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5	Union 2	July 2021 Grievance Number 4621	114/	5oOo						
6		Quinn Swift (IBT-196 to 204)		6 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS						
7	Union 5	7/12/16 email exchange between	60/61	7 (Joint Exhibits 1 through 5 were						
'		Trent Porter and Greg Unterseher re FAQ/Clarifications		8 marked for identification and received						
8	Union 7	(IBT-211 to 213) Contract TA FAQ (IBT-217 to 218)	61/62	9 into evidence.)						
10	Union 9	6/26/18 GSA (RON Pay)	118/120	10 THE ARBITRATOR: On the record, please.						
11		(IBT-222 to 224)		Good morning, everyone. I'd like to note that						
	Union 12	2/16/21 GSA (RON Pay, Golden Days	120/123	12 the parties have agreed to the entry of a number of						
12		Off, Assignment Into a Day Off, and Trip, Weather, Mechanical		13 joint exhibits and also reached a number of stipulations						
13		Delays) (IBT-285 to 289)		14 in connection with the case.						
14	Union 13	2/25/21 Dustin Call email/summary to Andrew Robles (Summary of	124/125	15 Starting with the joint exhibits, Joint Exhibit						
15		resolution of RON Pay grievances		16 1 is a copy of the applicable collective bargaining						
16		(IBT-290 to 291)		17 agreement, the 2016 through '21 agreement.						
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17		Investigatory Meeting (IBT-300 to 302)		19 Grievance 4621.						
18			105/	20 Joint 3 is the company's response to the						
19	Union 17	2/14/22 GSA (Grievances between 2017-2021) (IBT-303 to 306)	125/ 126	21 grievance dated February 27, 2023.						
			withdrawn	22 Joint 4 is a copy of the company's proposed						
20				23 statement of the issues.						
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1		I N D E X		1 The parties have stipulated that the board may						
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2		COMPANY EXHIBITS		3 decisional process in this case. I believe the parties						
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4	EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION	RECEIVED	5 will be deemed the official record of the hearing and						
5	Company 1	1/22/14 Union Section 3 proposal	67/74	6 that we'll be receiving copies.						
6		(G4000501 to 515)		7 In addition, it should be noted that the board						
0	Company 2	6/10/14 Union Section 3 proposal	75/82	8 has received copies of the prehearing submissions from						
7		(G4000516 to 532)		9 both parties. I believe we have the following agreement						
8	Company 3	10/24/14 Company Section 3	84/92	10 with respect to how those are going to be addressed.						
_		proposal (G4000533 to 535)		11 While the board has reviewed those, the parties						
9	Company 4	1/15/15 Union Section 3 Proposal	160/	12 will indicate during the course of the proceeding which						
10		(G4000537 to 552)	/	13 items out of that grouping, or anything new for that						
11				14 matter, will be offered as exhibits. They will then be						
12				15 marked at that point in time, and ultimately a clean,						
13 14				16 final copy of the exhibits that were entered into the						
- 1				17 record will be provided to the board.						
15				18 MR. URBAN: Okay.						
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1 the usual rebuttal and surrebuttal, if there are any,

2 and so on until everybody's got everything in. That

3 being done without waiver or change to the burdens of

4 proof or persuasion that may be applicable to any of the

5 issues being presented in this matter.

And, lastly, let me suggest the usual Jaffe ground rule for exhibits once they're marked. Anything that's marked is then conditionally admitted subject to

9 any objection that the board may sustain.10 The corollary to that is you can obje

The corollary to that is you can object at any reasonable point in the process. You don't have to do

12 so immediately when something's marked. But,

13 ultimately, silence means it's in because it is, after

14 all, labor arbitration, and counsel frequently fail to

15 go ahead and utter the magic words, "move for the

16 admission of"; right?

17 MR. URBAN: Correct.

18 THE ARBITRATOR: So there it is.

19 MR. MARKEL: Dawn is excellent at reminding us

20 when we forget.

21 THE ARBITRATOR: There we go.

22 Is there anything else that we need to take

23 care of before we get to opening statements?

24 MR. URBAN: No.

25 THE ARBITRATOR: Okay.

1 was reached.

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2 It's important that you notice -- and I do see

3 in the proposed exhibits from the company -- the prior

4 work rules that were -- the company had been operating

5 under prior to the collective bargaining agreement.

6 As you probably know, Arbitrator Jaffe,

7 Allegiant operated without a union from the mid-1990s

8 until 2016 when this contract was entered into. They

9 did so under those basic work rules that were

10 transformed into the collective bargaining agreement.

11 We have included with our exhibits -- and

12 they're for information purposes primarily since they're

13 decisions -- prior decisions. They include the prior

14 decisions that you made as the neutral in Exhibits 10

15 and 11 on premium pay for regular, composite, and

16 reserve pilots.

17 The reason I point those out is they make clear

18 that the work rules are no longer what there is in

19 effect between the parties, but, in fact, it's the

20 collective bargaining agreement that superseded those

21 work rules and that that's what we're here to interpret,

22 not the work rules but the collective bargaining

23 agreement.

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As you know from the prior decisions and the prior cases, there were specific contract implementation

1 At your convenience, then, Mr. Urban.

2 MR. URBAN: Thank you. I'm going to take my

3 mask off because otherwise it will fog my glasses.

4 THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine.

5 MR. URBAN: Just so you know why I'm doing 6 that.

Good morning, Arbitrator Jaffe and Members of the Board. Michael Urban for Teamsters Local 2118 and grievant, Captain Quinn Swift, who is here.

The present case obviously involves the first collective bargaining agreement between Allegiant

12 Airlines and what was formerly Local 1224, now Local

13 2118. That contract is extended since the parties are14 currently in negotiations for a new contract.

15 The case in Grievance 4621 involves Allegiant's 16 compliance with express terms of the collective

17 bargaining agreement and the principles of duty and

18 reassignment.

19 As I mentioned, the initial collective

20 bargaining agreement covers the period of August 1 of

21 2016 through July 29 of '21, but it is extended.

22 Undoubtedly, you will hear testimony, at least from the

23 union's side, about the three and a half years it took

24 to put together this collective bargaining agreement and

25 the parties' discussions and the final agreement that

1 documents with this agreement, but, in effect, the final

2 collective bargaining agreement does cover pilot

3 compensation in Section 3, pilot scheduling in Section

4 15, pilot hours of service in Section 14, and reserve

5 duty in Section 16.

Those are the provisions that are going to be most important to the discussion in this particular arbitration.

9 The question, as you have seen from the issue

10 that we have presented, is whether Grievance 4621 raises

11 the issue of compliance by Allegiant with Section 15

12 November 3. The company, in their last list of exhibits

 $13\,$ and issues, has actually acknowledged that that is an

14 issue for this board to decide, whether there's been a

15 violation of that particular section of Section 15.

Now, I wanted to take this back to address at least partially the company's allegations with regard to

18 timeliness and with regard to laches as they have

To timeliness and with regard to laches as they

19 asserted them.20 First of all, Section 18 and 19 of the

21 collective bargaining agreement cover the grievance

22 procedure, Section 18, and the System Board of

23 Adjustment, Section 19. Section 18 provides the

24 timelines for the grievances to be filed, the timeliness

25 of those grievances, grievance hearings, and grievance





1 responses.

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3 grievance for Captain Swift occurred on July 19, 2021.
4 His grievance was filed three days later on July 22nd of
5 2021, clearly within the 30 days of Section 18 with
6 regard to filing of a grievance. That is what I'm
7 putting forth on the timeliness issue. You have those
8 documents already in evidence as Joint Exhibit 2.

The events that led to the filing of this

Now, Section 18 requires a grievance hearing on every grievance before it moves forward to a board of adjustment hearing. That's in section -- and it says that grievance needs to go to a grievance hearing for possible resolution. And if it's not resolved, then the company has the opportunity to respond within 15 days with their response to a grievance.

The grievance hearing in this matter took place
on September 15 of 2021. The company had 15 days
thereafter to respond. They did not. Their first
response to Grievance 4621 occurred on February 27 of
That's Joint Exhibit 3. Twenty-one months after
the grievance was filed and the only time a remedy was
ever proposed in this matter, that remedy being a
replacement day off and not the reimbursement for the
ticket that Captain Swift had to buy to get home as part
of his grievance.

1 And, again, referring back, prior decisions in
2 Exhibits 10 and 11 confirm that once those work rules
3 were out and the new contract came in, then definitely
4 those work rules no longer applied.

Now, the final language that was put into the collective bargaining agreement and affects Captain

7 Swift in his grievance is contained throughout. And as

8 you know from prior looking at it -- all the board

9 members know from prior cases, Section 2 of the

10 collective bargaining agreement contains the definitions

11 that are applicable to this particular grievance. It's

12 important to go through at least some of those because

13 they do have direct application in this case.

Obviously, we have three different kinds of bid lines. We have the regular bid line, the composite bid line, and the reserve bid line. In this particular

17 case, Captain Swift was a regular line pilot when this18 event -- these events took place. He had a regular line

19 that he was flying. He was not on reserve. He was not

20 sitting as a RAP or a reserve applicability period.

21 This was part of his regular schedule. And that's

22 important for a couple of reasons.

You are, I'm sure, familiar with what a reserve availability period is where a pilot on reserve is basically on call for an assignment that might be given

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1 The company now contends the grievance is 2 untimely based on a pre-CBA practice of the company and

3 management rights. They're alleging management rights

 $4\,$ allows them to do what they're doing here, which -- and

 $\,\,$ 5 $\,$ you'll see the facts when we actually get to them, what

6 we're really disputing. And the Court -- excuse me.

