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The Company and the Union met on Thursday, January 19, 2012. Present for the Company were Johann Vivier, Human Resources Director; Tom Sleeman, U.S. Cabin Crew Manger and Roger Briton, Attorney for Jackson Lewis. Present for the Union were Flight Attendants Noel Johnson, Cathy Carey and General Chairperson Mike Manzo.

We had last met in November 2011 so we spent most of the morning catching up on where we had left off during our last session.

We did discuss the ongoing search for a new hotel for future crew accommodations. The Company and the Negotiating Committee representatives had hoped to find new, suitable accommodations that were cost neutral. The new hotel suggested by the employee "hotel committee" that was closest in cost comparison did not include transportation costs. The Company stated that the increase in cost associated with the transportation might have to be passed on to the employees. The way in which they intended on doing this was by possibly lowering the figures contained within the Company compensation proposal. Needless to say, this was not well received by the committee and we were not in agreement with this suggestion.

We also discussed the possibility of coming to a tentative agreement while the discussions were still ongoing over the rostering language. The rostering agreement discussion would continue and when that was finalized, it would be added to the agreement as an addendum or Letter of Understanding.

We spent the remainder of the day discussing and agreeing to language on the other open items. The two remaining items are the wage compensation package and the rostering proposal.

We did not meet on Friday, January 20. The Union committee will present the Company with a revised wage proposal at our next scheduled meeting on February 3, 2012 and we will do our best to come to an agreement on a fair and equitable compensation package.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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