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9 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

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11 US Airways, Inc., a Delaware  
Corporation,

Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 Don ADDINGTON, an individual; John  
14 BOSTIC, an individual; Mark BURMAN,  
an individual; Afshin IRANPOUR, an  
15 individual; Roger VELEZ, an individual;  
and Steve WARGOCKI, an individual, on  
16 behalf of themselves and all other similarly-  
situated individuals

17 and

18 US AIRLINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION, an  
19 Unincorporated association,

20 Defendants.  
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Case No. 2:10-cv-01570-PHX-ROS

**DEFENDANT USAPA'S  
RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO  
PLAINTIFF U.S. AIRWAYS'  
MOTION FOR  
CLASS CERTIFICATION**

1) Summary.

Even if this Court were inclined to certify *some* class, the *proposed* class and representatives are not, under Rule 23, certifiable. There are two outstanding issues with both the Company and the Addington defendants' class certification motions<sup>1</sup>: first, the class as it is proposed is over-inclusive because it contains both junior as well as senior West pilots, yet both groups have naturally conflicting interests, and second, the nominated representatives consist of only, and can only fairly represent, junior West pilots, so are under-inclusive.

Hence, this latest class motion should be denied. As this Court has already observed, at best, what is appropriate are *sub-classes*. (Doc. No. 8, p. 2, fn. 2). This stems from the unavoidable fact of differences in the relative seniority of the proposed class. Because this Court is not asked – nor does it have jurisdiction – to re-try the *Addington* litigation (now a legal nullity), this matter is not simply about the Nicolau award. The ultimate issue now is declaring the *Company's* liability under the RLA in the context of ongoing bargaining over a seniority integration term following a corporate merger. Therefore, a class that might have been appropriate during the earlier *Addington* DFR litigation before Judge Wake (noting USAPA opposed this) is not *automatically* appropriate here (noting that neither the Company's nor the Addington defendants' class

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<sup>1</sup> Unlike the Addington defendants, the Company has also moved to certify a defendant class of West pilots under Rule 23(b)(2) in addition to Rule 23(b)(1)(A). However, there is a notable abundance of case law ignored by the Company that holds that defendant classes may not be certified under Rule 23(b)(2). *See Leer v. Washington Education Ass'n*, 172 F.R.D. 439, 452 (W.D. Wash. 1997) (collecting and analyzing cases and explaining that “the courts that have carefully analyzed the issue have concluded that defendant classes may not be certified under (b)(2)”).

1 motions have been supported by any evidence, nor has USAPA been afforded any  
2 discovery). This Court should be especially cautious to avoid being pulled into violating  
3 the law of this case, which remains set forth in *Addington v. US Airline Pilots Ass'n*, 606  
4 F.3d 1174, 1181 (9th Cir. 2010), *cert. denied*, \_\_U.S. \_\_, 131 S. Ct. 908 (2011).<sup>2</sup>

5 **2) Facts (Corrected).**

6 At the threshold, we note that the facts alleged in the Company's motion are  
7 incorrect or incomplete, but in either case appear to so materially deviate from those facts  
8 found by the Ninth Circuit as to be suspect. Therefore, USAPA rejects them and urges  
9 those facts as set forth by USAPA in Doc. No. 88, ¶¶ 5-63, and as found by the Ninth  
10 Circuit in *Addington*.<sup>3</sup>

11 **3) Defects With The Proposed Class Fail To Meet The Commonality And**  
12 **Typicality Elements Of Rule 23(a)(2) and (b)(3).**

13 Two defects undermine the commonality and typicality elements: first, the proposed  
14 class is indisputably composed of all the senior as well as all the junior West pilots, hence  
15 it is over-inclusive for a case that has as its underlying rationale the resolution of seniority  
16 rights; second, there is no injury common to the entire proposed class, hence, in *Duke*  
17 terms, there can be no common "answer":

18 First, the proposed class is over inclusive because it has both junior and senior  
19 pilots. A Rule 23 class must be restricted to individuals who raise the same claims as the

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20 <sup>2</sup> Pursuant to L.R. Civ. P. 7(d)(2), this brief incorporates by reference the following: Doc.  
21 Nos. 88, 92, 92.1, 92.2, and 104.