7 The company is asking the board to look only at one

8 section of the collective bargaining agreement. They're

9 asking this board to please look at Section 14 Bravo 3,

10 which deals with delays of flights due to trip, weather,

11 or mechanical issues. I mention that again, delays,

12 because that is not what happened here.

And if you look at Section 14 Bravo 3, you'll see there's nothing in that section that allows the company the right to reassign a pilot if there is a trip, weather, or mechanical delay. That's not what happened here.

The key to this language will be the agreed language that was entered into in this contract in Section 15 November 3. That language, just to make it very clear, was not in the prior pilot work rules. It

21 very clear, was not in the prior pilot work rules. I 22 was agreed to by the parties at the table. They

23 discussed and negotiated that specific section. You

24 will hear from the chief negotiator of the union who put

25 that into the contract with the company.

1 to him.

The other thing that's important here is chief pilot. Chief pilot is described in the collective

4 bargaining agreement as a designated management position

5 that's there, basically, to try and help the pilot. If

6 something comes up, then it's a dispute with the 7 company.

8 When this dispute happened, Captain Swift made

9 calls to several chief pilots to try to get their

10 assistance. Those chief pilots, essentially, agreed

11 with Captain Swift's position on this particular

12 grievance, but they were overruled by scheduling, who

13 was going to do whatever they were going to do in this

14 particular case.

15 Crew scheduling is also, obviously, defined

16 here. I think it's important to remember the

17 definitions of "day," a 24-hour period, and "day off," a

18 day on the bid line in which a pilot is free of all duty

19 at his permanent or TDY domicile.

The events that took place on this particular grievance were out of domicile, away from Captain 22 Swift's home.

23 It's also important to note deadhead

24 transportation because there has been a prior decision

25 of the board, which is also attached as one of our





1 exhibits for information purposes, where the difference 2 between "deadhead" and "remain overnight" and the pay 3 for those items is explained and has been interpreted.

The reason I bring that up is, as you know, 5 from the position statement of the company and several 6 of their exhibits, they are referring to prior grievance 7 settlement agreements that dealt with remain overnight 8 or flights that were delayed into a day off. Again, not 9 cancelled, but delayed into a day off.

Going forward, I want to make sure that we are 10 11 also aware of junior assignment, which is a procedure 12 used by crew scheduling to involuntarily assign a pilot 13 to duty on a day off. Obviously, that's important here 14 because it's an option that would be available for the 15 company if they needed to get a pilot to cover an 16 otherwise uncovered flight. Junior assignment pay is 17 also important because if you junior assign a pilot, 18 you're paying him time-and-a-half as opposed to straight 19 time.

20 And, finally, minimum days off come into play 21 because of the settlement agreements that have been 22 proposed or offered by the company and the minimum 23 guarantees, which I know you're familiar with from your 24 prior cases. Open time is also something that is 25 important to remember, which is where flights can be

1 RON, R-O-N. Important definition. Remains 2 overnight,

3 "When using RON, it is a period of time 4

scheduled for a pilot to receive rest in a

5 designated rest facility when on company

6 business away from domicile."

7 So talking about all those things -- there's 8 also a definition that needs to be -- and you'll hear 9 about it from the chief negotiator. The parties, when

10 they negotiated this agreement, they agreed that there

11 would not be airport standby. And I'm sure you're

12 familiar with what that term is, but in Section 16 Echo

13 7, they specifically agreed that the parties would not

14 have airport standby as part of this contract. And it's

15 specifically set forth in that paragraph of Section 16.

16 That is applicable here because that's kind of 17 what we're talking about with what happens to Captain

18 Swift. And you will see Captain Swift is not the only

19 pilot who has filed grievances on this issue.

20 Unfortunately, the company does not agree to combine

21 grievances for presentation to the board.

22 They make sure that the union only pick one, 23 and that's why the company is being presented and the

24 board is being presented with just one grievance, but

25 there are many grievances where pilots have come across

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1 placed in open time for them to be picked up by pilots,

2 if they're available. That would be pilots that might

3 be on reserve, other pilots that want to get additional

4 pay. They can pick up flights in open time.

The other thing that's important here are the 6 definitions of out-of-domicile reserve duty assignment. 7 That's on page 2-6. It says,

"In accordance with Section 16, reserve duty, a 9 pilot on a RAP from one domicile being used for 10 a trip pairing at another domicile."

11 That doesn't directly affect Captain Swift, but 12 you need to be aware of that because there is also 13 language on reassigned and reassignment, which is 14 applicable.

15 Permanent domicile is obviously where a pilot 16 is located. Reassigned and reassignment on page 2-7 are 17 defined as follows:

18 "An involuntary change to a pilot's scheduled 19 duty on a scheduled workday. The company shall 20 utilize the provisions within Section 15 when 21 reassigning a pilot and such pilot shall be 22 paid in accordance with Section 3."

23 Not Section 14, but Section 15, which is what 24 the company is remain -- is alleging allows them to do 25 what they did to Captain Swift.

1 the same kind of problem that Captain Swift has, and

2 they have either filed a grievance, or, as you'll here

3 from one of the witnesses that you'll hear from tomorrow

4 or today, they have actually spoken to the chief pilot,

5 and the chief pilot has said, the pilot is correct, you

6 need to get that pilot home at the end of his shift if

7 you're not going to have him finish that job or if the

8 plane broke down and you can't finish that flight. You

9 will hear that testimony from a pilot and what the chief

10 pilots do when they're confronted with these issues.

11 So going through, I know you're familiar with 12 premium pay. I know you're familiar with Section 3

13 Frank, which is cancellation pay. Those have some 14 application in this case.

15 As I mentioned, reassignment pay is defined in

16 Section 3 November; junior assignment pay, 3 William; 17 and VFN pay, which I believe you understand and know,

18 which is if there's a flight that's open, the company,

19 if they need a pilot to cover that, they may post a VFN.

20 And a VFN is out there for either 30 minutes or two

21 hours for pilots to say, hey, I'm available; I can pick

22 that up.

23 What's important about that is you must post a 24 VFN before you junior assign a pilot, and VFN pay is two 25 times. We believe that the company is trying to avoid





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1 both the junior assignment time-and-a-half pay and the 2 VFN double pay when they did what they did to Captain 3 Swift.

So that gets us to Section 15 November, as I 4 5 mentioned. I'm not going to read the entire section to 6 you because I think you have the obvious ability to look 7 at it, but it specifically talks about the rules for 8 reassignment in domicile and reassignment out of 9 domicile.

The party who negotiated this contract will 10 11 tell you about how they got to that language and will 12 talk about it. 15 October talks about extensions, which 13 are also ability but are not applicable in this 14 particular case. This was not an extension of an 15 existing flight.

17 trip, weather, mechanical and how a pilot will be paid 18 if his flight is delayed beyond midnight on the day. It 19 talks about what he will get in terms of if that flight 20 is delayed past midnight and past 2:00 a.m. If it's 21 past 2:00 a.m., he will be paid back to midnight and he 22 will get a replacement day off. Nothing in that section 23 talks about reassignment to a totally different duty.

And if you -- again, 14 Bravo 3 talks about

So company has also said they want to have you 24 25 look at prior grievance settlement agreements. So we're 1 negotiation. They contend that management rights and

2 past practice allows them to do this, but that doesn't

3 allow them to specifically ignore express contract

4 language on reassignment.

5 And with that, I want to basically talk about 6 what -- oh, one other thing I need you to focus on, and 7 I don't think the parties have talked about it.

8 As part of the negotiations, the three and a 9 half years it took to negotiate this collective

10 bargaining agreement, the parties inserted at the back 11 of the agreement what they call IBT contract TA FAQs.

12 And I'm just going to read the last FAQ from you because

13 this is where the company claims 15 November 3 does not 14 apply, but this is the agreed frequently asked question:

15 "Question: If I end up on an unscheduled 16 overnight due to aircraft maintenance, would I 17 be required to stay with the aircraft until it 18 was repaired, even if it went into my days off? 19 "Answer: No. It is required to be returned to 20 domicile on the last day of your trip pairing where possible; however, if a situation arose 21 22 where you have been stuck late at night away 23 from domicile before a day off, you may remain 24 until your day off but must be home on that

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1 going to have the parties who negotiated that grievance 2 settlement agreement. Company has listed their

3 witnesses that settled those grievance settlements. You

4 will hear from the parties on the union side that 5 settled those.

I would point out to you that the board needs 7 to look closely at the grievances. And, if we have to, 8 we'll go through every single grievance that was part of

9 those grievance settlement agreements to point out and 10 show you how they are not the grievance we have here.

11 They are not what you have with Captain Swift.

12

They involved a delay of an existing flight 13 that went beyond midnight into the next day and the

14 question of what would be paid to those pilots, whether

15 they would be entitled to RON pay for remaining

16 overnight and whether they would get a replacement day

17 off. That's what all of those cases dealt with. Every

18 single one of them. They do not deal with the

19 circumstance that we have with Captain Swift.

20 And we will show you that the company, step by 21 step, methodically, made a decision not to comply with

22 16 -- excuse me -- Section 15 November with regard to

23 the reassignment of Captain Swift. They totally ignored 24 that language, that new language that was put in the

25 collective bargaining agreement as part of the parties'

That's the crux here of this case. They should

first day off where possible."

2 have got him home. They are required to get him home.

3 The company and the union agreed in the frequently asked

4 questions he shouldn't have to stay with the plane.

