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Ms. Gina Marie Lindsey, Executive Director Los Angeles World Airports 1 World Way P.O. Box 92216 Los Angeles, CA 90009-2216

Dear Ms. Lindsey:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) approves Los Angeles World Airports' (LAWA) application for a variance to Section 5012 of the Noise Standards (California Code of Regulations, Title 21, Section 5000 et. seq.) for the Van Nuys Airport (Airport).

This variance shall be effective July 4, 2008. If you believe there is a significant error in this variance decision, you may file a request for reconsideration with us at any time prior to its effective date.

The Department based its decision on information gathered from LAWA's application; responses to a departmental notice sent to persons owning residential property, or residing, within the Airport's noise impact area; implementation of the Airport's Aircraft Noise Mitigation Program (ANMP); departmental records relative to prior variances issued for this Airport; and the Airport's quarterly aircraft noise reports submitted as required in the Noise Standards.

The Department determines that it is in the public interest to grant Van Nuys Airport a variance from Section 5012 of the Noise Standards subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The variance shall be for a period of three years commencing on its effective date.
- 2. LAWA shall continue to prepare and forward reports of noise monitoring on a quarterly basis as required in Sections 5025 and 5030 through 5034 of the Noise Standards. Such reports shall also include a summary of actions taken by LAWA to comply with the specific requirements imposed by conditions of this variance.
- 3. LAWA shall continue to implement its ANMP. LAWA shall, from time to time, update the entire ANMP to ensure that it reasonably represents the mitigation and funding programs that are in place, being implemented, or proposed for future implementation. The ANMP shall be designed to ultimately fund the mitigation of all incompatible land uses within the noise impact boundary as defined in the Noise Standards.

- 4. LAWA shall prepare an annual update of the numbers and tabular information within the ANMP that shows the total annual funding available and total number of incompatible land uses mitigated to date. It shall also include the anticipated progress for the upcoming year and the anticipated completion date of the project. LAWA shall include this updated information with its second calendar quarter "quarterly report" information that it submits pursuant to the reporting requirements within the Noise Standards.
- 5. Upon request, LAWA shall make the reports described in Conditions 2, 3, and 4 available to the public at a charge no greater than the cost of reproduction.
- 6. LAWA shall continue its programs to monitor noise events and to catalog and respond to noise complaints by area residents.
- 7. LAWA shall continue its programs to inform Airport tenants about its noise abatement and mitigation policies and to seek their cooperation in these efforts.
- 8. Upon application for a subsequent variance, LAWA shall submit as part of its application, a summary of its efforts during the variance period to comply with the foregoing conditions.

This variance excuses the Van Nuys Airport from meeting the requirement that there be no "noise impact area" based upon the standard identified in Section 5012 of the Noise Standards for the term of this variance. However, in the event that LAWA violates any of the aforementioned terms, conditions, or requirements of this order, such conduct shall constitute a cause for the termination or further conditioning of this variance. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Sections 21669.2(a) and 21669.4(b) and Section 5022 of the Noise Standards, it is the function of the county wherein the airport is located to enforce the Noise Standards.

Sincerely,

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