22 <sup>3</sup> In the past USAPA has had to correct the Company's continued misrepresentation of  
facts in briefing to stay this litigation, pending the Supreme Court's certiorari review of  
*Addington*. See Doc. Nos. 18 & 32.

1 representatives; if not then the class is over-inclusive, or too broad, and cannot be certified.  
2 *See e.g., TV v. Smith-Green*, 267 F.R.D. 234 (N.D. Ind. 2010); *Cunningham Charter v.*  
3 *Learjet*, 258 F.R.D. 320 (S.D. Ill. 2009); *O’Neill v. Home Depot*, 243 F.R.D. 469 (S.D.  
4 Fla. 2006). Yet here it is undisputed that all West pilots, from the most junior to the most  
5 senior, are contained in the proposed class. Yet the Company’s motion asserts that the  
6 “core” of its case is “the seniority-integration dispute.” (Doc. No. 106, p. 11: 27). Indeed,  
7 the issue of seniority integration transcends any one proposal that USAPA could possible  
8 make, be it Nicolau or any other. Hence, this case is not about, and never was, *merely* the  
9 Nicolau proposal. It bears repeating, after years of litigation and multiple suits, there is no  
10 binding precedent finding that USAPA has a *duty* to implement the ALPA-generated  
11 Nicolau proposal. To the contrary, binding precedent in this Circuit has held that “USAPA  
12 is at least as *free to abandon* the Nicolau Award as was its predecessor ALPA.” 606 F.3d  
13 at 1181, n.3 [emphasis added]. Moreover, any contention that the 2005 Transition  
14 Agreement somehow *contractually obligates* the parties to use of the Nicolau proposal  
15 divests this Court of subject matter jurisdiction as a matter of law. The Transition  
16 Agreement is a *collectively bargained* for agreement under the Railway Labor Act (RLA),  
17 and therefore any argument related to its interpretation or application is within the  
18 exclusive jurisdiction of an RLA-mandated System Board of Adjustment. (*See* Doc. No.  
19 49 at 15-16).

20 Yet the Company ignores all of this. In so doing, it also ignores this Court’s ruling  
21 dismissing the Addington cross-claim. (Doc. No. 85). Instead, the Company suggests that  
22 common questions include, “whether ... USAPA’s insistence on a non-Nicolau seniority

1 list is motivated by hostility” or whether it has a “legitimate union purpose” (Doc. No. 106,  
2 p. 11-12). In other words, the *same* questions that were presented in the now-dismissed  
3 DFR trial before Judge Wake. These assertions should be a red flag to this Court; a red  
4 flag that it is being invited to re-try the *Addington* DFR case – despite the Ninth Circuit’s  
5 ruling that the issue is unripe for adjudication. This Court cannot do so without violating  
6 the Ninth Circuit’s ruling. Thus, *these* alleged common questions are not common at all.

7 The Company also claims a common question is the, “correct legal standard for  
8 assessing US Airways’ potential liability to the West pilots.” (Doc. No. 106, p. 12:2). If  
9 so, is this not common to each and every US Airways’ pilot – both West and East? If yes,  
10 then the class is surely *under*-inclusive. The Court may find informative history is that  
11 when the *Addington* pilots first brought their DFR suit in September 2008, they  
12 concurrently filed an Arizona state lawsuit directed against a proposed defendant class of  
13 *all East pilots*. See *Addington v. Bradford*, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 111365, at \*4, 08-CV-  
14 1728-PHX-NVW (D. Ariz. Nov. 21, 2008) (“plaintiff pilots (‘West Pilots’) brought this  
15 class action in state court against a defendant class of other pilots (‘East Pilots’) alleging  
16 breach of express and implied contracts ...”). In other words, the *Addington* plaintiffs  
17 sought in concurrent actions to bind *all* pilots via class actions – both East and West. A  
18 stark difference from the two pending certification motions.

