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                FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA
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              CASE NO.: CV-13-00471-PHX-ROS
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    Don Addington; et al.,
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               Plaintiffs,
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    vs.
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    US Airline Pilots Ass'n, et al.,)
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               Defendants.
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                DEPOSITION OF PAUL J. DiORIO
                     (Taken by Plaintiffs)
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- 1 PAUL J. DiORIO,
- 2 having first been duly sworn, was examined and
- 3 testified as follows:
- 4 EXAMINATION
- 5 BY MS. AXEL:
- 6 Q. All right. Good afternoon, Mr. DiOrio. I
- 7 introduced myself earlier, but my name is Jennifer
- 8 Axel, and I represent the certified class of West
- 9 pilots in the current lawsuit against USAPA?
- 10 And as I understand it, you were the
- 11 chairman of the negotiating committee for a number of
- 12 years; is that correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And what years were you the chairman?
- 15 A. From May 2008 until July of 2012.
- 16 Q. Okay. And during that time period what was
- 17 your responsibilities as the chairman of the NAC?
- 18 A. To attempt to negotiate a single
- 19 collective bargaining agreement.
- Q. Okay. With the company?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 O. And by the company, I mean US Airways?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And were you ever able to achieve
- 25 that?

- 1 A. No.
- Q. Okay. And are you familiar with a Nicolau
- 3 award?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. And do you know when that came out?
- 6 A. 2007, May of 2007.
- 7 Q. And were you on the East merger committee
- 8 at that point?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Okay. Were you on furlough when the
- 11 Nicolau award came out?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And how long had you been on furlough?
- 14 A. Since January of 2003.
- 15 Q. How many years have you been employed by US
- 16 Airways?
- 17 A. Since July of 1989.
- 18 O. Between 1989 and January of 2003, did you
- 19 have any other furloughs?
- 20 A. Total of three.
- 21 O. Okay. For how long total?
- 22 A. First one was six months or so. Second
- 23 was about two months and then the third one was
- 24 four years, I guess.
- O. Okay. And that was the furlough that

- 1 started in January of 2003?
- 2 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. So you came back sometime in 2007?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And how did you get onto the NAC committee?
- 6 A. I was called. I think contacted by a
- 7 gentleman who was kind of in charge of putting
- 8 people on committees and asked me if I was
- 9 interested.
- 10 Q. And who was that?
- 11 A. Steve Szpyrka. I believe it was Steve
- 12 Szpyrka.
- Q. And he asked you if you wanted to be on the
- 14 NAC committee?
- 15 A. Um-hum. Yes.
- 16 Q. And you agreed?
- 17 A. I think initially I didn't. I think
- 18 initially just with the time commitment and I was
- 19 based in Boston at the time and there was a Boston
- 20 base and I knew I would never be -- I wouldn't be
- 21 home a lot and do I really want to trade this? So
- 22 initially I think I said thanks, but no thanks, and
- 23 then subsequent to that I agreed.
- Q. Okay. And were you the first chairman of
- 25 the NAC?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 O. And as I understand it, the NAC received
- 3 its directives from the BPRs; is that correct?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. Okay. And before I go on, I should say do
- 6 the members of the NAC need to be appointed by the
- 7 president?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And then confirmed by the BPR?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. So the president that appointed you was
- 12 Stephen Bradford?
- 13 A. Correct. You know, I think that's the
- 14 way it occurred on the first meeting. I can't
- 15 remember, it's been four years. I think
- 16 technically it was discussed, the board discussed
- 17 it, and I think technically he did the appointment
- 18 and it was confirmed, it was kind of a discussion.
- 19 O. Okay. Now, at the time that you became the
- 20 NAC chairman, were there any proposals pending by
- 21 either USAPA or the company?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And what was that?
- A. The company, they had the Kirby proposal
- 25 and with -- we inherited -- I shouldn't say

- 1 inherited. We looked at the ALPA proposals and we
- 2 accepted some of them and others we needed to
- 3 review and reopen.
- 4 Q. Do you specifically remember what about the
- 5 ALPA proposals that you accepted?
- 6 A. No. I know we were tasked with looking
- 7 at everything. And if we thought something had
- 8 been agreed to that we thought was inferior we
- 9 would reopen it. I think there were a lot of areas
- 10 in scheduling. Hours of service, pay. Actually,
- 11 pay, I shouldn't say pay, we were very close in
- 12 pay. Scheduling and hours of service were the
- 13 biggies. They were -- we just -- and PBS would
- 14 jump out as being the biggest part of scheduling.
- 15 O. So the scheduling and hours of service were
- 16 things that you did not agree with with the ALPA
- 17 proposals; is that correct?
- 18 A. Yes, I think -- those were the biggest, I
- 19 believe. There were other areas that were...
- 20 Q. Was seniority one of the other areas that
- 21 you did not agree with?
- 22 A. I didn't deal with seniority. That was
- 23 the merger committee. We really didn't -- we
- 24 didn't deal with seniority. Section 22 and some
- 25 other areas, like when the list would be provide --

- 1 when an updated list every year, just very minor
- 2 issues. But seniority was dealt with the merger
- 3 committee.
- 4 Q. In your tenure on the NAC did the company
- 5 ever withdraw the Kirby proposal?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. So it was essentially on the table during
- 8 the entire time that you were on the NAC committee?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Did you ever present it to the BPR?
- 11 A. The Kirby proposal?
- 12 O. Correct.
- 13 A. I think we discussed it early on, you
- 14 know, what was unacceptable. And there were so
- 15 many -- it was -- there were so many areas that was
- 16 unacceptable that we kind of just looked at it and
- 17 said this is almost like a nonstarter.
- 0. Okay. Did you ever advise the BPR that the
- 19 Kirby proposal was still on the table?
- 20 A. I'm sure I did. I can't -- I can't
- 21 remember. I think I said something. I'm sure I
- 22 did.
- Q. And did the NAC submit any counterproposals
- 24 to the company during the time period when you were
- 25 the chairman?

