



11 May 2009

Mr Dilip Mathews
Executive Director
International Air Services Commission
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Dear Mr Mathews *Dilip*

Application for Capacity Allocation – Thailand

Pacific Blue Airlines (Aust) proposes to operate seven weekly services between points in Australia and Thailand. We propose to progressively introduce these services and fully utilise the capacity by 1 April 2010. Pacific Blue will operate these services to Phuket utilising 180 seat B737-800 aircraft.

Allocation Sought

Pacific Blue requests an allocation of an additional of seven frequencies each way each week on the Thailand route on the following basis:

- The capacity will be utilised by Pacific Blue Airlines (Aust)
- The allocation is requested for a period of five years from the date of the Determination of the Commission.
- The capacity will be fully utilised from 1 April 2010.

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 provides 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.

We would be pleased to provide any further information the Commission may require in support of this application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Wheelens".

Tony Wheelens
Manager Government Relations
Virgin Blue Group