



**IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

Case No: 1174/4/1/11

B E T W E E N

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC

Applicant

-v-

OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING

Respondent

ORDER

UPON reading the notice of application lodged by the Applicant under rules 8 and 25 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2003 (S.I. No. 1372 of 2003) (“the Tribunal Rules”) on 7 January 2011 (“the Application”)

AND UPON each of Ryanair Holdings plc (“Ryanair”), the Office of Fair Trading (“OFT”) and Aer Lingus Group plc (“Aer Lingus”) agreeing to the terms of this Order

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Aer Lingus be granted permission to intervene.
2. That part of the Application challenging the OFT’s decision of 4 January 2011 that it would take a decision by 17 January 2011 on whether or not to refer to the Competition Commission the acquisition by Ryanair of a minority stake in Aer Lingus, referred to in the Application as the “Unstopping the Clock Decision” and withdrawn by the OFT on 7 January 2011, be stayed until further order.
3. In relation to the proceedings before the Tribunal:
 - a. The OFT file and serve its defence by 5pm on 28 January 2011;
 - b. Aer Lingus file and serve its statement of intervention by 5pm on 11 February 2011;

- c. Ryanair file and serve its skeleton argument by 5pm on 21 February 2011;
 - d. The OFT file and serve its skeleton argument by 5pm on 28 February 2011;
 - e. Aer Lingus file and serve its skeleton argument by 5pm on 4 March 2011;
 - f. The parties prepare an agreed bundle of documents and joint bundle of authorities with key sections flagged for reference;
 - g. The parties file six copies of the agreed bundles by 5pm on 7 March 2011; and
 - h. A hearing be listed for 10 March 2011 for one day, with a day in reserve.
4. There be liberty to apply.

The Honourable Mr Justice Barling
President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 14 January 2011
Drawn: 14 January 2011