- 1 A. Many.
- 2 Q. Do you have -- five, ten?
- 3 A. Gosh, hundreds.
- 4 Q. Hundreds.
- 5 And the company didn't accept any of those?
- 6 A. They were -- they came back with their
- 7 original proposal almost every time. Unmodified.
- 8 O. Are you familiar with a document called the
- 9 transition agreement?
- 10 A. Um-hum.
- 11 Q. And --
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. I'm sorry, I should have asked you --
- 14 A. I know I should say yes.
- 15 Q. -- have you ever been deposed before?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. So we just -- we have to try and not
- 18 talk over each other and answer in complete
- 19 sentences. And I'm sure I will talk over you, and I
- 20 apologize in advance.
- 21 A. I understand.
- 22 Q. So what's your understanding of the
- 23 transition agreement and its requirement in terms of
- 24 seniority, if you have one?
- 25 A. I really, as far as seniority, I didn't

- 1 pay attention to that part of it. I didn't
- 2 negotiate seniority, it wasn't really my issue. I
- 3 looked at other issues, block hours, things like
- 4 that. But I really didn't -- it was the merger
- 5 committee that took care of that, so...
- 6 Q. Okay. Who was the head of the merger
- 7 committee during the time that you were chairman of
- 8 the NAC?
- 9 A. I think it -- initially I think it was
- 10 Randy Mowrey. And then it may have gone to I
- 11 think -- I believe Bob Davison and then to Jess
- 12 Pauley, who's the current chairman.
- Q. Did you guys do anything -- work together
- 14 on any tasks?
- 15 A. No. Generally, no.
- 16 Q. Are you familiar with the requirement that
- 17 under the transition agreement once a new collective
- 18 bargaining agreement is negotiated and ratified that
- 19 the Nicolau award must be used?
- 20 A. Must be used? I wouldn't say must be
- 21 used.
- 22 O. You're familiar with that's the position at
- 23 least of the West pilot class, correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- O. Okay. Did that ever come up in your

- 1 negotiations with the company?
- 2 A. Never.
- 3 Q. I'm going to have you look at what we had
- 4 previously marked as Exhibit 1089.
- 5 And have you seen this document before?
- 6 A. I have to look at it.
- 7 This is before I was on the BPR, so
- 8 this -- this is a motion -- these are just the
- 9 minutes from BPR meeting.
- 10 Q. Yeah. And I'll have you go to -- about
- 11 four or five pages in, and it's 10:45 is the number
- 12 next to it, it says the negotiating committee briefs
- 13 the board.
- 14 A. Okay. Found it.
- 0. Would you -- would you have been the person
- 16 that briefed the board?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 O. Okay. And on number six you say,
- 19 negotiations have been on -- have been going on for
- 20 3.5 years, the committee will not give in, but having
- 21 a difficult time. Not a question about being
- 22 ineffective. Quote, if it is not the Kirby, they are
- 23 not interested, unquote.
- 24 And that was your presentation to the BPR
- 25 in August of 2011 regarding the Kirby proposal,

- 1 correct?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. Okay. And then the attachment to this
- 4 document, if you go towards the end, it appears there
- 5 is a Power Point presentation?
- 6 A. Okay. Okay.
- 7 Q. And it's the negotiating committee update.
- 8 Was this a presentation that you had prepared?
- 9 A. Yeah, Dean and I prepared all the
- 10 presentations.
- 11 Q. And Dean is Dean Colello?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Let me rephrase that. Dean put this
- 14 together with the input of myself and the
- 15 committee. But Dean's the one that actually made
- 16 the slides.
- 17 Q. If you go into slides ten and 11.
- 18 A. Okay.
- 19 O. And, again, you're talking about the Kirby
- 20 proposal, and that's the only proposal that the
- 21 company is willing to consider; is that correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. And then paragraph 12 -- or I'm sorry,
- 24 paragraph -- slide 12 on the next page -- -
- 25 A. Um-hum.

- 1 Q. -- you say -- or this presentation says,
- 2 company refuses to move off the Kirby proposal from
- 3 four-plus years ago; is that correct?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And we deposed Mr. Crimi yesterday and he
- 6 testified that the NAC had never informed the BPR
- 7 that the Kirby was still on the table during this
- 8 time period. Do you think that's accurate?
- 9 A. From this, no.
- 10 Q. Okay. And were you involved in
- 11 negotiations with the NMB?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And when did those negotiations take
- 14 place?
- 15 A. When did they begin?
- 16 O. Yes. I'm sorry.
- 17 A. I'm guessing 2009 or '10. I don't
- 18 remember the exact date.
- 19 Q. And what was the purpose of engaging with
- 20 the NMB?
- 21 A. Well, just to try to get to an agreement.
- 22 We weren't -- we weren't successful. We were
- 23 looking for help.
- 24 O. Okay. And I'm going to mark 1115.
- 25 (Exhibit Number 1115: Negotiating

- 1 Advisory Committee Negotiations and the NMB
- 2 Document dated 2/3/12, Bates WP023757 758
- 3 marked for identification, as of this date.)
- 4 Q. And I've handed you what has been marked as
- 5 Exhibit 1115, which is a document dated February 3rd,
- 6 2012, and it's titled -- Negotiating Advisory
- 7 Committee is in the header and I believe the title is
- 8 Negotiations in the NMB; is that correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Are you familiar with this document?
- 11 A. Yes, I'll read them. Should we put it
- 12 out? I have to read it.
- 13 Yes.
- 0. And did you have any understanding of
- 15 what -- why the NMB took a break from overseeing
- 16 contract negotiations?
- 17 A. Their position -- there was no progress
- 18 and then they said that one of their reasons was
- 19 that the seniority dispute had to be resolved to
- 20 get an agreement.
- 21 O. All right. And the seniority dispute
- 22 refers to the current dispute between the East and
- 23 West pilots --
- A. Correct.
- 25 O. -- about whether the Nicolau award should

- 1 be implemented?
- 2 A. The current dispute between East and West
- 3 pilots, yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. And was the company's position that
- 5 the -- that the seniority dispute needed to be
- 6 resolved prior to any other additional negotiations
- 7 with the company as well?
- 8 A. At that point, yes, it had changed over
- 9 the four years.
- 10 Q. Okay. And did you report that back to the
- 11 board?
- 12 A. I'm sure I did.
- Q. Do you have any understanding of what the
- 14 board's position was on the seniority issue in
- 15 February of 2012?
- 16 A. In February of 2012?
- 17 Q. Yes.
- 18 A. Can you be more specific?
- 19 O. Was the board willing to enter into any
- 20 negotiations or discussions with the West pilots on
- 21 the seniority dispute issue?
- 22 A. I wasn't -- I wasn't on the board at that
- 23 time. So really don't know what the board's
- 24 position was.
- 25 O. At some point in the first or second

- 1 quarter of 2012 did you learn that the company had
- 2 been negotiating with APA?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. And how did you learn that?
- 5 A. You know, I don't know -- I can't
- 6 remember exactly how I learned, whether it was when
- 7 it was announced or I may have had a heads up. I
- 8 think I received a heads up just prior to that from
- 9 Gary Hummel. I think, I can't remember, but I seem
- 10 to remember that I found out ahead of time what was
- 11 going on.
- 12 Q. Were you surprised by that?
- 13 A. Yeah.
- 14 Q. And the company had never given USAPA prior
- 15 notice that it had been negotiating with APA?
- 16 A. I can't answer whether USAPA had --
- 17 members of USAPA had prior notice. I had no prior
- 18 notice.
- 19 O. The MEC had no prior notice --
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 O. -- is that fair?
- Okay. And what actions did the NAC take
- 23 after learning about the negotiations between the APA
- 24 and US Airways?
- 25 A. As far as negotiations or --

