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## THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL FLIGHT ATTENDANTS' STATEMENT JOINING WITH DEBTORS AND CREDITORS' COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN

TO THE HONORABLE SEAN H. LANE, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

The Association of Professional Flight Attendants ("APFA"), in response to the Court's order allowing for submissions regarding the limited issue of whether confirmation should be delayed because of the antitrust action filed by U.S. Department of Justice, hereby files this (i) statement in support of immediate entry of the confirmation order with respect to the Debtors' Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan (Docket No. 9749) (the "Plan"), notwithstanding that litigation; and (ii) joinder to the filings and in support of the same of the Debtors' and Creditors' Committee, (Docket Nos. 9924 and 9926).

- 1. The APFA respectfully submits that immediate confirmation of the Plan is appropriate; the government antitrust action, irrespective of its merits, provides neither a legal nor equitable basis for delay.
- 2. The resolution of that litigation is immaterial to the legal issue before the Court -- whether the Plan satisfies the requirements for confirmation set forth in section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code. As articulated by Creditors' Committee counsel during the hearing on August 15, 2013, the Merger Agreement, Disclosure Statement, and Plan, all contemplate that the resolution of regulatory matters may occur after confirmation of the Plan. Accordingly, the disposition of such matters is a condition, not to confirmation, but to the consummation of the merger.
- 3. Moreover, equity supports immediate confirmation rather than delay. On the one hand, delay would unnecessarily compound the uncertainty-related stress that is inevitable in a bankruptcy of this magnitude and has been inflicted here on many of the stakeholders, particularly the employees. Confirmation would provide welcome clarity. On the other hand, delay would not further, and confirmation would not prejudice, any legitimate interest of a stakeholder in the bankruptcy.
- 4. These reasons in support of prompt confirmation notwithstanding the ongoing antitrust litigation, as well as many others, are set forth fully in and well supported by the filings of the Debtors and Creditors' Committee on this issue, (Docket Nos. 9924 and 9926). Accordingly, rather than burden the Court with redundant briefing, the APFA fully joins in support of those submissions.

## Respectfully Submitted,

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