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SOUTHWEST / AIR TRAN UPDATE

On Tuesday, May 10, 2011 the IAM met with the Board members Mr. Harry Hoglander, Chairman; Linda Puchala, Member and Elizabeth Dougherty, Member of the National Mediation Board regarding the Board's role in the merger. The Board members advised they had met earlier in the day with management from Southwest. The members explained it is this Board's policy to meet with all parties involved to assure they are clearly aware of the Board's role in the merger. The Board offered to facilitate wherever requested in this process going forward.

Later in the day District Lodge 141 PDGC Rich Delaney and I met with Southwest Airlines to discuss representational issues going forward for the newly organized AirTran employees.

Over the past several months we have had limited tentative discussions with the company regarding the transition to one operation. With the recent legal closing of this transaction meetings to discuss the plenary of transition issues will begin in earnest. As these discussions take place you will be kept fully apprised.

Fraternally yours,

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