19 Second, there simply is no common injury to the proposed class. The commonality  
20 element requires more than alleging that the class has suffered a violation of a common  
21 provision of law, or shares the same claim. It requires a showing that the class has  
22 “suffered the *same injury*.” *Gen. Tel. Co. of Southwest v. Falcon*, 457 U.S. 147, 157 (1982)

1 [emphasis added]. A common contention of injury capable of classwide resolution is  
2 necessary, yet here that is a *legal impossibility*. The Ninth Circuit specifically held in  
3 *Addington* that there has been *no* “sufficiently concrete injury” to the West pilots as a  
4 group, and that there *may never be any injury*, “even if [the ultimate seniority proposal] is  
5 not the Nicolau Award.” *Addington v. US Airline Pilots Ass’n*, 606 F.3d 1174, 1181 (9th  
6 Cir. 2010), *cert. denied*, \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_, 131 S. Ct. 908 (2011). Certification under Rule 23  
7 requires more:

8       What matters to class certification is not the raising of common ‘questions’ –  
9       even in droves – but rather the capacity of a classwide proceeding to generate  
10       common *answers* apt to drive the resolution of the litigation. *Dissimilarities*  
11       *within the proposed class* are what have the potential to impede the generation  
12       of common answers.

13 *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes*, 564 U.S. \_\_\_, 131 S. Ct. 2541, 2551 (2011) [emphasis  
14 added] (*citing Nagareda*, *Class Certification in the Age of Aggregate Proof*, 84 N.Y. U.L.  
15 Rev. 97, 132 (2009)). *See also Bacon v. Honda of Am. Mfg., Inc.*, 370 F.3d 565 (6th Cir.  
16 2004) (denying certification in an employment case where class member affected  
17 differently by complained of acts therefore lacked commonality). Where there is no  
18 common injury, there can be no commonality. *See e.g., Insolia v. Philip Morris Inc.*, 186  
19 F.R.D. 535 (W.D. Wis. 1998) (no commonality over common claims that smoking is  
20 harmful where the issue was whether the class members have been harmed); *Doe v.*  
21 *Unified School Dist.*, 240 F.R.D. 673 (D. Kan. 2007) (commonality not satisfied where  
22 there was no evidence that potential class members suffered an actual or threatened injury).

Here, however, there is no injury to West pilots at all and it is at best speculative  
that there ever will be.

1 And, it is interesting that in its footnote (No. 5 in Doc. No. 106, p. 17) the Company  
2 freely admits that any seniority-related injury to the West Pilots is exactly that: “entirely  
3 speculative.” Interesting because the law of this case is crystal clear: until ratification of a  
4 new contract, no West pilot can ever possibly suffer any seniority-injury. Hence, the West  
5 pilots do not presently have any ripe claim based on any seniority proposal put forward, or  
6 not put forward by their union. In corresponding fashion, whether the *Company*  
7 hypothetically accepts one or another seniority proposal cannot inflict injury. In effect,  
8 then, the present motion asks this Court to pretend that West pilots of varying seniority,  
9 both junior and senior, who have yet to suffer any cognizable injury to their seniority – and  
10 may never – can somehow constitute a class with common seniority issues. They cannot.

11 **4) Even If The Proposed Class Could Be Certified, The Adequate Class**  
12 **Representative Element Of Rule 23(a)(4) Is Not Satisfied Because Only Junior**  
**West Pilots Are Nominated And In Fact In Control.**

13 Even if this Court finds a proposed class is certifiable, the proposed representatives  
14 are not because they are inadequate to satisfy Rule 23(a)(4). Although “a court must be  
15 wary of a defendant's efforts to defeat representation of a class [on] grounds of inadequacy  
16 when the effect may be to eliminate any class representation,” *Kline v. Wolf*, 702 F.2d 400,  
17 402-03 (2d Cir. 1983), courts should nevertheless “carefully scrutinize the adequacy of  
18 representation in all class actions.” *Eisen v. Carlisle & Jacquelin*, 391 F.2d 555, 562 (2d  
19 Cir. 1968). A court has a “continuing duty at all stages of the litigation to stringently  
20 examine the adequacy of class representatives and their counsel.” *Robin v. Doctors*  
21 *Officers Corp.*, 123 F.R.D. 579, 580 (N.D. Ill. 1994). “The adequacy inquiry under  
22 Rule 23(a)(4) seeks to uncover conflicts of interest between named parties and the class

