joint Application could have a significant impact on Delta.

3. Delta has a direct and substantial financial interest in the outcome of this proceeding. Delta's interests will not be adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding and Delta's participation is necessary in order to protect those interests.

4. Delta's intervention will facilitate the development of a sound and complete record, be conducive to the ends of justice, and will not unduly delay the proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Delta respectfully requests that it be granted leave to
intervene in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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