- 1 Q. Just what did you do when you found out?
- 2 A. We had looked at the term sheet, which
- 3 was negotiated. We were -- reviewed that. I think
- 4 we reported back to the board and then we started
- 5 interacting with APA and a little bit with the
- 6 company.
- 7 Q. Why were you interacting with APA?
- 8 A. I think at that point that they -- since
- 9 the cat was out of the bag, so to speak, they
- 10 included us in some of the negotiations with the
- 11 company.
- 12 Q. Okay. And was that because you intended to
- 13 try and negotiate a contract with the company as
- 14 well, similar to APA's?
- 15 A. I'm trying to remember back when we met.
- 16 I think they were still trying to resolve some
- 17 issues. I think they agreed in principle on some
- 18 parts. I'm trying to remember. We went to Dallas
- 19 a couple of times and met and I think there was
- 20 still issues that needed to be resolved, vacation
- 21 jumps out, vacation bidding I think jumps out,
- 22 certain scheduling.
- 23 (Exhibit Number 1116: US Airline Pilots
- 24 Association Negotiating Advisory Committee
- 25 Update dated 5/4/12, Bates WP023765 766

- 1 marked for identification, as of this date.)
- 2 Q. I'm going to -- I have handed you what has
- 3 been marked as Exhibit 1116, which is a NAC update
- 4 dated May 4, 2012; is that correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. All right. And this is discussing some of
- 7 the discussions in Dallas or negotiations in Dallas
- 8 with APA; is that correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And it says here that the NAC went with the
- 11 business intelligence committee chairman, John Owens.
- 12 Was he part of the NAC at this time?
- 13 A. No, I don't think we went with him. He
- 14 was -- I think he was just there.
- 0. Okay. Do you know why he was -- why he was
- 16 there?
- 17 A. No. He was asked to go. We didn't ask
- 18 him to go.
- 19 Q. Do you know who asked him to go?
- 20 A. Gary Hummel.
- 21 O. Gary Hummel.
- Okay. And was it your intent at this point
- 23 to negotiate a conditional labor agreement with APA
- 24 and the company?
- 25 A. When you say conditional labor agreement.

- 0. Well, that's what's referenced in --
- 2 A. Okay. I -- you know, I don't remember
- 3 really -- I know the term sheet was -- had been
- 4 negotiated and it might have been -- I think it was
- 5 called that before it was called the MOU, I think.
- 6 Q. Okay. So the MOU -- it -- it refers to the
- 7 memorandum of understanding. When did you -- or did
- 8 you have any involvement in negotiating what has come
- 9 to be known as MOU I?
- 10 A. I was involved initially, and then when I
- 11 was replaced, it was -- that's when the real
- 12 negotiations took place.
- Q. So do you know how -- I mean, how far along
- 14 had you gotten in terms of negotiating the MOU by the
- 15 time that you were -- I believe you were removed from
- 16 the -- as the NAC chairman, correct?
- 17 A. In July -- mid to late July, yes.
- 18 O. All right. Now I want to talk about that.
- 19 A. Okay.
- 20 Q. But prior to that time period, had you --
- 21 how far had you gotten in terms of negotiating the
- 22 MOU?
- 23 A. As far as percentage, I can't really give
- 24 you a percentage halfway. I just can't remember.
- 25 I think the foundation was there.

- 1 Q. Okay. I want you to take a look at what
- 2 has been previously marked as Exhibit 1006.
- 3 And this is a tentative agreement on a MOU
- 4 dated August 20th, 2012. And I know that you were no
- 5 longer on the NAC at this point. But how much of
- 6 this document had been negotiated prior to your
- 7 removal?
- 8 A. I don't remember. I'd have to look at a
- 9 side by side the day I was removed, what was
- 10 negotiated, I don't remember.
- 11 O. Okay. Were there a number of drafts that
- 12 had gone back and forth?
- 13 A. Um-hum. Yes.
- Q. And who -- who were those drafts with?
- 15 A. I believe it was between us -- it was
- 16 between USAPA, APA and US Airways management.
- 17 Q. Okay. Did -- seniority didn't come up at
- 18 all in those discussions or those drafts?
- 19 A. I don't believe so.
- 20 Q. Are you familiar with a change of control
- 21 provision in the current East contract?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. And did you consider that when you
- 24 were negotiating the MOU I?
- 25 A. I'm sure we did.

- 1 Q. Did you try to do any evaluations of the
- 2 value of what the change of control would be?
- 3 A. I think we did -- I think we had that
- 4 done, yes.
- 5 Q. Do you know who did that?
- 6 A. I think Rick Salamat did it for us.
- 7 Q. And did he actually give you a written
- 8 report?
- 9 A. He gave us a number. I'm guessing,
- 10 150 million. Maybe -- maybe higher, I don't know.
- 11 I don't think it's lower than 150 million.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. Maybe 250. I don't remember.
- 14 Q. I'm going to show you what has been
- 15 previously marked as Exhibit 1009.
- 16 Is that what Rick Salamat gave you?
- 17 A. Yeah, it looks like it. Could be. Does
- 18 it say change of control anywhere on it?
- 19 O. I don't believe it does, but...
- 20 A. This could be it.
- 21 O. Okay. And do you --
- 22 A. Yeah, that's what I think it is.
- 23 Can I look at it for a second? Maybe I
- 24 can...
- 25 Yeah, this looks likes it's it because it

- 1 doesn't effect the West, so it would be a change of
- 2 control. The West stays the same current to snap
- 3 back.
- 4 Q. And do you recall approximately when you
- 5 received that from him?
- 6 A. No, I don't remember when it was done.
- 7 Q. Okay. Was it before or after the APA term
- 8 sheet; do you recall?
- 9 A. It would have to be after because AMR is
- 10 listed here.
- 11 Q. Okay. So sometime between April 2012 and
- 12 July 2012 when you were removed from the NAC
- 13 chairmanship, right?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 (Exhibit Number 1117: US Airline Pilots
- 16 Association NAC Update dated 6/6/12, Bates
- 17 WP023774 775 marked for identification, as
- of this date.)
- 19 Q. Okay. And I've handed you what has been
- 20 marked as Exhibit 1117, which is a NAC update dated
- 21 June 5th, 2012.
- 22 Did you put this document out?
- 23 A. I'm sure I did, yes.
- O. Okay. And this document references both
- 25 Ken Holmes and Rocky Calveri as being members of the