1 they seek to represent.” *Amchem Prods., Inc. v. Windsor*, 521 U.S. 591, 625 (1997). A  
2 conflict of interest disqualifies proposed class representatives. *Epifano v. Boardroom*  
3 *Business Prods., Inc.*, 130 F.R.D. 295, 300 (S.D.N.Y. 1990) (where defendants have  
4 claims for contribution against potential class representatives, their interests might conflict  
5 with those of the class). *See also Bieneman v. City of Chicago*, 864 F.2d 463 (7th Cir.  
6 1988) (affirming denial of class certification where some class members derived benefits  
7 from challenged action while others were allegedly harmed).

8 Here, the “claims” of the proposed representatives have been dismissed. (Doc. #  
9 85). But, tellingly, before dismissal they were merely the claims of the *junior*-most West  
10 pilots, i.e. those who financially support this litigation (through Leonidas, LLC) because  
11 the Nicolau award is, in effect, a special quota that elevates them over their senior  
12 colleagues.<sup>4</sup>

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13 <sup>4</sup> Leonidas, LLC (“Leonidas”) is an Arizona Company that finances and controls the  
14 litigation decisions of the Addington pilots. The Polsinelli law firm bills Leonidas directly  
15 (Granath Decl., Ex. A); Leonidas also engages in political activities outside of any  
16 litigation. In fact, political mailings by Leonidas sent to East pilots this year were  
17 connected to three pilots, two of whom are members of Leonidas and one a former  
18 management pilot, being placed on administrative leave by the Company when it became  
19 apparent that confidential East pilot SSN numbers maintained by the Company were  
20 disclosed to Leonidas. (Granath Decl., Ex. B). Leonidas is currently funding representation  
21 of the three pilots placed on administrative leave as a result of this issue, at least in part.  
22 (Granath Decl., Ex. C). The six proposed class representatives are all members of  
Leonidas. (Granath Decl., Ex. D). Yet class reps are expected to avoid “extraneous  
influences” that can create a conflict with their fiduciary duties. *See Kamean v. Local 363,*  
*Int’l Bhd. of Teamsters*, 109 F.R.D. 391, 395 (S.D.N.Y. 1986) (denying class certification  
noting that representatives must “... not possess other, potentially conflicting interests that  
could impair the faithful performance of their duties); *United Indep. Flight Officers, Inc. v.*  
*United Air Lines, Inc.*, 572 F. Supp. 1494, 1500 (N.D. Ill. 1983), *aff’d* 756 F.2d 1274 (7th  
Cir. 1985) (representatives inadequate based, in part, on their involvement with “UIFO, a  
labor organization that is at least somewhat antagonistic to ALPA, the collective  
bargaining representative of United pilots, members of the putative class”).



1 Yes, senior West pilots are affected by whether the old ALPA-generated Nicolau  
2 proposal is dictated to USAPA as its bargaining proposal, but then so are East pilots too.  
3 Yet it is only the junior West pilot faction that materially gains – making their Nicolau-or-  
4 nothing claim merely of the *Hardcastle* type. See *Hardcastle v. W. Greyhound Lines*, 303  
5 F.2d 182, 185 (9th Cir. 1962) (“a seniority system in a collective bargaining agreement  
6 that favors one group more than another does not in itself constitute a breach of the union’s  
7 duty [of fair representation]”). See also *Ford Motor Co. v. Huffman*, 345 U.S. 330, 338  
8 (1953) (without more, merely alleging that a union’s conduct favored one group over  
9 another does not constitute a breach of the duty of fair representation); *Merritt v. IAM Dist.*  
10 *143*, 613 F.3d 609, 620-21 (6th Cir. 2010); *Ratkosky v. United Transp. Union*, 843 F.2d  
11 869, 876 (6th Cir. 1988).

12 Yet the proposed representatives are all, or predominantly, junior members of the  
13 proposed class and effectively have, to date, represented only the junior West pilots’  
14 interests. Not only can they not adequately represent senior West pilots, they *conflict* with  
15 senior interests. Just such a similar conflict as this led to a finding of inadequacy and  
16 denial of certification in the DFR class action context.

