EXHIBIT 1B

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD WASHINGTON D.C.

Docket No.: SA-517

DESIGNATION OF HEARING OFFICER

Pursuant to the authority conferred by the National Transportation Safety Board, Ronald L. Schleede, Office of Aviation Safety, Washington, D.C., is hereby designated Hearing Officer to conduct a public hearing on behalf of the National Transportation Safety Board, to be held in the above matter. The said Hearing Officer is authorized to set the time and place of the hearing, to give notice thereof, and to exercise such other powers in connection with the conduct of said proceedings as authorized by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Dated this ______ day of ______ 1998. 7 FOR THE BOARD

Chairman