- 1 NAC; is that correct?
- 2 A. Yeah, they're at the bottom, yes.
- 3 Q. And when were they added?
- 4 A. May -- I believe May of 2012.
- 5 Q. Prior to May of 2012, were you and Dean
- 6 Colello the sole members of the NAC?
- 7 A. No, you have to define prior. I mean,
- 8 there were times we were both -- we were the only
- 9 members, there were other times other people were
- 10 on, so yes and no.
- 11 Q. Okay. Yes and no.
- 12 When -- at what point were -- well, when
- 13 the APA term sheet came out, were you and Dean the
- 14 only members of the NAC?
- 15 A. I believe so.
- 16 O. Okay.
- 17 A. I'm not sure. I'd have to look. It was
- 18 kind of a revolving door there for a period.
- 19 O. Yeah.
- 20 And in the second paragraph of this update,
- 21 in the second sentence here you say, we advised the
- 22 pilots that US Airways management views USAPA's role
- 23 as only advisory and any suggestions, changes to this
- 24 negotiation, even if it is current East or West
- 25 language, must go through APA and be cost neutral.

- 1 In other words, we must pay for what we currently
- 2 have.
- When was that communicated to you by the
- 4 company?
- 5 A. I -- I don't know the exact time. I
- 6 believe it's in the term sheet. It's defined in
- 7 the term sheet that any changes must be cost
- 8 neutral.
- 9 O. Okay. And what about the fact that your
- 10 role was only advisory, when was that communicated to
- 11 you?
- 12 A. I'm not sure it was actually
- 13 communicated, but it was clear that the company was
- 14 negotiating with APA and we were kind of -- I
- 15 called it the -- you know, that people would say
- 16 seat at the table and I always referred to it as a
- 17 -- a spectator seat at the table.
- 18 O. It seems like to me, and correct me if I'm
- 19 wrong, that APA was basically negotiating for both
- 20 the USAPA pilots and the APA pilots with the company
- 21 and sort of leaving you guys not involved; is that
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. That was very kind of them, yes, that's
- 24 correct.
- 25 O. That's correct?

- 1 A. In my opinion, that's what they did, yes.
- 2 MR. JACOB: And it made you very happy?
- 3 THE WITNESS: I was thrilled.
- 4 Q. And by the time you had gotten involved, we
- 5 -- you had already referenced there had already been
- 6 a term sheet and a lot of the terms of the Airways
- 7 was willing to agree to it had already been set,
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. And were you able to negotiate off of those
- 11 terms while you were on the NAC?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. I don't believe anything meaningful was
- 15 changed.
- 16 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you what we marked
- 17 earlier today with Mr. Colello. Exhibit 1107.
- 18 And are you familiar with this document?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And did you prepare this document?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 O. Okay. I'd like to go over a little bit on
- 23 the first page here. It's talking about the recent
- 24 activities with APA. And are these all the meetings
- 25 that you recall attending?

- 1 A. I'm not sure if they're all the meetings.
- 2 But I'm sure that it's accurate.
- 3 Q. Okay. And at any of these meetings did
- 4 USAPA add any language or any working conditions to
- 5 the agreements that had been negotiated between the
- 6 APA and USAPA?
- 7 A. I have --
- 8 Q. Or APA and US Airways, I'm sorry.
- 9 A. I'm sorry, there's no way I can remember
- 10 that just by looking at this. I would have to look
- 11 at notes, no idea.
- 12 Q. Okay. So you took notes during these
- 13 meetings?
- 14 A. Notes were taken, yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. And who was at these meetings with
- 16 you?
- 17 A. For USAPA?
- 18 O. Correct.
- 19 A. I don't know the exact dates that Holmes
- 20 and Calveri came in prior to that. I think we
- 21 had -- we had Burdick and Fife on the committee.
- 22 So I don't know, you know, if it was before that
- 23 changeover or after that changeover. So I can't
- 24 answer that. I know Dean and I -- I can tell you
- 25 Dean and I were there and either Holmes and Calveri

- 1 or -- well, this is June 5th, so it must have been
- 2 Holmes and Calveri.
- 3 Q. Okay. Was there anybody else from USAPA
- 4 with you other than the members of the NAC?
- 5 A. Owens was probably there. I'm not sure
- 6 if he went with us, but he was kind of always
- 7 walking around.
- Q. What about Gary Hummel, was he there at
- 9 all?
- 10 A. I don't think so.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. Can I back up a second?
- 13 Q. Yeah.
- 14 A. As far as if we're talking about the
- 15 sessions with the company, it would have just been
- 16 negotiating committee there. If it was an internal
- 17 session with APA, then John may have been there.
- 18 He was there some of the time. He may not have
- 19 been there also. But I don't -- can't remember.
- 20 Q. Do you recall seniority was discussed at
- 21 any of these meetings?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Okay. And did you continue to have
- 24 meetings with APA and/or the company after the
- 25 June 1st meeting referenced there?

- 1 A. After June 1st? I'd have to look at -- I
- 2 can't remember.
- Q. Okay. Now, you earlier referenced you
- 4 were -- that you were removed as the chairman of the
- 5 NAC. Do you recall when that was?
- 6 A. Late July, third week of July.
- 7 Q. And do you recall why you were removed?
- 8 A. There was an issue where the president
- 9 had other people negotiating directly with the
- 10 company and drafting proposals and the committee,
- 11 we took offense to that. We were excluded from the
- 12 process. And we -- I called and requested a
- 13 meeting with the board without the attorneys or the
- 14 officers present to advise them what was going on.
- Q. And did you get to have that meeting with
- 16 the board?
- 17 A. I did.
- 18 O. And what was the board's reaction to what
- 19 you were telling them?
- 20 A. I think it went down -- you know, I'm not
- 21 sure if it went down political lines or not. I
- 22 think they were surprised at what was going on. I
- 23 really don't remember.
- 24 O. And you said that the other people had been
- 25 negotiating with the company and not including the

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- 2 A. Drafting proposals I quess is a better.
- 3 Q. And who were those other people?
- 4 A. Dave Ciabattoni and John Owens with Brian
- 5 O'Dwyer.
- 6 Q. And was Brian O'Dwyer, I believe he's
- 7 general counsel for USAPA; is that correct?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Was he in that position at that point in
- 10 time?
- 11 A. I believe so, yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. And so they were sending proposals
- 13 to the company without any input from the NAC?
- 14 A. We -- the members didn't know about it.
- 15 Q. Right.
- 16 So the BPR had not authorized it based on
- 17 your meeting that you had with them?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Okay. After the BPR meeting, what
- 20 happened?
- 21 A. After the private meeting?
- 22 O. Right.
- 23 A. I think I was fired the next day.
- 24 O. So --
- 25 A. It might have been a day or two, I don't