5 So now I want to just briefly -- and you'll

6 hear specifically from Captain Swift because one of the

7 other things that you're going to hear from the company

8 is under 15 November 3, if we get to that argument, this

9 was beyond their control. They had to reassign Captain

10 Swift to a totally different assignment with a totally

11 different overnight at a different location, which is

12 what they were planning to do before he got on the plane

13 and went home. Totally in violation of Section 15

14 November.

15 And you will see step by step what the company 16 did -- what they were planning to do before Captain

17 Swift, after talking to his chief pilot, decided he

18 wasn't going to stick around, and he went home because

19 he believed he was entitled to.

20 And so it's important that there are other

21 things the company can do when they don't have a pilot

22 available. They have reserve pilots, like I said, who

23 have reserve availability periods. They can be used to

24 get a broken plane, once it's repaired, sent on its way

25 afterwards other than airport standby or keeping a pilot





1 there.

And you'll hear some testimony from at least 2 3 one pilot who was not only required to stay with the 4 plane, he was required to stay for multiple days with 5 the plane on one of his grievances. And that grievance

6 hasn't been resolved yet either, by the way. So the point is this isn't an isolated 8 incident. This is something that happens on a regular

9 basis, and there are many grievances that have been

10 filed by other pilots for the same problem.

11 But, more importantly, let's talk specifically 12 about other options. Like I said earlier, they have the 13 option of a junior assignment. They have an option of 14 putting the flight that they want covered or a return 15 flight in open time for a pilot to pick up, and they 16 have the ability to VFN, to get that plane home or get

17 it to wherever they want it to go. 18 None of those were options that they exercised 19 or planned to exercise with regard to Captain Swift. 20 Totally the opposite. They were going to make him stay 21 there, fly that plane, go to Las Vegas, which is not his 22 base at the time, stay there overnight and do another 23 flight. And you'll hear the specific scheduling that 24 took place or was planned to take place on this

25 particular issue. And those are records that are within

1 the flight is cancelled. And these are all detailed

2 specifically by Captain Swift in his grievance. He has

3 chronologically detailed exactly what happened to him.

4 Crew services calls and says the flight is cancelled.

5 You're all going home on one of the two or three

6 possible ferry flights that are available the rest of

7 the day. That's what they're told, to start. Go to 8 lunch.

9 The entire crew, both the captain and the first 10 officer and the two flight attendants, are listed on a

11 return flight within the next four hours. They are

12 actually listed on a flight home. They go to lunch.

13 While they're at lunch, crew services calls 14 again. Everybody's going home except Captain Swift and

15 the first officer. They get to spend the night and fly

16 that plane the next day. Not back to where it was going

17 but to a totally different destination. That's why this

18 case is different than the trip where the mechanical

19 delays in Section 14, the remain overnight -- there's no

20 remain overnight issue here. They didn't remain

21 overnight because Captain Swift did what he should have

22 done. He called the chief pilot. He called several

23 chief pilots to find out what the heck. They're telling

24 me I have to stay overnight and fly something totally

25 different tomorrow.

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1 the company's scheduling system.

So what we have is, as I said, Captain Swift, a 3 regular line pilot in July of 2021, not on reserve, not 4 subject to the reserve reassignment rules. He's at the 5 beginning of the second of his four legs of his trip 6 that day. So he's going to go out and back, out and 7 back, and get home. The plane at the beginning of that 8 second leg has a mechanical problem. Those things 9 happen. Planes get delayed. Flights get delayed. 10 Those are covered by 14, Section 14.

11 So the plane gets apparently fixed, but, 12 unfortunately, as they're backing out for the plane to 13 take off again, the same problem happens again. So they 14 return to the gate. They are told the repair did not

15 work. The plane is not going to be able to fly.

And this is where it gets really interesting on 16 17 15 November 3. They are told the plane is down until 18 repairs can be done. They cancel the flight. They tell

19 the passengers the flight is cancelled, and it is not 20 being rescheduled. It's not the same flight on the same

21 day as Captain Swift was originally scheduled to fly.

22 They take the plane and tow it to remote parking because 23 they're going to have to fix it.

24 They talked to the terminal for negotiations --25 for instructions. Crew services initially tells them

Both of the chief pilots -- he actually gets 2 chief pilot on the phone. Chief pilot says, "You're 3 right. You should be sent home. You should get to go 4 home."

5 But what happens? And there's a reason he 6 needs to go home, by the way. The next day is his day 7 off. He has an appointment for his medical clearance to 8 be maintained. He tells them that. He tells the chief 9 pilot; he tells the company. That doesn't matter. 10 You're staying.

11 So he makes every effort. He talks to both the 12 chief pilot; he talks to scheduling. They're not going 13 to let him go home. So he gets -- he finds out what's 14 available for flights home. Gets a flight scheduled.

15 Gets through screening. They won't let him board.

16 Company refuses to let him board the plane to go home.

What does he do? He finally can't do anything 17

18 else. He basically says, "I'm going home." Buys a

19 ticket to get himself home. Tells them he's not going

20 on the cancelled flight because that cancelled flight is

21 done. He's not going to fly the next day. He's blocked

22 to getting another ticket. He finally gets a ticket

23 home. He gets home.

24 What does the company do? Oh, and by the way, 25 you'll see when he talks, but he actually spoke to the



1 mechanic with that particular plane. They had no idea 2 about when the parts would be there or when it would be

3 repaired. So in all -- you know, for all likelihood, he 4 might have been there for days.

There was no discipline; however, the company 6 writes him down for a no-show for the flight the next 7 day. They actually schedule and send out -- and you'll

8 see it in the union's exhibits -- a Section 18

9 disciplinary meeting for him, but that's cancelled.

10 They cancel that meeting, but on his record still today

11 is a no-show for a flight that was totally different

12 than the one he originally flew. Still on his record.

13 Now, we believe that what the company did here 14 is a breach of the collective bargaining agreement. And

15 you'll see from Joint Exhibit 3 the only proposed

16 resolution of this, which came 21 months later, is a

17 replacement day off.

18 Well, Captain Swift doesn't need a replacement 19 day off. He went home and had his day off, went to his 20 medical appointment so he could keep flying for

21 Allegiant.

And you're also going to see the other 22 23 grievances I mentioned where other pilots have filed it.

24 And, if we have to, we'll go through each of those RON

25 pay or grievance settlement agreement cases, and you'll

1 rattle off a lot of different CBA sections. He --

2 Mr. Urban referred to more than -- or other related

3 grievances that they presented. I think in their

4 disclosures there's more than 300 pages of grievances

5 that they say are related.

6 Now, the vast majority of those grievances have

7 nothing to do with this arbitration and concern

8 completely different issues. But, in any event, as the

9 union has once again conceded, every case under the CBA

10 must be considered separately unless the parties

11 expressly agree to combine them.

12 There's been no agreement to combine those 13 grievances to this case. Simply put, none of those 14 grievances are before this board, and the board has no 15 jurisdiction to consider them.

16 The union's disclosures also contain a number 17 of documents related to golden days. Under the CBA,

18 golden days are days off that the company cannot move to

19 assign a pilot work on that day. But on page 2-4 of the

20 CBA, it expressly says that golden days apply only to

21 pilots on reserve lines.

22 As Mr. Urban just admitted, Mr. Swift was a

23 line holder at the time of these events, not a reserve

24 pilot. And so that day that he was directed to work

25 could not have been and was not a golden day.

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1 see they are not the same as this case.

As a remedy for this particular grievance,

3 which will affect all of the other pilots it's happening

4 to, we're asking the company to cease and desist from

5 this out-of-base reassessment or reassignment that is

6 not in compliance with Section 15 November 3 and provide

7 pay and replacement day off as needed to those pilots

8 who have filed grievances.

Again, with Captain Swift, the primary reason 9 10 here is cease and desist and pay for the ticket he had 11 to pay to get home.

12 Thank you very much.

13 THE ARBITRATOR: Thank you, Mr. Urban.

Would you like to make an opening at this time, 14

15 Mr. Markel?

MR. MARKEL: I would. 16

17 THE ARBITRATOR: Very good.

18 MR. MARKEL: Good morning.

19 THE ARBITRATOR: Good morning.

20 MR. MARKEL: Allegiant's prehearing submission

21 laid out much of our case. Rather than repeat those

22 points, I'd like to start by addressing a few of the

23 issues raised by the union's opening statement and the

24 documents in its prehearing disclosures. 25

Now, as I'm sure you did, I heard the union

What is relevant, if anything, about golden

2 days is that in February 2021, the parties entered into

3 a grievance settlement regarding golden days and

4 mechanical delays. That GSA specified specific narrow

5 circumstances where a pilot could refuse to work.

Importantly for this arbitration, that GSA says

7 that the company can assign pilots to work on their day

8 off due to weather or mechanical delay and that weather

9 and mechanical delays are governed by Section 14.B.3

10 without providing any right of refusal in that context.

11 As that GSA shows, the parties clearly know how

12 to say that a pilot may refuse an assignment. That they 13 conspicuously chose not to do that, outside of the very

14 narrow exception regarding golden days, shows that they

15 intended not to apply that to mechanical and weather 16 delays under that GSA and the situation that occurred

17 here with Mr. Swift.

18 Now, the union's disclosures also include as a

19 potential exhibit a grievance settlement agreement that

20 expressly and unequivocally states that it shall not be

21 cited, offered, or relied upon in any manner whatsoever,

22 now or in the future, in connection with any matter

23 involving other bargaining unit employees or the union

24 except in a proceeding to enforce the terms of that

25 agreement.



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Now, Mr. Swift was not a party to that 2 agreement, and this is not a proceeding to enforce that 3 GSA. So not only is that GSA irrelevant here, but the 4 union has already violated its terms by including it in 5 its disclosures.

