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

In the Matter of the Investigation of	*	
Southwest Airlines Co., Flight 1248,	*	**DOCKET NO.: SA-527**
Boeing 737-7H4, N471WN,	*	
Chicago, Illinois, December 8, 2005	*	

DESIGNATION OF HEARING OFFICER

Pursuant to the authority conferred by the National Transportation Safety Board, Robert Benzon, 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 25th day of April 2006.

FOR THE BOARD

Mark V. Rosenker
Acting Chairman