- 1 remember the exact.
- 2 Q. Who -- who fired you?
- 3 A. Gary.
- 4 Q. Gary Hummel?
- 5 A. Hummel.
- 6 Q. And did he say why?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. He just called you up and said you're no
- 9 longer --
- 10 A. He never told me. It just happened.
- 11 O. Okay. How did find out?
- 12 A. I was actually -- we were prepping in
- 13 another room and it was the committee and someone
- 14 came running in and said you better get back in
- 15 here, he's firing you right now. So I got up and
- 16 went into the room.
- 17 Q. Okay. And who did he replace you with?
- 18 A. John Owens.
- 19 O. John Owens.
- Okay. Do you recall if there was any
- 21 backlash to that, to your firing?
- A. By whom?
- Q. Any of the pilots?
- A. Some were probably happy, others were
- 25 not. Just the nature of the beast in the union

- 1 politics.
- 2 Q. After you were removed as chairman, did you
- 3 just go back to flying?
- 4 A. There was a little bit of a transition.
- 5 I sat in on some BPR meetings as a DDR. And there
- 6 was a little bit of a transition.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. But I would -- Dean would call me up and
- 9 it was generally about, you know, block hours,
- 10 certain areas where I was very familiar with, he
- 11 would ask me questions.
- 12 Q. And when you were removed, how far along do
- 13 you recall in the MOU negotiation process were you?
- 14 A. We had never sat down and met with like
- 15 Kirby and upper management. I had never. And that
- 16 happened -- it was actually in the process of
- 17 happening. I think it was setting up a meeting --
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. -- right when that happened.
- 20 Q. Okay. And you're currently on the BPR,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. And when were you elected to the BPR?
- 24 A. I was elected in February and effective
- 25 April 1st.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. Of this year.
- 3 Q. Of this year.
- 4 And from the Philadelphia domicile,
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. Philadelphia, correct.
- 7 Q. Okay. And prior to that you said that you
- 8 had sat in as a DDR for other --
- 9 A. I'm sorry.
- 10 Q. -- for other reps?
- 11 A. For the Philadelphia, both chairman and
- 12 one of the vice chairman on different occasions.
- Q. Okay. Approximately how many BPR meetings
- 14 had you sat in?
- 15 A. Five or six.
- 16 Q. Did they have any specific agendas that you
- 17 recall? Were those meetings discussing the MOU?
- 18 A. I think they were discussing the MOU,
- 19 yeah, it was right in the middle of all that.
- 20 Q. Okay. And you're generally aware that at
- 21 some point MOU I came off the table; is that correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And then there was a period where there was
- 24 no negotiations and then negotiations began again, I
- 25 want to say in the November/December time period; is

- 1 that your understanding?
- 2 A. Yes, yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. And were you involved at all in
- 4 those negotiations in the November/December time
- 5 period regarding MOU II?
- 6 A. The only thing I was involved in, and I
- 7 wasn't involved with direct negotiations, was
- 8 developing block hour numbers for proposals.
- 9 Q. How did you become involved with that?
- 10 A. I was asked by -- Dean I think asked me.
- 11 Q. Okay. And when was the first time you saw
- 12 the full MOU?
- 13 A. At the BPR meeting in early January when
- 14 I had a DDR for one of the Philly reps. I don't
- 15 remember which one.
- 16 Q. Okay. And who presented the MOU?
- 17 A. At the meeting?
- 18 O. Yeah.
- 19 A. I think Dean. I think. I can't
- 20 remember.
- 21 O. So it was the NAC that presented it?
- 22 A. I think so.
- Q. And did they do a -- an explanation of the
- 24 different provisions in those kind of things?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Did they make any representations or
- 2 statements about seniority when they were going
- 3 through the MOU for the BPR?
- 4 A. That it was neutral -- seniority neutral
- 5 and neutral on seniority.
- 6 Q. Did you have any understanding what that
- 7 meant, seniority neutral?
- 8 A. Yeah, I didn't take a position one way or
- 9 another.
- 10 Q. Okay. Did they make any statements about
- 11 the McCaskill-Bond process?
- 12 A. There may have been something just on the
- 13 lines of education, how the process worked. There
- 14 may not have been. I don't remember.
- 15 O. Okay. Were you familiar with the
- 16 McCaskill-Bond process through your previous work on
- 17 the NAC?
- 18 A. I wouldn't say familiar with it from my
- 19 work on the NAC.
- Q. Okay. General -- generally?
- 21 A. Generally, yes. Generally.
- O. Did you believe that the MOU II was a
- 23 improvement off of the terms of the MOU I?
- A. Yeah -- yes, it was -- I can't remember
- 25 if MOU I, what was actually included in it.

- 1 Q. It's in there. I think you have it if you
- 2 want to take a look at it. It's Exhibit 1006.
- 3 A. Well --
- 4 Q. And MOU II is actually 1000 --
- 5 A. I guess specifically -- I'm not sure if
- 6 MOU I had to do with -- I know APA renegotiated --
- 7 if MOU I was specific to the term sheet and then
- 8 MOU was specific to what they negotiated subsequent
- 9 to the term sheet, that's what I was referring to,
- 10 not so much the MOU.
- 11 Q. Okay. So there was different -- there was
- 12 subsequent negotiations after MOU I between APA and
- 13 the company?
- 14 A. M -- MOU I -- and I believe this is
- 15 what -- the way it was. MOU I revolved around the
- 16 term sheet, which was negotiated between US Airways
- 17 management and APA. And MOU II centered around
- 18 their -- APA's contract, which was negotiated with
- 19 AMR management.
- 20 Q. Okay. Were the terms and conditions for
- 21 the US Airways pilots in the MOU II negotiated
- 22 basically via APA in their contract negotiations with
- 23 AMR?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 O. Okay. Do you know if there was anything

- 1 specific that any USAPA pilots negotiated in the
- 2 MOU II?
- 3 A. I don't think there was -- in MOU II or
- 4 the --
- 5 Q. II?
- 6 A. MOU II, yeah, USAPA was involved. I
- 7 don't know specifically. I wasn't involved, so I
- 8 have no idea.
- 9 Q. Okay. Were you -- I know you said that you
- 10 had sat in on a couple of BPR meetings. Were you in
- 11 the BPR meeting where MOU I was presented?
- 12 A. I believe I was in August. I believe --
- 13 I'm not sure. I know there was one in August. I
- 14 know there was one right after I was replaced,
- 15 which was kind of funny to be there. But I can't
- 16 remember if the MOU II -- I'm sorry, the end of
- 17 August if I was there or not.
- 18 O. Okay. And you're generally familiar that
- 19 the BPR had recommended that the MOU I go to
- 20 ratification, but that the pilots not vote in favor
- 21 of it; is that correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. Okay. And are you generally aware that the
- 24 BPR sent the NAC back to the negotiating table with
- 25 certain additional things that they wanted?