17 Contrary to plaintiffs’ assertions, we believe that differences among United  
18 pilots concerning their economic interests with regard to benefit plans  
19 represents a substantial conflict going to the subject matter of the litigation, thus  
20 rendering class certification inappropriate.

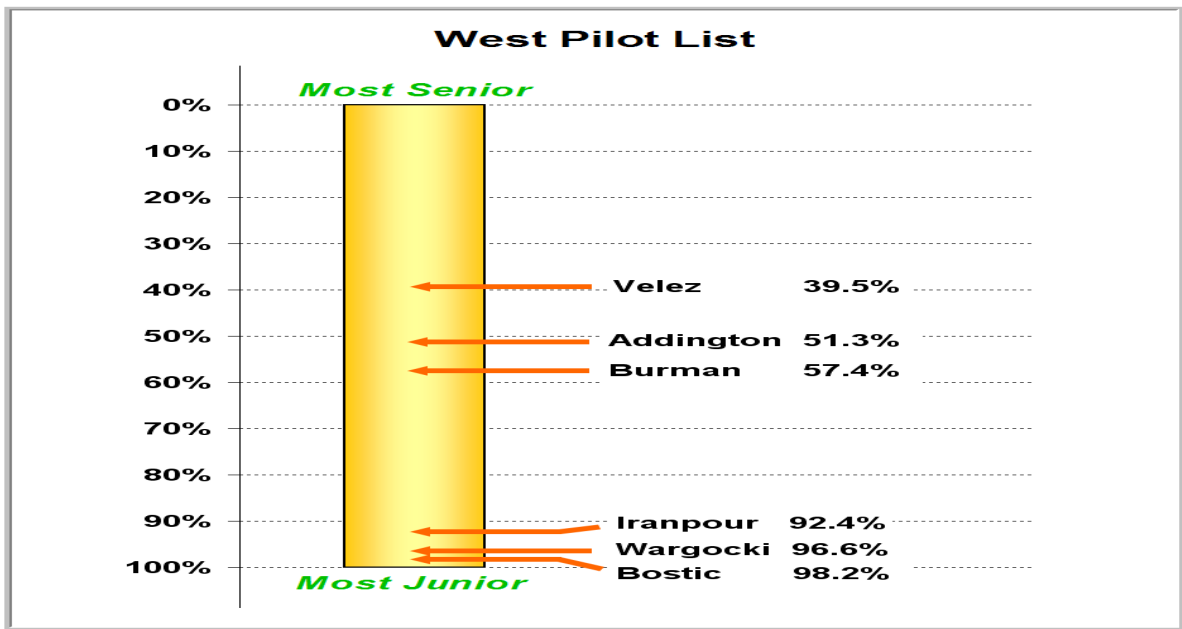
21 *United Indep. Flight Officers, Inc. v. United Air Lines, Inc.*, 572 F. Supp. 1494, 1500 (N.D.  
22 Ill. 1983), *aff’d* 756 F.2d 1274 (7th Cir. 1985) (*citing Sperry Rand Corp. v. Larson*, 554  
F.2d 868, 874 (8th Cir. 1977)). The six pilots now proposed by the Company as class  
representatives are the same representatives as last time proposed (albeit without new

1 discovery). They suffer from the same problem as they always have: they are  
2 representative only of the junior-end of the class – and they were hand picked for the  
3 purposes unique to the last lawsuit, not this one.<sup>5</sup> The named six West pilots were ‘cherry-  
4 picked’ at the outset of the earlier *Addington* litigation to address the exigency of the  
5 moment at the inception of *that* lawsuit, namely to meet the consequences of US Airways’  
6 June 12, 2008 announced pilot furloughs. Indeed, this Court recognized in its June 1 Order  
7 that the named litigants and class representatives in *Addington* were, “actually a subset of  
8 West Pilots...” (Doc. # 85 at 2, n. 2).<sup>6</sup> Hence they are not representative of any meaningful  
9 *class-wide* generality about seniority that can be posited for the West pilots as a whole  
10 class today:

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17 <sup>5</sup> In addition, it is undisputed that two are not even actively employed pilots that for  
18 unknown reasons (absent evidence or discovery) *declined recall* to work as pilots for US  
19 Airways. Yet representatives must be members of the class, not *ex-members*. *Bailey v.*  
20 *Patterson*, 369 U.S. 31 (1962); *See e.g., De Rossa v. Massachusetts Bay*, 694 F. Supp. 2d  
21 87 (D. Mass. 2010) (former employee inadequate representative in class of employees).