Now, the grievance before the board does not 7 concern any of those issues. As Mr. Urban just 8 admitted, what is really before the board is Section 9 15.N.3. The grievance is explicit on this point. It 10 repeatedly references, cites, and quotes from Section 11 15.N.3 and conspicuously does not allege violations of 12 any other provision.

13 The basis for that allegation is that in July 14 2021, Mr. Swift was assigned to a single-day trip 15 originating at his domicile in Mesa, Arizona, and ending 16 later that day back in Mesa. During that trip, his 17 aircraft experienced a mechanical delay in Provo, Utah, 18 which required replacement parts and overnight 19 maintenance.

20 As a result, the company directed Mr. Swift to 21 stay with the aircraft in Provo and to fly it back to 22 the original origin destination, Mesa, as soon as the 23 repairs were complete, ultimately.

24 Mr. Swift refused those directions because, in 25 his view, Section 15.N.3 and the related frequently

1 would have to stay overnight at the outstation airport 2 and fly the aircraft back once -- once the repairs were 3 finished on a scheduled day off.

The practice is important for several reasons. 5 As we outlined in our submission, having a crew on hand 6 ensures the aircraft can be returned as soon as the 7 inclement weather has past or the maintenance issue is 8 resolved.

9 But even more importantly in mechanical issues, 10 having a crew with the aircraft is significant because 11 at many smaller outstation airports, Allegiant's 12 maintenance staff may be small or it only has outside 13 contractors.

14 It is, therefore, essential to have an 15 Allegiant employee remain with the aircraft while 16 repairs are being made. At some airports, a pilot may 17 be needed to help run the aircraft's engines as part of 18 the maintenance being performed, and without a crew 19 there completing necessary maintenance, it may take 20 longer or may not even be possible, further delaying 21 when the aircraft can be returned.

22 Ultimately, those delays result in future 23 delays down the line and cancellations and are critical 24 in avoiding those -- those types of situations for 25 Allegiant's business. Those types of delays and

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1 asked question prohibit Allegiant from ever requiring 2 pilots to stay overnight.

Now, as Elkouri and Elkouri explained, when a 4 grievance like this uses specific allegations and 5 specific language, the arbitration is limited to that 6 specific issue, and no additional disputes may be added. Accordingly, I think the parties, at least on

7 8 the merits, are in agreement that the question before 9 the board posed by the grievance is whether Allegiant 10 violated Section 15.N.3 by directing Mr. Swift to remain 11 overnight with an aircraft due to a mechanical delay and 12 to fly back to the original origin destination in Mesa 13 after the repairs were complete.

As with any contract interpretation case, the 14 15 union has the burden of proof to show that violation. 16 It can't do that here.

17 As we described in our prehearing submission, 18 when one of Allegiant's aircraft experiences a 19 mechanical issue at an outstation, it is critical that 20 Allegiant be able to have the aircraft return as soon as 21 possible.

22 Accordingly, for years prior to the parties' 23 CBA in 2016, when this occurred, Allegiant often 24 required its pilots to remain with the aircraft until 25 the repairs were complete. This often meant that they

1 cancellations are the way that Allegiant loses

2 customers. It cannot have that in its operation, which 3 is why, for decades, it's always required the pilot to 4 remain with the aircraft.

Now, Mr. Urban referenced a work rule. And 6 prior to the CBA, Allegiant did maintain work rules. 7 One of those work rules specifically referenced 8 mechanical, trip, and weather delays, and it provided 9 what would happen when a pilot would remain -- who was

10 required to remain with an aircraft in those situations. 11 Mr. Urban's right. It provided additional compensation

12 and a compensatory day off.

13 Now, what I don't agree with is that that work 14 rule bears no relevance here because it was incorporated 15 effectively verbatim into the CBA. The only difference 16 was that the parties added a process whereby pilots who 17 were required to remain with the aircraft in one of 18 those situations could specify which days off it wanted 19 as its compensatory day. Previously under the prior 20 work rule, the company would just choose.

21 But nothing in the modifications to that 22 provision or anything else in the contract prohibit 23 Allegiant from continuing the practice that it had prior 24 to the CBA.

Now, because that was the case at all times



1 during negotiations and since the CBA took effect,

2 Allegiant continued its practice of requiring pilots to

3 remain overnight with an aircraft at an outstation in a

4 mechanical, weather, or trip-delay situation. Indeed,

5 that's occurred thousands of times over this period.

These facts would be enough to rule for the

7 company. Section 14.B.3 specifically addresses

 $8\,$ mechanical delays like the one here and is supported by

9 years of past practice.

But that is not the only evidence that supports

11 Allegiant's position in this case. As noted in our

12 submission, in 2018, the parties entered into a

13 grievance settlement agreement that is directly on point

14 to this issue. That GSA is clear on its face. It

15 explains that was meant to address situations where

16 pilots were required to remain overnight due to an

17 operational issue and to work on a previously scheduled

18 day off. It states that the union had taken the

19 position that when this occurs, it would be governed by

20 14.B.3. It also states that, going forward, the company

21 would apply 14.B.3 in those situations.

Now, Mr. Urban has, I suppose, hinged his case

23 on the assertion that the grievances that led to that

24 GSA are nothing like Mr. Swift's. In particular, he 25 said that they did not concern delay -- or they did not

1 happened here.

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And in Bates Stamp Allegiant 233, the pilot

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{3}}$ specifically says that the flight was cancelled due to a

4 lightning strike and resulting mechanical issue.

Now, we'll show -- I mean, we can go through

 $\, 6 \,$ these and show that these were not situations where

7 simply, you know, there was a delay resulting in a few

8 hours and the pilot just flew back later that night.

9 These involve cancellations, changes to itineraries.

10 And what's important to know, and I'll address this in a

11 second, the GSA was specifically intended to avoid all

12 of these disputes.

13 The parties used specific language in the GSA

14 regarding returning to the origin destination. That was

15 intended to avoid disputes about whether something was a

16 reassignment due to a ferry flight or a rescue flight or

17 change in flight numbers or change in itineraries. All

18 of this was intended to just apply a broad, clear rule.

19 If the party -- if the pilot was returning to the origin

20 destination, it would be covered.

21 Now, the GSA, as I said, is strongly supportive

22 of the company in this context. The conclusion is even

23 stronger when it is viewed in context. As I mentioned,

24 the grievances underlying that are similar -- involve

25 similar situations to Mr. Swift. In fact, they involve

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1 a broad scope of different circumstances that the

nes in 2 part

2 parties all agreed would be subject to 14.B.3.

But even more than that, the parties'correspondence preceding the GSA demonstrates beyond any

5 doubt that they rejected the exact argument that the

6 union is making here, that these situations were

7 out-of-domicile reassignments covered by Section 15.N.3.

8 In 2017, Andrea Gansen, Allegiant's director of

9 labor relations at the time, wrote a letter to the

10 union's general counsel in response to the union's group

11 grievance that led to the 2018 GSA. And I'm looking at

12 Allegiant 220 here, if you'd like to refer to that

13 document. In that letter, Ms. Gansen outlined the

14 parties' respective positions.

Now, the exact language she used is important;

16 so I want to make sure I quote it. Ms. Gansen explained

17 that "The organization asserts that when a pilot is

18 unable to return to a domicile as scheduled and

19 subsequently assigned to return to domicile on

the next day, which is a day off, he or she

21 should receive a replacement day off pursuant

22 to Section 14.B.3."

23 She then went on to note that the company

24 disagreed and believed that Section 15.N.3 should apply

25 instead. Again I'm quoting,

1 concern cancellations like Mr. Swift; they were only2 delays. No changes in scheduled trips. No changes in

3 itinerary.
4 That's simply not true. I just quickly jotted

5 down a few examples. One of the grievances specifically

6 listed in the GSA that the parties would be subject to

7 14.B.3 had a mechanical issue with an anti-ice

8 component. Another crew and aircraft picked up the

9 passengers, just like occurred in Mr. Swift's situation,

10 and the grievant was directed to fly the -- an empty

11 aircraft back to the base the next day.

12 Another one involved mechanical issues --

13 THE ARBITRATOR: I'm sorry. I apologize for

14 interrupting, but just so --

15 MR. MARKEL: Yes.

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16 THE ARBITRATOR: -- it's easy to find, do you

17 have a number or a pilot name or something of --

MR. MARKEL: It's Allegiant 225.

19 THE ARBITRATOR: Thank you.

20 MR. MARKEL: Another one, Allegiant 231 -- I'm

21 referring to the Bates stamp number -- had a mechanical

22 issue leading to an overnight stay. The pilot then

23 deadheaded back to their original origin destination the

24 next day, which was a day off, and could not complete25 the originally scheduled trips. Again, same thing that

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1 "The company holds that when a pilot is unable
2 to return to domicile as scheduled, is assigned
3 to return to domicile the next day, which is a
4 day off, he or she is governed by the
5 provisions of Section 15.N.3, out-of-domicile
6 reassignments."

In addition, Ms. Gansen specifically addressed
the frequently asked question that the union and
Mr. Swift has placed such an emphasis on in this case.

10 In her letter to the union, she argued that -11 or she characterized the union's position, again I'm
12 quoting,

"The organization's essential argument was that
a mechanical or weather delay keeping a pilot
overnight out of domicile is not subject to
reassignment out of domicile provisions and it
is not a reassignment. It is a delay."