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1	А.	For MOU II?	
2	Q.	For MOU II, is that your understanding	;
3		MR. SZYMANSKI: No, we were talking ab	out
4	MOU	I. All of a sudden you've switched fr	om
5	MOU	I to MOU II, just so you know.	
6	Q.	Well, we just talked about how the BPR	was
7	not in su	pport of MOU I; is that fair?	
8		MR. SZYMANSKI: And then you were talk	ing
9	aboı	ut sending them back to the table for	
10	imp	rovements	
11		MS. AXEL: Well, Pat	
12		MR. SZYMANSKI: improvements in MOU	
13	II,	and I just wanted him to understand yo	u're
14	now	talking about II rather than I.	
15		MR. JACOB: Maybe she meant I.	
16		MR. SZYMANSKI: Then go ahead, I'm sor	ry,
17	ask	your question.	
18	Q.	Were you in a BPR meeting where the BP	R
19	told the I	NAC to go back to the negotiating table	and
20	come back	with additional improvements over what	was
21	contained	in MOU I?	
22	А.	I don't recall. I may have been, I ju	st
23	don't reme	ember.	

BPR, did it vote on it at that point?

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Q.

When the MOU was first presented to the

- 1 A. MOU I?
- Q. MOU II now, in January.
- 3 A. Can you repeat the question, please.
- 4 Q. So I think we were earlier talking about
- 5 how MOU II was presented to the BPR in January; is
- 6 that correct?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. And you were DDR at that meeting for
- 9 another Philadelphia rep, correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 O. Okay. And did the BPR vote on whether or
- 12 not to send the MOU II to ratification at that point?
- 13 A. Not initially, no.
- 14 Q. Okay. What happened with the MOU from
- 15 between the point that it was recommended for
- 16 ratification and the first presentation in the BPR?
- 17 A. We had -- I believe we had some debate
- 18 within the -- within the BPR about what
- 19 improvements were going to be needed, and one of --
- 20 in some of our minds there were many improvements.
- 21 But the big issue was money, the way that we were
- 22 being treated compared to APA. APA was getting
- 23 their raise effective January 1st and we were told
- 24 that we would have to wait until basically the POR
- 25 or the effective date, which we were told would

- 1 have been -- was going to be in early -- I think
- 2 July, I can't remember. And we said no, we wanted
- 3 that money retroactive back to, and we went back
- 4 and forth with a couple of dates, and we concluded
- 5 the ratification date and the board would approve
- 6 it or send it out.
- 7 Q. Okay. And is that generally the \$40
- 8 million retroactive pay lump sum?
- 9 A. No, that's separate.
- 10 Q. That's separate.
- 11 A. Yeah.
- 12 Q. Okay. So what was this payment for?
- 13 A. This is just -- it's a retroactive pay as
- 14 if we were getting paid the APA rates from the date
- 15 of ratification up to the POR.
- 16 Q. Okay. And the pilots haven't received that
- 17 yet though, correct?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 O. Okay. They will -- they'll only receive it
- 20 if the POR -- once the POR goes effective, correct?
- 21 A. Correct. Unless some of them have spent
- 22 it.
- Q. I'm sure they have.
- Were there any other ways that you thought
- 25 the American pilots were treated better than the US

- 1 Airways pilots under the MOU II?
- 2 A. Under MOU II? Well, they just received
- 3 the benefits right away, whether it's DC
- 4 contribution or pay, better vacation, at least for
- 5 the East, not for the West. Maybe -- I'm not sure
- 6 if it's a little better for the West pilots or not.
- 7 Other than just getting the benefit of working
- 8 under that agreement earlier.
- 9 Q. Right.
- I think I've heard someone tell me that the
- 11 American pilots also got an equity stake in the new
- 12 American company; is that your understanding?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And did the US Airways pilots get that?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Okay. Were you in support of the MOU II?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 O. And why was that?
- 19 A. I just thought we left so much on the
- 20 table. It was just a rush to get an agreement.
- 21 O. Were you -- you're aware that the BPR voted
- 22 unanimously in support of the MOU II and to send it
- 23 to ratification, correct?
- 24 A. Since I was one of the members that
- 25 voted, yes.

- 1 Q. Okay. That's my second question. Were you
- 2 -- were you there at that BPR meeting?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. And why did you vote in favor of the
- 5 MOU?
- 6 A. Just because it was an improvement, you
- 7 know, a huge improvement. I think there's two
- 8 separate issues. I think the process that led up
- 9 to that point and leaving stuff on the table and
- 10 getting to that point and sending it out, let the
- 11 members decide.
- 12 Q. Did the retroactive pay have anything to do
- 13 with your vote?
- 14 A. I'm not sure that -- 40 million -- I'm
- 15 sorry, the retroactive pay? Yeah, that had
- 16 something to do with the vote.
- 17 Q. It was my understanding that the BPR had to
- 18 unanimously approve the MOU II to get the \$40
- 19 million; is that correct?
- 20 A. No, the 40 million was already in there.
- 21 The unanimous vote was for the retrospective.
- 22 Q. Oh, okay.
- 23 And did that play a role in your
- 24 determination to vote in favor of the MOU?
- 25 A. The retrospective?

- 1 0. Yeah.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Did you -- are you familiar with the NAC
- 4 question bank?
- 5 A. Question bank?
- 6 Q. Yeah, I'll show you the document, maybe
- 7 that will help.
- 8 MS. AXEL: I don't think that has been
- 9 previously marked, but somebody can tell me if
- 10 I'm wrong. The NAC question bank.
- 11 (Exhibit Number 1118: US Airline Pilots
- 12 Association NAC Question Bank on the MOU,
- 13 Bates WP024183 191 marked for
- identification, as of this date.)
- 15 Q. Are you familiar with this document?
- 16 A. No. I was just hoping it was something I
- 17 didn't produce when I was the chairman and I
- 18 couldn't remember what it was, but this came after
- 19 me.
- 20 Q. And just for the record, I've handed you
- 21 what has been marked as Exhibit 1118, which is a
- 22 USAPA document that is entitled The NAC Question Bank
- 23 on the MOU.
- 24 And if you go in about the third to last
- 25 page. This is the discussions on seniority; is that

- 1 correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. And did you go to any of the road shows?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Which ones did you go to?
- 6 A. I went to the Philadelphia road show and
- 7 I can't remember if I went to one or two of them.
- 8 Q. There was more than one in Philadelphia?
- 9 A. Yeah.
- 10 Q. Yeah.
- 11 Do you remember there being any statements
- 12 made about the seniority list that would go into
- 13 McCaskill-Bond at that Philadelphia road show?
- 14 A. Specifically I don't remember anything
- 15 being said.
- 16 Q. Generally what do you remember?
- 17 A. It was seniority neutral. And that was
- 18 like the theme, it was neutral on seniority.
- 19 Q. Do you recall if anyone mentioned date of
- 20 hire at that Philadelphia road show?
- 21 A. I'm sure someone did, but no, I don't
- 22 recall.
- Q. It's my understanding that for purposes of
- 24 the merger committee that it is -- it is tasked with
- 25 coming up with a seniority list; is that correct?

