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TO: ALAEA MEMBERS – SKYWEST AIRLINES

RE: INDUSTRIAL ISSUES UPDATE

EBA progress

The ALAEA JCC negotiating team held further EBA discussions with Skywest management in Perth on 10th June 2009.

Skywest indicated they are prepared to consider a 15% pay increase over a 3 year EBA period but that it would be contingent on a number of company set objectives being met.

Your negotiating team sought clarification from the company about the level of pay increase and conditions improvements it would agree to that do not involve any changes to current work practices.

The company indicated it would respond and also table the list and provide full details of the productivity/efficiency changes it sought to introduce at the next EBA meeting. However preliminary discussion shows the agenda will include the introduction of a "Bar Code" labour tracking system for each aircraft, suitable rosters and working hours.

A report back meeting for members was held on 11th June and members have resolved that future EBA negotiations are to be conducted by the ALAEA Executive.

Towing of aircraft

On a separate matter, there has been consultation with the company regarding aircraft towing arrangements to apply at Skywest. At present there is verbal agreement (to be confirmed in writing) that:

- All engineering related towing to be carried out by Engineering
- All commercial related towing to be carried out with a suitably trained tug driver and an additional person in charge – in the flight deck this will be a LAME or Technical Flight Crew or a suitable Cert 4 trained AME.

AME recruitment

The company has agreed to contact AMEs previously made redundant to provide them the opportunity for employment with Skywest to facilitate extra hangar maintenance and other work.


Vinko Vulin
Federal Executive Councillor

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