Then quoting from the frequently asked question

Then, quoting from the frequently asked question regarding Section 15.N.3, Ms. Gansen wrote that "The union's grievance regarding this issue was

21 clearly the same situation addressed in that

FAQ and it is clearly recognized in the FAQs as being subject to the provisions of Section

24 15.N.3."

25 Again I'm quoting from Ms. Gansen's letter. So

1 it is because it confirms that the company's position in 2 this case is correct.

As I noted a second ago, that language was
specifically intended to preclude the exact arguments
they're making here. The language regarding requiring
pilots to remain overnight and then operate to the same
rorigin destination on the next day is significant. It
was intended to avoid disputes about flight -- changes
in flight numbers, whether a different crew was sent to
pick up passengers, and whether Allegiant had -- was
required to cancel segments of trips.

To avoid all these disputes and provide clarity
going forward, the parties agreed that so long as the
pilot was directed to return the aircraft to the
original origin destination at the end of the day, that
would be covered by Section 14.B.3. And that's what
happened here.

Mr. Swift departed from Mesa, Arizona. He was scheduled to return to Mesa, Arizona. After his aircraft experienced mechanical delay, he was ultimately directed to fly back to Mesa, Arizona, on his scheduled day off just as the 2018 GSA allows.

Now, I want to make one final note before I turn to the issue of timeliness. The union's argument that Section 15.N.3 requires Allegiant to immediately

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1 the company was taking the exact position that the union2 is now taking in this case.

Now, in most circumstances, that would be really bad news for the company. But here the opposite is true. That's because the union specifically rejected the company's position that these situations would be covered by Section 15.N.3.

8 Shortly after Ms. Gansen sent her letter 9 arguing that Section 15.N.3 should apply, the union 10 responded rejecting the company's position and appealed 11 its grievance to arbitration.

In that grievance appeal, the union again
asserted that the company was violating the CBA by
applying 15.N.3 instead of 14.B.3 when pilots are
required to remain overnight and work on a scheduled day
off due to a mechanical or weather delay.

And as I noted, the specific language they
used -- well, I jumped ahead. As we explained in our
prehearing submission, the parties ultimately settled
the union's grievance over that issue by agreeing to the
union's position that 14.B.3 would control when a pilot
was remained -- required to remain overnight just like
Mr. Swift was here.

Now, I noted a second ago that the specific language they used in that GSA is important, and I think

1 return a pilot to their base is wrong. That is not what 2 Section 15.N.3 says.

3 Section 15.N.3.c states that in circumstances
4 beyond the company's control where it is unable to
5 return a pilot to it -- its -- his domicile on the
6 originally scheduled day off, the company may assign the
7 pilot to work on the pilot's first scheduled day off so
8 long as the company gets the pilot home on that day.

The FAQ regarding 15.N.3 that the union quoted

10 from in its opening repeats this. It states that "A
11 pilot may be required to remain until your day
12 off but must be returned home on the first day
13 off where possible."

So even under Section 15.N.3, a pilot may be required to work on their first scheduled day off. And nothing -- nothing -- in that provision states, as Mr. Swift and the union contend here, that the company is required, without exception, to get a pilot back home on a revenue flight, the first one available, and can

20 never require them to work on a scheduled day off. It 21 simply doesn't say that.

Thus, even if Section 15.N.3 did apply in this case, which we don't agree it does given all of the evidence showing that the parties expressly agree that 14.B.3 would govern, Allegiant's direction to Mr. Swift



1 to fly home back to his domicile the next morning would2 have returned him on his first scheduled day off and

 $3\,$ would, therefore, even be permitted by Section 15.N.3.

That brings me to timeliness. The union argues that this grievance is timely simply because Mr. Swift

6 filed it a few days after the events giving rise to the

7 case. Now, this is not a new tactic for this union. It

8 has used this argument repeatedly to say, well, we filed

9 it after the immediate event; so it has to be, by

10 definition, timely but, of course, ignores the recent

11 arbitration award that rejected that argument by

12 Arbitrator Peter Meyers. And the facts make here --

13 make clear that this case is absolutely untimely.

We addressed those situ- -- the broad strokes 15 of that argument in our prehearing submission. And I

16 want to just discuss for a second that the documents

17 contained in the union's disclosure only further confirm

18 Allegiant's point on this.

19 For example, the union included emails between

 $20\,$ Mr. Unterseher and Mr. Porter, the company's lead

21 negotiators, discussing revisions to the CBA as they

22 were finalizing the agreement. In those emails, they

23 discuss having pilots remain overnight with an aircraft.

Now, the fact that this was occurring hundreds

25 of times during the negotiations are clear enough to put

1 this issue, the earliest grievance that makes any

2 contention that these situations would be subject to

3 15.N.3 was filed in March of 2019.

4 That's two and a half years after the CBA went

5 into effect and more than nine months after the 2018 GSA

6 when both the union and Mr. Swift were, again,

7 indisputably aware of the practice they are now

8 challenging.

9 This case is, therefore, even clearer than the

10 one in which Arbitrator Meyers found the grievance to be

11 untimely. Regardless of whether the board looks at the

12 effective date of the CBA or the 2018 GSA, the current

13 grievance filed in 2021 is late by a number of years.

14 For each of these reasons, the union's

15 grievance should be denied in its entirety.

16 THE ARBITRATOR: Thank you, Mr. Markel.

17 Any additional opening argument, Mr. Urban,

18 before --

19 MR. URBAN: No.

20 THE ARBITRATOR: -- we get to evidence?

21 MR. URBAN: No.

22 THE ARBITRATOR: Very good.

MR. URBAN: Can we take a short break?

24 THE ARBITRATOR: Never a problem. We're off

25 the record.

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1 the union on notice of that practice, but the emails

2 further confirm that was the case. There's no dispute

3 here that the union knew of Allegiant's practice of

4 requiring pilots to remain overnight in mechanical

5 delays at the time the CBA took effect. This case is,

6 therefore, nearly identical to the recent arbitration

7 before Peter Meyers where he find -- found the union's

8 grievance to be untimely.

9 In that case, because the parties had discussed

10 the company's practice of requiring pilots to drive

11 rental cars to deadhead between assignments during their

12 CBA negotiations, he found that, and I quote again, "The

union unquestionably knew of the company's

14 practice at the time the CBA took effect and

then held that the parties' CBA -- the CBA's

16 mandatory grievance deadlines began to run at

17 that point. And because the union did not

immediately file a grievance challenging that

19 practice, its claim filed several years later

20 was untimely and outside of the board's

21 iurisdiction."

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The same is true here. And, once again, the

23 union's own disclosures prove this point. Indeed, among

24 the dozens of grievances that the union asserts are all

25 known grievances concerning this issue or related to

1 (A recess was taken from 10:35 a.m. to

2 11:00 a.m.)

3 THE ARBITRATOR: Okay. On the record, please.

4 I assume you'd like the witness to be sworn in.

5 MR. URBAN: Yes.

6 THE ARBITRATOR: Good morning. Could you raise

7 your right hand, please.

8 (Witness sworn.)

9 THE WITNESS: I do.

10 THE ARBITRATOR: Please be seated, sir.

GREGORY UNTERSEHER,

having been first duly sworn by the arbitrator,

was examined and testified as follows:

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. URBAN:

16 Q. Can you please state your full name for the

17 record.

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18 A. Gregory Unterseher.

19 MR. URBAN: Would you need him to spell that

20 last name, or are you all right?

21 THE COURT REPORTER: (Indicating.)

22 MR. URBAN: Okay.

23 BY MR. URBAN:

24 Q. And who's your current employer?

25 A. International Brotherhood of Teamsters.





1 Q. What duties or responsibilities do you have 2 there?

- 3 A. I manage the pilot representation for the
- 4 international airline division. So overseeing all of
- 5 our pilot locals and the contracts as well as all of the
- 6 government affairs and safety programs.
- 7 Q. What kind of -- I mean, are you a pilot as 8 well?
- 9 A. I am a pilot.
- 0 Q. And what kind of pilot experience do you have?
- 11 A. I started flying in the late 1980s, and I flew
- 12 for 27 years, 26 years. And my last employer was World
- 13 Airways. I was a captain on the 747 when they went out
- 14 of business.
- 15 Q. Okay. Have you ever had any union positions
- 16 affiliated with what's now known as Local 2118?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Okay. You're familiar with the collective
- 19 bargaining agreement, which is, I believe, Exhibit 1 in
- 20 that small notebook in front of you?
- 21 A. This one?
- 22 Q. Yes.
- 23 A. Yes, I am.
- 24 Q. Okay. And did you participate -- excuse me.
- What's the effective date of that agreement, if

1 having small -- small-base markets.

- 2 Q. Was there any discussion about having pilots
- 3 home every night?
- 4 A. Absolutely. It was integral to what they used
- 5 in marketing for pilots.
- 6 Q. Was that agreed to by both sides --
- 7 A. Well --

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- 8 Q. -- to try and get pilots home?
- 9 A. Oh, absolutely. Yeah. It was -- yeah, it
- 10 was -- it's kind of a core piece of not only the
- 11 business model but a lot of things that we codified in
- 12 the contract itself.
- 13 Q. So that concern is reflected in the CBA?
- 14 A. It is in multiple places.
- 15 Q. Now, you're familiar with the language. If you
- 16 would turn to Section 15, specifically 15 November.
- 17 I'll tell you the page.
- 18 A. The page is -- pagination got truncated; so
- 19 this may take a second.
- 20 Q. There should be a --
- 21 A. Is there a number you have on it?
- 22 Q. Trying to get to it.
 - MR. MARKEL: Greg, do you want --
- 24 BY MR. URBAN:
- 25 Q. At the bottom it should say IBT-93.

