The Commission orders:
(a) The Postal Service shall file the record in this appeal by November 14, 1996.
(b) The Secretary of the Postal Rate Commission shall publish this Notice and Order and Procedural Schedule in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.
Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.

Appendix
Templeville, Maryland 21670; Docket No. A97±3
October 30, 1996—Filing of Appeal Letter
November 1, 1996 Commission Notice and Order of Filing of Appeal
November 25, 1996—Last day of filing of petitions to intervene [see 39 C.F.R. 3001.111(b)]
December 4, 1996—Petitioners' Participant Statement or Initial Brief [see 39 C.F.R. 3001.115(a) and (b)]
December 24, 1996—Postal Service's Answering Brief [see 39 C.F.R. 3001.115(c)]
January 8, 1997—Petitioners' Reply Brief should Petitioner choose to file one [see 39 C.F.R. 3001.115(d)]
January 15, 1997—Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument. The Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings [see 39 C.F.R. 3001.116]
February 27, 1997—Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [see 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)]

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Office of the Secretary
Expanded Cargo Transfer Flexibility at Alaska International Airports
AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.
ACTION: Final Order, Docket OST±96±1600, Order 96±11±2.

SUMMARY: The Department is finalizing its Show Cause Order 96±9±19, concerning an application filed by the State of Alaska, the Anchorage International Airport, and the Fairbanks International Airport. The Department is granting (except as noted below) all foreign air carriers which hold currently effective Department authority to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of cargo (whether under authorizations permitting combination or all-cargo services), exemption authority under 49 U.S.C. 41301 to engage in the following cargo transfer activities at Anchorage and Fairbanks International Airports: (1) To transfer cargo from any of their aircraft to any of their other aircraft, provided that both aircraft are operating to/from a point in the carrier's homeland; (2) to make changes, at points in Alaska, in the type or number of aircraft used to transport cargo, provided that in the outbound direction the transportation beyond Alaska is a continuation of the transportation from the carrier's homeland to Alaska, and in the inbound direction, the transportation to the carrier's homeland is a continuation of the transportation from behind Alaska; (3) to commingle cargo moving in foreign air transportation with cargo traffic not moving in foreign air transportation; (4) to discharge cargo in Alaska for transfer to a U.S. carrier for onward carriage to a final destination in the United States or in a third country, and to uplift from Alaska cargo transferred from a U.S. carrier which was transported by that carrier to Alaska from a point of origin elsewhere in the United States or in a third country; and (5) to discharge cargo in Alaska for transfer to another foreign carrier for onward carriage to a final destination in a third country, and to uplift from Alaska cargo transferred from another foreign carrier which was transported by that carrier to Alaska from a point of origin in a third country. Grant of this authority also applies to any foreign air carriers which receive Department authority to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of cargo (whether under authorizations permitting combination or all-cargo services) during the period this exemption is in effect. However, this authority does not apply to foreign air carriers of Japan and the United Kingdom, since the United States is actively engaged in critical, comprehensive efforts aimed at forging new, more competitive bilateral aviation agreements with both of these important trading partners. The authority is effective for one year from the issue date of the Department's order.

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Dated: November 1, 1996.
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