22 <sup>6</sup> Rule 23(c)(4) gives the court ample power to, “treat common things in common and to  
distinguish the distinguishable.” *Jenkins v. United States Gas Corp.*, 400 F.2d 28, 35 (5th  
Cir. 1968). A formal motion for sub-class is not necessary; a court may act on its own  
initiative. *Wright, Miller & Kane*, Federal Practice and Procedure: Civil 3d § 1790 (*citing*  
*Robinson v. Gillespie*, 219 F.R.D. 179 (D.C. Kan. 2003); *In re Copley Pharmaceutical,*  
*Inc.*, 158 F.R.D. 485 (D.C. Wyo. 1994)).



As the above chart demonstrates, three of the proposed representatives – Iranpour, Wargocki and Bostic – are *extremely* junior first officers in the lowest tenth percentile of seniority at 92.4, 96.6, and 98.2 percent respectively. (See Davison Decl. ¶ 6 at Doc. No. 92-1). This is because they were selected based on their then immediate vulnerability to the Company’s planned furlough of 175 West pilots back in 2008. That is a contingency that has no relevance to the instant action in 2011 nor is there any claim to the contrary. The remaining three proposed class representatives – Velez, Addington, and Burman – are also junior pilots whose seniority was 39.5, 51.3, and 57.4 percent respectively. (Doc. No. 92-1, ¶ 7). They too were selected due to their vulnerability to immediate demotion or lost promotion resulting from the furlough. The most that can be said for the proposed class representatives is that they are representative of some percentile of the most junior of all the West pilots.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> The Company attempts to argue that the Addington pilots represent a “broad spectrum of seniority” (Doc. No. 106 at 17) but have offered no evidence whatsoever to refute the

1           Moreover, the atypicality of the proposed representatives has actually *increased*  
2 since the time when they were cherry-picked back in 2008. Both Bostic and Wargocki, as  
3 the Company admits (Doc. No. 106, p. 14:2), are currently on furlough. Without any  
4 evidence to support its conclusion, the Company argues that having two of the six  
5 proposed representatives on furlough “enhances adequacy since some absent class  
6 members are also on furlough.” (Doc. No. 106 at 14). However, there has been *no*  
7 *evidence* submitted to this Court to demonstrate the *current* adequacy of these furloughed  
8 representatives. Fundamental questions such as whether they are currently involved in this  
9 litigation, or are employed, or why did they decline recall to US Airways, or whether their  
10 current employment detracts from their ability to discharge their fiduciary obligations as  
11 class representatives – all remain unanswered.<sup>8</sup> Hence, the Company merely offers self-  
12 serving speculation in support of its motion – yet another red flag. *See e.g., Ameritech v.*  
13 *CWA*, 220 F.3d 814, *cert. denied*, 531 U.S. 1127 (2000) (defendant classes warrant closer  
14 scrutiny of proposed representatives).

15           Moreover, the real-world litigation interest of these furloughed pilots sharply  
16 diverges from that of the remainder of the actively employed West pilot group. This is so

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17 statistical analysis submitted by USAPA demonstrating that the *entire* top 40% of the  
18 former America West pilot group is left completely unrepresented by the six proposed  
19 class representatives. (Doc. No. 92-1, ¶¶ 5-10).

20 <sup>8</sup> Not one declaration in the name of any of the proposed class representatives (or absent  
21 class members) has been submitted in support of either the Company or Addington  
22 defendants’ certification motions. Thus there is *no evidence* demonstrating that the  
proposed class representatives are *presently* monitoring and actively participating in the  
case at bar. Instead, the Company relies on class certification motions filed in the  
dismissed *Addington* matter or in deposition testimony taken of the proposed  
representatives in January 2009 – *almost three years ago*. (*See* Doc. No. 107). This  
constitutes an admission by omission that the movants’ burden is unmet.