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- 1 you can recall?
- 2 A. August 1st, 2016, I believe.
- 3 Q. Did you participate in the negotiations for
- 4 that contract?
- 5 A. Yes, from April 2015 until ratification, I was
- 6 the chief negotiator for the contract.
- 7 Q. So you were present when the collective
- 8 bargaining agreement was completed; correct?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. And is Exhibit 1 in that notebook the final
- 11 agreement that you negotiated?
- 12 A. Yes, it appears to be.
- 13 Q. Was that document approved as written by both
- 14 sides of the table?
- 15 A. Yes, it was.
- 16 Q. All of the portions of it as well; correct?
- 17 A. Yes. All the appendix, the FAQs, all of it.
- 18 Q. Okay. Can you -- based on your knowledge of
- 19 the negotiations and what you talked about with the
- 20 parties, do you recall what kind of a business Allegiant
- 21 had at that time?
- 22 A. Well, I -- it was an ultra-low-cost carrier.
- 23 They did out-and-back trips, day trips. It was part of
- 24 their business model. It excluded the hotel costs for
- 25 the company as well as allowed them efficiencies of

- 1 A. Okav.
 - 2 Q. Scheduling. And if you turn to November, that
 - 3 will be on IBT --
 - 4 MR. MARKEL: You are looking for 15-14.
 - 5 THE WITNESS: Okay. I have it.
 - 6 BY MR. URBAN:
 - 7 Q. Okay. So was --
 - 8 A. Hold on a second. Say that number again one
 - 9 last time.
 - 10 Q. IBT-106 on the bottom. Does it say that?
 - 1 A. Got it. Okay. I'm there.
 - 12 Q. 15 November.
 - 13 This was something that was added to the
 - 14 collective bargaining agreement; correct?
 - 15 A. Reassignment rules, yes, it was.
 - 16 Q. And was there any language to this effect in
 - 17 the prior work rules of the company?
 - 18 A. In- and out-of-domicile reassignments, I'm not
 - 19 that I'm familiar with. I believe this is based
- 20 originally on a Midwest contract that Scott Hegland put 21 together.
- 22 Q. And do you recall what discussions were had
- 23 with regard to this specific agreed language?
- 24 A. Could you restate the question.
- 25 Q. Yeah.





1 Do you recall having specific discussions about

- 2 15 November?
- 3 A. Oh, yes. Yes.
- 4 Q. And who would you be talking to on the company 5 side?
- A. Jerry Glass and Trent Porter were the two --
- 7 they kind of traded duties, but Jerry Glass was
- 8 principally the chief spokesman for negotiations.
- 9 Q. And do you recall specific discussions about
- 10 these reassignment rules during negotiations?
- 11 A. Yeah, I do.
- 12 Q. What was discussed?
- 13 A. Well, how a trip is reassigned and just the
- 14 guardrails, if you will, that surrounded that.
- 15 Out-of-domicile reassignments kind of specifically
- 16 were -- were really thought of as a kind of a rarity, if
- 17 you will.
- 18 Q. Why is that?
- 19 A. Because you'd have to be, again, reassigned to
- 20 something kind of down line, you know, away from where
- 21 you were going. And that was -- again, it didn't really
- 22 comport with the type of flying that they did.
- 23 Q. So was this put in as "if it happens" kind of
- 24 language --
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Just -- it's actually the FAQs.
- 2 Do you have those in front of you?
- 3 A. I do.

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- 4 Q. It's the very last three pages of the contract.
- 5 A. Yeah, I got it.
- 6 Q. So these were also agreed to by the parties?
- 7 A. They were and they -- they came up -- we did a
- 8 road show. We had east and west road shows, and I was
- 9 on the West Coast with some of our -- our committee, and
- 10 the company and another part of the committee were on
- 11 the East Coast. And every night -- and the company
- 12 would go behind us and answer any questions that had
- 13 come up during our road show presentation and take
- 14 questions from the audience and try to make sure that we
- 15 were all on the same page with what was being agreed to 16 here.
- 17 And then Trent Porter was the principal contact
- 18 for the company during this, and we -- we talked and
- 19 traded emails at night to clarify our understanding of
- 20 misunderstandings in the contract itself. That gave
- 21 birth to this FAQ that we came up with, what would
- 22 happen in these particular instances.
- 23 Q. Was there a specific discussion about "beyond
- 24 the company control"?
- 25 A. Oh, yes. Yes.

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- 1 Q. -- or --
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Were you aware of any practice or policy of
- 4 Allegiant doing reassignments of a pilot overnight as
- 5 described by Mr. Markel in his opening statement?
- 6 A. Yeah, it was rather rampant without a contract
- 7 in place of being reassigned. It was one thing that
- 8 pilots wanted fixed in the contract.
- 9 Q. Was that the impetus for the proposal in the
- 10 final language in 15 November?
- 11 A. Yeah, we used in the negotiations, you know,
- 12 "beyond the control of the company," "if able," you
- 13 know, different things outside of force majeure or an
- 14 act of god to figure out what the -- what would -- what
- 15 would be the turning point for something to happen, for
- 16 a reassignment to happen, and whether or not you had to17 get them home.
- 18 Q. Was the assumption that the company would get
- 19 pilots home?
- 20 A. Oh, always, yes.
- 21 Q. Was that discussed with the parties?
- 22 A. Extensively.
- 23 Q. Now, if you would look at -- I believe it's the
- 24 very last page of that exhibit, IBT-195.
- 25 A. Of that section, 195.

- Q. And what was finally agreed as to what would be
- 2 beyond control?
- 3 A. Just beyond -- something they physically
- 4 couldn't do. We were at a point at one point was cost a
- 5 question in it? How could we get somebody out of a, you
- 6 know, a stranded area and get them home? Certainly if
- 7 there were flights available to put a pilot on, that was
- 8 not beyond the control of the company.
- 9 Q. So there was an understanding that if a flight
- 10 was available, that pilot would be put on that flight.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And does the FAQ, the final FAQ,
- 13 out-of-domicile reassignment, is that consistent with
- 14 that understanding?
- 15 A. Yes, it is.
- 16 Q. So where it says "out of control," if a flight
- 17 was available, the pilot would go home.
- 18 A. Absolutely.
- 19 Q. Now, I want to talk about a couple of things on
- 20 the agreement, specifically Section 14 Bravo 3, which is
- 21 back, as you know, and has been discussed about quite a
- 22 bit today. And I think you heard from the opening
- 23 statement of Mr. Markel that there was similar language 24 in Section 14 Bravo 3 in the prior work rules; right?
 - A. Yes, some of it. The first few paragraphs were





1 amended slightly and --

- Q. It's on page IBT-88.
- A. I'm there.
- Q. You recall having a discussion about this? 4
- 5 A. Yeah, I do.
- Q. Okay. And what was the focus about this
- 7 particular language when you had the discussions with
- 8 the company representative?
- A. Well, again, it was a hangover from the pilot
- 10 work rules, which, you know, were not a contract, as we
- 11 learned. The pilots were getting let out on these trips
- 12 or kept out for maintenance, and we wanted to ensure
- 13 that two different things were understood here, that,
- 14 you know, that the timelines within here are what was
- 15 carried over from the pilot work rules, but really they
- 16 were a delay.
- 17 And I think it's really important for the
- 18 arbitrator to understand it was a small, really
- 19 diminished delay, de minimis delay, because we were
- 20 haggling over that two hours for hours and hours. Like,
- 21 what would be -- the company wanted to know -- and I
- 22 believe there was a proposal to actually change that
- 23 where you can see, you know, if you go past 0200, then
- 24 the pay would kick in at midnight.
- 25 So there was, like, a two-hour get out of jail

- 1 additional duties for pilots?
 - 2 A. No.

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- 3 Q. That was something that you dealt with in
- 4 Section 15; correct?
- 5 A. That's correct.
 - Q. Now, if you'd look in that notebook in front of
- 7 you, there's Exhibit 5, Tab 5.
- A. Tab 5.
- 9 (Union Exhibit 5 was marked for
- 10 identification.)
- 11 BY MR. URBAN:
- 12 Q. What is that document?
- A. It's an email chain between myself and Trent
- 14 Porter, Cameron Graff, Corey Berger.
- Q. And what are you discussing? 15
- 16 A. Well, initially -- well, I guess you have to
- 17 read them backwards; right?
- 18 So we generated a document that had -- it was
- 19 what became the FAQs that were ratified along with the
- 20 agreement, and it is us generating that document. There
- 21 were multiple iterations of it, and this talks about
- 22 what would happen if a delay turned into a reassignment,
- 23 essentially, a trip with a mechanical delay.
- 24 Q. And was there any agreement reached on that?
 - A. Yes. Again, we sent each other, like,

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- 1 free card, basically, the company got if they could get
- 2 you home to that point. That was very important to the
- 3 company at the table because in their practice, a lot of
- 4 these delays that were happening, they'd get contract
- 5 maintenance out there; they would either defer a
- 6 maintenance item, or they would deal with a fix-it, and
- 7 they would get them home. And if it was a late-night
- 8 flight, that usually covered the component that they
- 9 were in.
- 10 And then there was much discussion about the
- 11 ability for the company to give that makeup day at a
- 12 pilot's choosing. They -- again, we have small bases at
- 13 Allegiant, and there was the concern on the company's
- 14 part that that one day that the pilot picked wouldn't --
- 15 wouldn't fit within their scheduling. So we -- we came
- 16 up with, like, a hierarchy of how those would be handed
- 17 out.
- Q. So when looking at this paragraph 3, was 18
- 19 paragraph 3.b India in the prior work rules?
- 20 A. No, it wasn't.
- Q. So that was something you added in these 21
- 22 negotiations to address the company concern?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And was there any discussion with regard to
- 25 this particular section about reassignment or re -- or

- 1 different iterations of that document itself and then
- 2 finally came up with the final FAQ that was ratified by
- 3 the pilots.
- 4 MR. URBAN: We would move to admit Exhibit 5.
- 5 MR. MARKEL: No objection.
- 6 THE ARBITRATOR: Any objections?
- 7 MR. MARKEL: No.
- 8 THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine. It's in.
- 9 (Union Exhibit 5 was received into
- 10 evidence.)
- 11 THE ARBITRATOR: We're going to keep the same
- 12 numbering you had to keep life easier --
- MR. URBAN: That would be good, yes. 13
- 14 THE ARBITRATOR: -- even though it may leave
- 15 holes in the record by the time we get done; right?
- 16 MR. URBAN: Yes.
- 17 THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine.
- 18 BY MR. URBAN:
- Q. And if you would -- can you take a look at 19
- 20 Exhibit 7, a couple ahead.
- 21 (Union Exhibit 7 was marked for
- 22 identification.)
- 23 BY MR. URBAN:
- 24 Q. What is that document?
- 25 A. It is -- it says it's the Contract TA FAQs. I





1 don't know if it's in its entirety. Looks like it is.

