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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Captain Bill Patterson, Chairman
ARW MEC Grievance Committee
Air Line Pilots Association
7900 International Drive, Suite 850
Bloomington, MN 55425



Subject: ALPA Case No. ARW-07-49 (MEC Group)

Dear Captain Patterson,

This letter is in response to the above listed grievance on the issue of deadheading crewmembers in the cockpit jumpseat.

When deadheading crewmembers, Air Wisconsin provides pilots with a positive space seat in the cabin on their deadheading flights. However, it has been brought to our attention that at times gate agents have taken the deadheading crewmembers seat away and given it to a paying customer. Additionally, when seats are unavailable to book, crew scheduling has been booking deadheading pilots in the cockpit jumpseat.

In an attempt to remedy the gate agent issue, I will be working through our Domicile Flight Managers to communicate to the respective station managers that agents are not to remove a positive space seat from a deadheading crewmember without the permission of the specific crewmember involved.

In an effort to maintain a positive relationship with all parties involved, I respectfully ask that ALPA communicates to the pilot group that even though we are working to rectifying this problem, the pilots must understand that Air Wisconsin does not have positive control over the customer service agents. Thus, 100% compliance, even though desired, may not occur. In the event of non-compliance by an agent, we ask that our pilots: 1) use good professional judgment in dealing with the situation; and 2) promptly report the details to their Domicile Manager for immediate follow-up.

Finally, Crew Scheduling will be advised that in the event of a last minute need to deadhead a crewmember on a full flight they are free to ask, but not require, a pilot to occupy the cockpit jumpseat. Again, I would respectfully ask ALPA to communicate to the pilots that when this occurs to use their good professional judgment in making the determination of whether or not they choose to occupy the jumpseat.

Sincerely,

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