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Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 29706.

Petitioner: American Airlines, Inc.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121 Appendix I section V paragraph (a)(1).

Description of Relief Sought: To allow employees performing safety sensitive functions for Reno Airlines, Inc., to perform similar functions for American Airlines without being subject to a pre-employment drug test.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Nashville International Airport, Nashville, TN

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Nashville International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

DATES: Comments Must Be Received on or Before September 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Memphis Airports District Office, 3385 Airways Blvd., Suite 302, Memphis, TN 38116-3841,

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to General William G. Moore, President of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority at the following address: One Terminal Drive, Suite 501, Nashville, TN 37214-4114.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia K. Wills, Program Manager, Memphis Airports District Office, 3385 Airways Blvd., Suite 302, Memphis, TN 38116-3841, (901) 544-3495 Ext. 16. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Nashville International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On August 18, 1999, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by Metropolitan Nashville Airport Association was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than November 30, 1999.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

PFC Application No.: 99-06-C-00-BNA

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: August 1, 2001.

Proposed charge expiration date: October 30, 2001.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$2,660,000.

Brief description of proposed project(s):

Surface Movement Guidance and Control Systems (SMCGS)
Airport Operations Center Relocation
Airfield Lighting Control Panel
Runway Deicer Truck

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: Air Taxi

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice

and other documents germane to the application in person at the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority.

Issued in Memphis, Tennessee, on August 18, 1999.

LaVerne F. Reid,

Manager, Memphis Airports District Office, Southern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Tri-Cities Regional Airport, Blountville, TN

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Tri-Cities Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Memphis Airport District Office, 3385 Airways Blvd, Suite 302, Memphis, Tennessee 38116-3841.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to John E. Hanlin, Executive Director of the Tri-Cities Airport Commission at the following address: P.O. Box 1055, Blountville, Tennessee 37617.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Tri-Cities Airport Commission under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cager Swauncy, Jr., Program Manager, Memphis, Tennessee 38116-3841, Telephone (901) 544-3495. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose

and use the revenue from a PFC at Tri-Cities Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On August 19, 1999, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by Tri-Cities Airport Commission was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than December 3, 1999.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

PFC Application No: 99-02-C-00-TRI.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: November 1, 2005.

Proposed charge expiration date: August 1, 2013.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$5,829,873.

Brief description of proposed project(s): Extend Runway 5 Safety Area and Terminal Concourse Expansion.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: None.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Tri-Cities Airport Commission.

Issued in Memphis, Tennessee on August 19, 1999.

LaVerne F. Reid,

Manager, Memphis Airports District Office, Southern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Assistance Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Other Minority Institutions of Higher Education (MIHE)

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of restricted eligibility for a competitive assistance program.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is considering the establishment of a competitive

assistance program which will be limited to HBCUs and MIHE. Under the assistance program envisioned, these schools and universities would be competing amongst themselves for grants and cooperative agreements that are relevant to one or more of the FHWA's five strategic goals. This notice seeks Expressions of Interest from HBCUs and other MIHE that would like to participate in such a program.

DATES: Expressions of Interest must be received on or before November 10, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Your Expressions of Interest may be mailed or hand-carried to the Federal Highway Administration, Office of Acquisition Management, 400 7th Street, SW., Room 4410, Washington, DC 20590-0001, Mail Stop HAAM-20, or submitted electronically to: Debbie.Ridgely@fhwa.dot.gov in WordPerfect 6.1 or higher.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debbie Ridgely, Office of Acquisition Management, HAAM-10, (202)-366-4233, or Mr. Wilbert Baccus, Office of the Chief Counsel, HCC-32, (202) 366-1396, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 am to 4:15 pm, e.t., Monday through Friday except Federal Holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Internet users may access the FHWA Strategic Plan by going to: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov> (select Major Program Areas, then FHWA Strategic Plan). Users may also review major program areas of the FHWA from this home page.

Internet users may also access the pertinent Executive Orders for HBCUs and MIHE at www.whitehouse.gov (select Virtual Library, then Executive Orders).

Background

The National Task Force on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other Minority Institutions of Higher Education (MIHE) was formed to make recommendations to the Administrator which would facilitate, enhance and

increase the participation of these schools in all phases of the FHWA Federal and Federal-aid programs with a special emphasis on research and technology programs. The Task Force made numerous recommendations to the Acting Federal Highway Administrator in December 1997. As a result of those recommendations, the Office of Acquisition Management has proposed the establishment of the assistance program as a viable method of matching the capabilities of the HBCUs and MIHE, with the needs of the FHWA. The purpose of this program is to foster the HBCUs/MIHE* research and development activities which contribute substantially to the FHWA's mission and to prepare the faculty and students at HBCUs/MIHE to successfully participate in the competitive research arena.

*A HBCUs is defined in 34 CFR 608.2 as an accredited college or university, established prior to 1964, whose principle mission was and is, the education of African-Americans.

An Indian Serving Institution, which includes Tribal Colleges, as well as, Bureau of Indian Affairs affiliated institutions must have a student body of at least 51% American Indian to acquire and maintain Tribal College status.

A Hispanic Serving Institution, as defined by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), must have at least a 25% Hispanic student body. This entitles the school to a full membership in HACU. The HACU accepts associate memberships from institutions with a smaller percentage, of not less than 10% Hispanic students.

Under the program envisioned by the FHWA, all assistance program awards would be required to be relevant to one or more of the FHWA's five strategic goals of mobility, safety, productivity, human and natural environment, and national security. The *mobility* goal concerns the continual improvement of the public's access to activities, goods, and services through the preservation, improvement, and expansion of the highway transportation system and enhancement of its operations, efficiency, and intermodal connections. The *safety* goal concerns continual improvement of highway safety by reducing the number of fatalities and injuries. The *productivity* goal concerns the continual improvement of the economic efficiency of the Nation's transportation system to enhance America's position in the global economy. The *human and natural environment* goal concerns the protection and enhancement of the natural environment and communities affected by highway transportation. The