- Q. Is this a working document you had during 3 negotiations?
- 4 A. Yes. Yeah, it doesn't look like it's the
- 5 completed one.
- 6 Q. Okay. Was this something that was exchanged 7 with the company?
- 8 A. Yes. Yes. It was -- yeah, I think we have 9 multiple drafts of it with strike.
- 10 Q. Okay. So --
- 11 MR. URBAN: Move to admit Exhibit 7.
- 12 MR. MARKEL: No objection.
- 13 THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine.
- 14 (Union Exhibit 7 was received into
- 15 evidence.)
- 16 THE ARBITRATOR: Can I ask a request. Can we
- 17 identify the Bates numbers on each? Oh, it's actually
- 18 on my -- if we take it from the list, that's fine. I'm
- 19 good. I don't know if you want to articulate it on the
- 20 record or not.
- 21 MR. URBAN: I can do that too. All of ours
- 22 have the Bates stamps, and I assume Mr. Markel's do as
- 23 well.
- 24 MR. MARKEL: Sorry?
- 25 MR. URBAN: On your documents.

- 1 reserve, long or short call reserve, I believe.
 - 2 Q. How would those be utilized, reserve lines, by 3 the company?
 - 4 A. They would simply -- actually be used to -- to
 - 5 fill in a line that needed covering in either a long
 - 6 time horizon ability for the company or a short timeline 7 for the company.
 - 8 Q. So if a plane were to break down and the pilots 9 were sent home, could a reserve pilot be used to get 10 that plane back?
 - 11 A. Yes, absolutely. That was the intent.
 - 12 Q. And on a regular line, were there any reserve
 - 13 availability periods built into that original line?
 - 14 A. No, there weren't.
 - 15 Q. So it was just flights or days off?
 - 16 A. That's correct.
 - 17 Q. And do you recall, were those three lines all
 - 18 in existence under the pilot work rules?
 - 19 A. I do not believe so, but I'm not positive.
 - 20 Q. Okay. And to your knowledge, was there
 - 21 language in the collective bargaining agreement about
 - 22 what's called junior assignment?
 - 23 A. Is there? Yes, there is.
 - 24 Q. Okay. And was that something that you added to
 - 25 the contract, or do you recall whether there was junior

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- 1 MR. MARKEL: So the documents I'm going to pass
- 2 out are not going to be Bates-stamped, but I will do my
- 3 best to identify what the Bates stamps are.
- 4 THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine. That will do the 5 trick.
- 6 BY MR. URBAN:
- 7 Q. So a couple of more questions I wanted to ask
- 8 you about. When you negotiated the new collective
- 9 bargaining agreement, what types of pilot lines were10 negotiated?
- 11 A. I believe we had three different types of pilot
- 12 lines. One were I believe they're called regular pilot
- 13 lines, regular lines, and they contained, you know,
- 14 known flying and trips that brought you up to or above
- 15 your minimum guarantee.
- 16 A composite line was made of regular bid
- 17 lines -- or actually I mean regular trips, reserve duty,
- 18 and something called an ADD, which is an additional duty
- 19 day. And it was an obligation for PCH that had multiple
- 20 criteria surrounding them when they would be utilized
- 21 and not utilized off the top of my head. It's been a
- 22 few years since I've thought about ADD days.
- And then there were pure reserve lines.
- Q. And what were they?
- 25 A. Reserve lines. They were obligations to sit

- 1 assignment prior?
- A. We added that to the contract.
- 3 Q. So that was something new as well.
- 4 And can you explain what junior assignment is.
- A. It is, like, the last -- you know, kind of the
- 6 last way where you can schedule a pilot in a, you know,
- 7 really what would be an existential crisis. It goes
- 8 through -- I believe it has to go out to bid, again,
- 9 high level. I can't tell you all the exact criteria.
- 10 You would have to then go through available management
- 11 crew members, and it's pretty industry standard and done
- 12 with -- on seniority -- inverse seniority order would be
- 13 assigned to available pilots.
- 14 Q. And did you have any discussion in the
- 15 negotiations about a policy called airport standby?
- 16 A. Oh, yes, we did.
- 17 Q. And what were those discussions about?
 - A. The company wanted it. It's something that is
- 19 actually in the FAR 117. There is, you know, a
- 20 carve-out for airport standby. It counts as a flight
- 21 duty period, and the company wanted to have it. The
- 22 pilots were very opposed to having airport standby in
- 23 this contract. And we made it very clear just by way of
- 24 a separate line item provision in the reserve section
- 25 that there -- to be clear, there will be no airport





1 reserve or standby reserve.

- Q. And that was actually put in the agreement.
- 3 A. Yes, it was.
- 4 Q. Okay. Is that in Section 16 on reserves?
- 5 A. Yeah, it's in the reserve section.
- 6 Q. So if you would look at Section 16-3. I want
- 7 to get the exact Bates stamp page for you.
- It will be on page IBT-117. Were you referring
- 9 to paragraph 16 Echo 7? Sorry. Getting ahead of myself 10 here.
- 11 A. Yes, that's precisely what it was. And, quite
- 12 frankly, it was referenced in our -- even our
- 13 conversations in the FAQ regarding what we call
- 14 babysitting aircraft that were under -- undergoing
- 15 maintenance, that this would not be something that a
- 16 pilot would be required to do.
- 17 Q. So would that mean that a pilot waiting for a
- 18 plane to be repaired would be airport standby?
- 19 A. That's what we consider it, yes.
- 20 Q. And that would not be something permitted under
- 21 the contract; correct?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- 23 MR. URBAN: Nothing further at this time for
- 24 this witness.
- 25 THE ARBITRATOR: Are we ready for cross?

1 BY MR. MARKEL:

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- 2 Q. Now, you, I believe, testified that some of the
- 3 provisions in here were adopted or incorporated into the
- 4 final CBA; is that correct?
- 5 A. Yeah, some of the language, yes.
- 6 Q. Sorry. I didn't mean --
- 7 A. No. Go ahead.
- 8 Q. I didn't mean to interrupt.
- 9 A. Yes. Correct.
- 10 Q. If you would turn to page I believe it is 39
- 11 down at the very bottom.
- 12 A. Um-hum.
- 13 Q. Do you see the Section E Trip/Weather/Mechanical
- 14 Delay?
- 15 A. I do.
- 16 Q. I think you said that that was largely
- 17 incorporated into the CBA at Section 14.B.3. So if you
- 18 have a section of the CBA in front of you, I'd like to
- 19 walk through a comparison of those just to understand
- 20 what differences were made.
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. So let's start with what is E.1 in the pilot
- 23 work rules and comparing that to Section 14.B.3, can you
- 24 explain what differences exist between that provision?
- 25 MR. URBAN: Do you want him to read the

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- 1 MR. MARKEL: I'd like a few minutes with my
- 2 team.
- 3 THE ARBITRATOR: No problem. Off the record.
- 4 (A recess was taken from 11:23 a.m. to
- 5 11:40 a.m.)
- THE ARBITRATOR: Back on whenever Mr. Markel is ready.
- 8 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 9 BY MR. MARKEL:
- 10 Q. Morning, Mr. Unterseher.
- 11 A. Good morning.
- 12 Q. I have just a few questions for you.
- 13 In your prior testimony, you mentioned the
- 14 pilot work rules that existed from the -- prior to the
- 15 CBA.
- 16 Do you recall that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. I'd like to show you a copy of those pilot work
- 19 rules. And just for everyone keeping track, this
- 20 document is not Bates-stamped, but it is starting at
- 21 Bates Stamp 248 in the company's disclosures.
- 22 (Company Exhibit 1 was marked for
- 23 identification.)
- 24 THE ARBITRATOR: I have it. Thank you, though.
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- 1 differences, Counsel?
 - 2 MR. MARKEL: No, I want him to explain what his
 - 3 understanding of the differences are.
 - 4 MR. URBAN: It's -- IBT-88 is the page in the
 - 5 agreement, Greg.
 - 6 THE WITNESS: Yeah, let me find it that way.
 - 7 BY MR. MARKEL:
 - 8 Q. So I'll try to move this along.
 - 9 A. Sure.
- 10 Q. So they both say, "If a delay infringes upon a
- 11 previously scheduled day off"; correct? That language
- 12 is the same.
- 13 A. That is correct.
- 14 Q. And then both of them have a parenthetical
- 15 referring to duty after 0200 on a scheduled day off in
- 16 domicile; correct? Same language?
- 17 A. Well, it's the same language. There was
- 18 conversation about inserting this, actually. This was
- 19 not in any previous pass until I was at the table and
- 20 hadn't been proposed by the parties. And we discussed
- 21 each of the parts of it. And so I would say, yes, but
- 22 we definitely discussed what the meaning of the
- 23 different, you know, sentences and the actual provisions
- 24 were.
- 25 Q. Okay.





