

*National Commission to Ensure  
Consumer Information and Choice  
In the Airline Industry*

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**WITNESSES ANNOUNCED FOR  
CHICAGO COMMISSION HEARING**

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 20, 2002 – Airlines, travel agents, Consumers Union, computer reservations and internet-based companies will make presentations at the second hearing of the National Commission to Ensure Consumer Information and Choice in the Airline Industry on June 26<sup>th</sup> in Chicago, according to David Winstead, Commission chairman.

The nine-person Commission was established by Congress to investigate the financial condition of travel agents. In addition, the Commission is charged with determining whether there are impediments to the distribution of schedule and fare information to the traveling public, and if so the effects on travel agents, on-line agencies and consumers. An initial hearing was held in Washington, D.C., June 12<sup>th</sup>, and a third is scheduled for San Francisco, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Witnesses are:

- Gary A. Doernhaefer, vice president and general counsel, Orbitz
- Gregory Taylor, senior vice president-planning, United Airlines
- Scott Yohe, senior vice president-government affairs, Delta Air Lines
- William J. McGee, editor, Consumer Reports Travel Letter
- Beau Brindler, director, Consumers Web Watch
- Paul Blackney, president and CEO, WorldSpan

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- Devin Hansen, Sunflower Travel Corp., Wichita, KS

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- Cynthia Tyo, Travel Travel, Fargo-Moorhead, ND
- James M. O'Malley, Diplomat Travel Agency, Chicago, Ill
- John A. Craig, Pathfinder Travel & Cruises, Olathe, KS
- Stephanie Turner, Brentwood Travel Service, St. Louis, MO

The June 26 hearing will begin at 10 am in the Watertown Room of the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel, 151 East Wacker Drive in Chicago.

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