- 1 A. I mean, ultimately I think their job is
- 2 to resolve the seniority issue, yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. So for -- let's assume that the
- 4 merger goes forward and McCaskill-Bond happens and
- 5 the USAPA can't negotiate a list with APA and there
- 6 is an arbitration, what USAPA entity will determine
- 7 what list goes into the arbitration process?
- 8 A. What USAPA entity, so...
- 9 Q. Is it the merger committee or the BPR or
- 10 some other group?
- 11 A. It wouldn't be another group. I think
- 12 the merger committee in concert with the BPR.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. I mean, ultimately the merger committee
- 15 is the one there. But I think it's...
- 16 Q. Is it your understanding that the BPR has
- 17 to approve any seniority list that would be advanced
- 18 in McCaskill-Bond process?
- 19 A. I would assume so.
- 20 Q. Okay. Why would you assume so?
- 21 A. Well, just because the BPR is the
- 22 governing body.
- 23 Q. Do you know if there's any
- 24 constitutional -- USAPA constitutional requirements
- 25 that it do so?

- 1 A. The only constitutional requirement that
- 2 I'm aware of is date of hire principles with
- 3 reasonable conditions and restrictions. I've heard
- 4 that once or twice.
- 5 Q. I'm sure you have.
- 6 What does that mean to you, date of hire
- 7 principles?
- 8 A. It means that it's -- you know, date of
- 9 hire principles meaning that a restriction or a
- 10 condition could mean an adjustment to it somehow.
- 11 It's not date of hire that's it. You know,
- 12 protections for certain pilots.
- Q. Do you think that the Nicolau -- the
- 14 Nicolau award that came out in 2007, do you think
- 15 that complies with date of hire principles?
- 16 A. Absent conditions and restrictions?
- 17 Q. Just in general.
- 18 A. No.
- 19 O. So the Nicolau award that came out, you're
- 20 aware there was a list and it was all the pilots were
- 21 on it?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. That list, does that comply with date of
- 24 hire principles?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. Okay. So is it your understanding that the
- 2 USAPA constitution would not allow that list to go
- 3 forward?
- 4 A. I think it's the key is the conditions
- 5 and restrictions probably. That's the key.
- 6 Q. Well, I'm just talking about the Nicolau
- 7 list, just without conditions and restrictions, let's
- 8 start there. The Nicolau -- the Nicolau list that
- 9 came out in -- as it is in, what, March of 2007?
- 10 MR. JACOB: May.
- 11 Q. May of 2007, does that comply with USAPA's
- 12 constitution?
- 13 A. In my opinion, no.
- 14 Q. Okay. If the BPR came to you and said we
- 15 want to put in the Nicolau list from May 2007 as the
- 16 USAPA list for McCaskill-Bond arbitration as a member
- 17 of the BPR, would you vote in favor of that?
- 18 A. I would say it's in violation of the
- 19 constitution.
- 20 Q. And the current makeup of the BPR is, I
- 21 believe, eight East pilots and three West pilots; is
- 22 that correct?
- 23 A. Correct.
- O. And are you familiar with -- or when you've
- 25 been in a BPR meeting, have there been any attempts

- 1 by the West pilots to amend the USAPA constitution?
  2 A. There may have been.
- Q. Okay.
- 4 A. I don't remember.
- 5 Q. You don't recall?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 MS. AXEL: Can we take a break for a
- 8 second?
- 9 (A BRIEF RECESS WAS TAKEN.)
- 10 MS. AXEL: All right. Back on the
- 11 record.
- 12 Q. Would you support a -- amending the USAPA
- 13 constitution to make it seniority neutral?
- 14 A. To making it seniority neutral? How
- 15 would you -- I'm not sure how you would do that.
- 16 O. I'm not sure either. If you would -- I
- 17 think you would take out the provision that says that
- 18 you have to comply with date of hire principles?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. No, you wouldn't support that?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Who are all of the people that you have
- 23 DDR'ed for?
- 24 A. Steve Szpyrka.
- MR. SZYMANSKI: We'll give you the

- 1 spellings.
- 2 A. Yeah, you'll never get that one.
- 3 And Mike -- Mike Gillies.
- 4 Q. G-I-L-E-S, right?
- 5 A. I'm not even sure.
- 6 O. I think I've seen that on some documents
- 7 before.
- 8 And are you familiar with -- with something
- 9 called a dynamic list for seniority purposes?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. No?
- 12 Okay. Would you support any seniority list
- 13 that was not date of hire with conditions and
- 14 restrictions?
- 15 A. Date of hire principles you mean?
- 16 O. Right.
- 17 A. Would I support anything?
- 18 O. Right.
- 19 A. I'm not sure I can -- that's a pretty --
- 20 Q. What could you think of other than date of
- 21 hire with conditions and restrictions -- date of hire
- 22 principles with conditions and restrictions that you
- 23 would support?
- A. Well, it -- it depends on what the
- 25 conditions and restrictions are. I mean, that's a

