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Ms Sue McIntosh
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International Air Services Commission
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Via Fax: (02) 6267 1111

Dear Ms McIntosh *Sue*

Application for Variation – Various Routes

Pacific Blue Airlines Australia (Pacific Blue) is seeking a variation of its capacity allocations on a number of routes in the South West Pacific to enable Virgin Blue International Airlines Pty Ltd trading as V Australia (V Australia) to code share on Pacific Blue's services between points in Australia and Rarotonga, Honiara, Nuku'alofa, Port Moresby and Port Vila.

Variations sought

Although Virgin Australia's services on each of these routes are currently operated by Pacific Blue, we are attending to the relevant regulatory arrangements which will see all our domestic and international services operated by Virgin Australia by the end of 2011. In the interim, Pacific Blue requests variations to the following Determinations allocating capacity on the specified routes to permit such capacity to be used to offer joint services with V Australia:

Route	Determinations
Cook Islands	[2008] IASC 115, [2008] IASC 128, [2009] IASC 129, [2010] IASC 102
Solomon Islands	[2007] IASC 120, [2009] IASC 110
Tonga	[2008] IASC 116, [2009] IASC 130
Papua New Guinea	[2008] IASC 114
Vanuatu	[2007] IASC 117, [2008] IASC 111

We have recently sought to have V Australia designated under the air services arrangements with the Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu. It is our intention to implement these code share arrangements following the designation of V Australia and consideration and approval of this application.

IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations

We request that the Commission consider this application against the general criteria for assessing the benefit to the public in Paragraph 4 of the Minister's Policy Statement.

The Paragraph 4 criteria provide that the use of entitlements by an Australian carrier under a bilateral air services agreement is of benefit to the public, provided that the carrier is reasonably capable of obtaining the necessary approvals and implementing the proposal.



Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Lee-Anne Tomkins on (02) 8093 7114.

Yours sincerely

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