1 because of the bump/displace prohibition contained in the Transition Agreement would  
2 prevent them from obtaining any immediate benefit from implementation of the Nicolau  
3 list in any case. (Trans. Agmt. § IV.A.2).

4 The senior forty percent of the West pilot group clearly has divergent interests from  
5 the proposed representatives who cannot be representative of *that* percentile. In fact, this  
6 group of West pilots actually risks being *prejudiced* by the proposed representatives'  
7 stubborn insistence upon a Nicolau-proposal-or-nothing dictate.<sup>9</sup> These senior West  
8 captains simply do not face imminent loss of employment (or even of their captaincies).  
9 Moreover, under USAPA's current seniority integration proposal, the West captains'  
10 Phoenix-based positions are in fact secured both against more senior East pilots and the  
11 more senior pilots of future merger partners. (Doc. No. ¶ 92-1). Furthermore, under  
12 USAPA's current seniority proposal, senior West captains would gain immediate access to  
13 coveted East wide-body flying, which they do not have under current separate operations  
14 and would not have if Nicolau were implemented and ratified as part of any single  
15 collective bargaining agreement. These are all examples of unique senior West pilot  
16 interests that remain wholly unrepresented by presentation of the current proposed class  
17 representatives.

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21 <sup>9</sup> The failure to date to even consider the possibility of settlement falls markedly short of  
22 satisfying their duty, as class representatives, to "use wise judgment in negotiating and  
approving a fair settlement at the right time." *Norman v. ARCS Equities Corp.*, 72 F.R.D.  
502, 506 (S.D.N.Y. 1976). *See also Kamean v. Local 363, Int'l Bhd. of Teamsters*, 109  
F.R.D. 391, 395-96 (S.D.N.Y. 1986).

1 **5) Conclusion.**

2 For the reasons set forth herein and in USAPA’s opposition to the Addington  
3 defendants’ motion for class certification (Doc. No. 92), USAPA asks this Court to deny  
4 the motion – or in the alternative, grant expedited class-discovery, noting that class-  
5 discovery, heretofore denied USAPA, would at least probe changes in status since Judge  
6 Wake’s certification order, and new matters effecting credibility. *Cohen v. Beneficial*  
7 *Indus. Loan Corp.*, 337 U.S. 541, 549 (1949) (class representative is a fiduciary, and  
8 interests of the class are “dependent upon his diligence, wisdom and integrity”); *Kaplan v.*  
9 *Pomerantz*, 132 F.R.D. 504, 510 (N.D. Ill. 1990) (“[a] plaintiff with credibility problems ...  
10 does have interests antagonistic to the class.”).

11 USAPA is not opposed to the prompt resolution of the class certification issue and,  
12 indeed, the entire action. Yet it cannot acquiesce to the Company’s request, and that of the  
13 Addington defendants, to effectively rubber stamp a class action based merely on the fact  
14 that a class was certified (over USAPA’s objection) once before, in a dismissed case, now  
15 a legal nullity. Rule 23 requires more, a “rigorous analysis” based on facts that exist in  
16 this case, at the present time.<sup>10</sup>

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18 <sup>10</sup> Before certifying a class, a trial court “must determine” by conducting a “rigorous  
19 analysis” whether the party seeking certification has met the prerequisites of Rule 23. Rule  
20 23(c)(1)(A); *Valentino v. Carter-Wallace, Inc.*, 97 F.3d 1227, 1233 (9th Cir. 1996). The  
21 party seeking class certification “bears the burden of demonstrating that he has met each of  
22 the four requirements of Rule 23(a) and at least one of the requirements of Rule 23(b).”  
*Zinser v. Accufix Research Inst., Inc.*, 253 F.3d 1180, 1186 (9th Cir. 2001), *amended*, 273  
F.3d 1266 (9th Cir. 2001). “Failure to carry the burden on any Rule 23 requirement  
precludes certifying a class action.” *Leuthold v. Destination America, Inc.*, 224 F.R.D. 462,  
469 (N.D. Cal. 2004) (*citing Burkhalter Travel Agency v. MacFarms Int’l, Inc.*, 141 F.R.D.  
144, 152 (N.D. Cal. 1991)).

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