- 1 huge...
- 2 Q. So it depends on the conditions and
- 3 restrictions, but it would still have to be date of
- 4 hire?
- 5 A. Date of hire principles, you know, the
- 6 conditions and restrictions are what makes it --
- 7 you can go from one extreme to the other. I think
- 8 if you -- you could put so many conditions and
- 9 restrictions on it you could probably go on the
- 10 other side of the Nicolau list. It depends on the
- 11 conditions and restrictions, what they are.
- 12 Q. Okay. You are aware -- or let me scratch
- 13 that. Are you aware that in this litigation USAPA
- 14 has taken the position that the West pilots are not
- 15 entitled to participate in the McCaskill-Bond
- 16 process?
- 17 A. Yes, I'm aware of that.
- 18 O. Okay. Are you in agreement with that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And why is that?
- 21 A. Because USAPA is the bargaining agent and
- 22 they represent all the pilots.
- Q. Do you think that USAPA can fairly
- 24 represent the West pilots?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And why is that?
- 2 A. I just think they -- we represent all the
- 3 pilots. I can speak to when I was the NAC
- 4 chairman, I mean, I went out of my way to represent
- 5 the West pilots, I would say almost to a fault
- 6 making sure I did stuff that was -- you know,
- 7 addressed their concerns even before they -- NAC
- 8 was on -- someone was on the committee. I mean, I
- 9 think that's the general consensus that we
- 10 represent every pilot.
- 11 Q. The general consensus among the East
- 12 pilots?
- 13 A. Yeah. Yes.
- 14 Q. Would there be any -- what would the harm
- 15 be to USAPA if the West pilots participated in
- 16 McCaskill-Bond?
- 17 A. The harm would be not so much that they
- 18 were there, it's now you say okay, where does it
- 19 end? The Empire pilots are going to want -- want a
- 20 seat at the table, the shuttle pilots may want a
- 21 seat at the table, you have the Mid Atlantic pilots
- 22 now that are saying that they would want a seat at
- 23 the table.
- Q. Are the Empire pilots integrated into the
- 25 current East seniority lists?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Are the shuttle pilots integrated into the
- 3 current East seniority lists?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Are the Mid Atlantic pilots integrated into
- 6 the current East seniority lists?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. Are the West pilots integrated into the
- 9 current East seniority lists?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Okay. Do you believe that USAPA will put
- 12 forward the Nicolau award that came out in 2007 as
- 13 one of the seniority proposals in McCaskill-Bond?
- 14 A. Will they?
- 15 O. Yeah.
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Would they even consider doing so?
- 18 A. I think we -- I think they have
- 19 considered it.
- Q. And decided not to?
- 21 A. Yeah.
- 22 O. When we took Mr. Crimi's deposition, he
- 23 told me that there was a BPR resolution passed that
- 24 allowed for four or more BPR members to meet with
- 25 legal counsel. Are you familiar with that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And do you know when that resolution
- 3 was passed?
- 4 A. No. It was before I was on the BPR. It
- 5 was years ago.
- 6 Q. Have you ever, either when were you acting
- 7 as a DDR or since you've been elected to the board,
- 8 had an occasion to use that resolution and meet with
- 9 legal counsel?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And on how many occasions?
- 12 A. It generally works, we meet when we meet
- 13 with the BPR, BPR meetings.
- Q. Are West pilots present when you meet with
- 15 legal counsel?
- 16 A. We're updated on the litigation. And we
- 17 ask questions about the litigation.
- 18 O. But are the West pilots present for that?
- 19 A. No. Just as we're not present when they
- 20 meet with their counsel.
- 21 O. Any other occasions that you meet with
- 22 legal counsel when the entire board's not there?
- A. You mean formally or informally?
- 24 O. Yeah.
- 25 A. I see them at dinner, I see them at the

- 1 hotel, there might have been a discussion in the
- 2 lobby, in the office.
- 3 Q. I want to show you what was previously
- 4 marked as Exhibit 1088.
- 5 And I've handed you what has been marked
- 6 Exhibit 1088, which is a joint Charlotte,
- 7 Philadelphia domicile update dated September 1st,
- 8 2013, correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. And you were on the BPR on this time,
- 11 right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And did you have any part in
- 14 authorizing -- or authoring this update?
- 15 A. Yes to both.
- 16 O. Yes to both.
- 17 Okay.
- 18 A. Authoring and authorizing.
- 19 Q. Did anyone help you or were you the only
- 20 author of this?
- 21 A. No, I was -- I had my input, but I'm not
- 22 sure where it started. It kind of gets started and
- 23 goes around.
- Q. What was the point of this update?
- 25 A. Just update the pilots, you give an

- 1 update, you try to do it once a month or so, maybe
- 2 less than that.
- 3 Q. And this update came after the DOJ
- 4 announced that it was suing to stop the merger,
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. And this addresses support for the merger,
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. I don't remember what we wrote. Yeah, we
- 10 support the merger, yes.
- 11 O. And USAPA hasn't come out with a statement
- 12 in support of the -- a public statement in support of
- 13 the merger, has it?
- 14 A. A public statement in support of the
- 15 merger?
- 16 O. Correct.
- 17 A. Since when?
- 18 O. Since the DOJ lawsuit.
- 19 A. I believe no.
- 20 Q. Okay. And do you know why that is?
- 21 A. Well, we've been trying to have a BPR
- 22 meeting to figure out what direction the Union was
- 23 going to go with respect to what occurred with the
- 24 DOJ, and there's been no meeting to date.
- O. So there hasn't been a BPR meeting since

- 1 the DOJ filed its lawsuit?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Do you continue to support the merger?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. Do you continue to support the MOU?
- 6 A. Yes. I quess reluctantly.
- 7 Q. Okay. I was just going to say, the record
- 8 doesn't show you sort of shaking your head there, but
- 9 you reluctantly support the MOU. You're pretty --
- 10 this update, however, is pretty harsh on the MOU; is
- 11 that correct?
- 12 A. That's subjective, I guess. What I view
- 13 as being not harsh, other people would view as
- 14 being harsh, so I guess...
- 0. But you're from Boston.
- 16 A. Yeah, so that explains it.
- 17 Can you point me to...
- 18 O. Sure.
- 19 Covertly negotiating the term sheet with
- 20 APA and purposely excluding USAPA from the process.
- 21 It's mentioning the -- the IOU that the US Airways
- 22 pilots received.
- A. Um-hum.
- O. It's also talking about the MOU does not
- 25 include any provisions that protect your career if

- 1 the merger is not ultimately approved and that you're
- 2 back to Section 6 negotiations.
- 3 A. I would say that's factual and not harsh.
- 4 And if being factual is harsh, then...
- 5 Q. Do you support USAPA coming out with a
- 6 statement of support -- a public statement in support
- 7 of the merger still? Is that something you would
- 8 personally support?
- 9 A. I don't think I'd be opposed to it. I
- 10 think I'm more opposed to the management that's
- 11 going to run the company than the merger itself,
- 12 although mergers have a tendency -- labor has a way
- 13 of not doing as well as others in mergers. I've
- 14 been through several mergers and not even the West
- 15 merger, you know, the shuttle merger, the Empire,
- 16 you can go way back.
- 17 Q. Right.
- 18 A. And not just this airline, other mergers.
- 19 And it seems, you know, synergies is a nice code
- 20 word for less people.
- 21 O. Give me a few minutes, but we may be close
- 22 to done.
- 23 A. Okay. Thank you.
- 24 (TIME NOTED: 1:22 p.m.)
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