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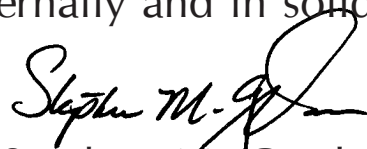
RSSA Lockout Case Arbitration Update

This week, the Union, again, requested that the System Board of Adjustment issue a final remedy in the ramp arbitration case. As you know, last year, in August 2008, the Board determined that Alaska Airlines had breached its agreement with the IAM when it outsourced the ramp work in May 2005.

Since the Board's August 2008 decision, the Union has been pressing for a full "make-whole" remedy. The Company has been vigorously resisting the issuance of any award. This week, the Union reiterated its request for full "make-whole" relief, but also asked that the Board issue an "interim award" until the Board has disposed of the Company's new arguments. The Board will hear arguments about the Union's request on December 4, 2009, in Sacramento.

We know that this case continues to be important to you and we will keep you informed regarding the progress of this case.

Fraternally and in solidarity,



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