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1 A. So both parties understood each other, what we

2 were actually inserting into our contract.

Q. Got it.

4 But you didn't change the language.

5 A. Other than I believe the bid line guarantee

6 part had changed. There may be a later version of this 7 PWR.

Q. Sure.

9 A. I don't know if 2010 was the last version.

10 Q. You jumped ahead of me a second there. So I

11 want to recall that last part.

12 So you changed -- in E.1 it refers to "which

13 will be paid above the 70-hour guarantee."

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. And then in 14.B.3, right, you changed that to

16 "paid above the minimum guarantee," which is defined in

17 the contract; right?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. But that's the difference in that provision.

20 A. In those first two paragraphs, A and B; that's

21 correct.

22 Q. Right.

23 And then so in B, right, you said that the

24 Provision 2 in the work rule is effectively identical to

25 what became 14.B.3.b; correct?

1 comp day off to be.

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2 A. Yeah, that's largely right, again, missing the

3 context. That was a very hard bargain. The company's

4 position was, essentially, saying, "Do you mean for a

5 one-hour or two-hour delay, we're going to give you a

6 day off? There's no way we're going to do that."

7 So it's not like this was something that was

8 just cut-and-pasted into this agreement. There was much

9 conversation about trip/weather/mechanical delay in B,

10 what it meant, and the kind of minimal part of -- of

11 what that -- a delay meant.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. So the company -- that was not a given that --

14 Q. Right. But --

15 A. -- that was going to go along with it because

16 it certainly wasn't in the PWR.

17 Q. Got it.

And so you testified this was one of the most

19 important issues to the pilots in the negotiations;

20 right?

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21 A. It was an important issue.

22 Q. Okay. An important issue.

And that was not being required to remain with

24 a -- a mechanical aircraft?

25 A. Any type of sitting. "Babysitting," they

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A. The language is. The context surrounding that,

2 though, I believe is, you know, what we understood this

3 to mean and the minimum kind of delay that was happening

4 and what the company was trying to accomplish with this 5 taken in whole.

6 Q. Okay. So not overnight, was your

7 understanding?

8 A. So -- I'm sorry. Say again.

Q. It would not apply to overnight -- overnights,

10 was your understanding?

11 A. Whether or not it applied to an overnight, it

12 applied to a delay of a flight.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. So, you know, a plane breaks, and, again, like

15 I said in my testimony with Mike, it -- a mechanic comes

16 out or we defer an item and then it flies back --

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. -- to its base.

19 Q. Okay. And then the main change between the

20 prior work rule and what became 14.B.3 -- right? -- is

21 point 3 under the work rule, which allowed the company

22 to choose -- well, I guess the hotel room was deleted,

23 and that was replaced with b.i, which gave the pilot the

24 option to designate three choices; right? It provided a

25 process for them to designate what they wanted their

1 called it, or airport --

2 Q. Okay. So they didn't want to remain overnight

3 in these situations.

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. And you thought you negotiated that way -- away

6 through the contract.

7 A. We did.

8 Q. Okay. I think you mentioned that you, during

9 the TA process, created a --

10 MR. MARKEL: Sorry. Before I jump, I'd like to

11 move for the admission of this document, which would be

12 Company Exhibit 1.

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13 THE ARBITRATOR: Any objection?

14 MR. URBAN: Only on relevance. If we're

15 talking about the one page -- I mean, the entire work

16 rules, like I said, is that what he's offering? I don't

17 think the entire work rules are relevant.

18 THE ARBITRATOR: Well --

19 MR. URBAN: They were replaced by the

20 collective bargaining agreement. Prior decisions have

21 said they are not relevant to the interpretation of the

22 collective bargaining agreement.

MR. MARKEL: Well, it's a complete document,

24 but we're only referring to this -- to that one section.

25 We're not seeking to argue off of everything.



1 THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine. Allow it in.

2 (Company Exhibit 1 was received into

3 evidence.)

THE ARBITRATOR: I think the observations go to

5 weight and what we ought to do with it, Mr. Urban,

6 rather than --

7 MR. URBAN: Understood.

8 THE ARBITRATOR: -- whether it's, in fact, what

9 it is.

MR. URBAN: I just wanted to state my position

11 on the record.

12 THE ARBITRATOR: I'm not troubled at all by

13 that. We have different roles in the process.

14 MR. URBAN: Very good.

15 BY MR. MARKEL:

6 Q. So you mentioned that you engaged in a I guess

17 road shows is what you referred to it as.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And you created a presentation as part of that;

20 right?

21 A. Yes. The pilots, I believe, did.

22 Q. Okay. I'm handing out a document, which in our

23 disclosures it's Bates-stamped -- the first page is 299.

MR. URBAN: Do we have an exhibit number for

25 your one that was just submitted? Are we going to call

1 guess, a hypothetical. In this, it says there's a

2 flight scheduled from Las Vegas to Stockton back to Las

3 Vegas with a 2.5 credit PCH; is that correct?

4 A. Yes.

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5 Q. And then the pilot in this hypothetical in the

6 brackets there is off the next day.

7 A. Yes.

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8 Q. And if you go down to the next one, it says,

"Break down in Stockton requires remain

10 overnight."

11 Do you see that?

12 A. Next page or --

13 Q. No, no. The next line down.

14 A. Oh, got it. Yeah, I got it. Okay. Yep.

15 Q. So in the hypothetical here, we have a

16 breakdown at an outstation requiring the pilot to remain17 overnight.

18 A. Yeah, that would consider there was no ability

19 to get the pilot back to Las Vegas in this instance.

20 Q. Right. Because you think this was covered by

21 15.N.

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22 A. Correct.

Q. Right?

24 So your position today is that this -- this

25 situation is covered by 15.N; right?

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1 that Company 1?

2 MR. MARKEL: Company 1.

3 MR. URBAN: Company 1.

4 MR. MARKEL: And we'll provisionally mark this

5 as Company 2.

6 (Company Exhibit 2 was marked for

7 identification.)

8 BY MR. MARKEL:

9 Q. Is that the document, the road show

10 presentation, that you just referred to?

11 A. Yeah. It's been a while since I've seen it,

12 but it looks generally like what we produced.

13 Q. Sure.

14 And can you turn to page 31.

MR. URBAN: Bates Stamp 31 or page 31 of the

16 document?

17 MR. MARKEL: It's page 31 of the document.

18 BY MR. MARKEL:

19 Q. Now, this is a hypothetical that the union

20 created, and it says, "Short Flight -- " and I'm

21 expanding upon the acronyms here -- but "Short Flight

22 Mechanical Remain Overnight Hypothetical."

23 Correct?

24 A. That's what it says, yeah.

25 Q. Yeah. And so it goes through and provides, I

1 Okay. Now, if you scroll down -- or scroll.

2 I'm thinking we're doing this virtually. I'm sorry.

3 A. We're not.

4 Q. We are very much in person.

5 If you look down to the last -- I guess the

6 fourth line from the bottom, it says,

7 "Plus submit top three choices at PPSK day."

8 Do you see that?

9 A. Yeah.

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10 Q. And then it says,

"If third choice is not accommodated, then you

may P/U open flight to be awarded PPSK day for

above guarantee."

14 Do you see that?

15 A. "If third choice not accommodated --"

I do see that.

17 Q. Okay. And that is a direct reference to

18 Section 14.B.3.b.i of the CBA, isn't it?

19 A. I'd have to reference that. I can do that.

20 Q. Yeah, please do. Well, I'll help you walk

21 through it. So if you have the CBA in front of you, 22 14.B.3.b.i.

23 A. Okay. I've got to 13. B.3 -- 14 --

24 Q. 14.B -- it's 14-2, page number.

25 A. Oh, I'm sorry. I'm on 15. Got it.





1 Q. No. No worries.

2 A. Okay. I'm back at -- trip/weather/mechanical

- 3 would have been easier.
- 4 Q. Okay. Yeah. I should have just referred to
- 5 that. I'm sorry.
- 6 So the romanette i, which is -- we -- we just
- 7 discussed, which was the part that was materially
- 8 changed; right?
- A. Yes. Yes.
- 10 Q. And so it says that "The pilot shall provide
- 11 crew scheduling with three day-off options."
- 12 Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes, I do.
- 14 Q. And so if you look back over at the road
- 15 show --
- 16 A. Um-hum.
- 17 Q. -- that line that says,
- 18 "Plus submit top three choices at PPSK day,"
- 19 that's a reference to the three options; right?
- 20 A. Yeah, I believe so.
- 21 Q. Okay. And then there's a process for what
- 22 happens under the CBA if the -- the company can't grant
- 23 those options under 14.B.3; correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Right?

1 to work.

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- 2 A. It does not say that in this slide, no.
- 3 Q. Okay. Now, I want to -- I don't want to
- 4 misparaphrase here, but you said a second ago that the
- 5 issue of being required to remain overnight in a
- 6 mechanical situation was something that was important to
- 7 the pilots; right?
- 8 A. It wasn't just remain overnight. It was any
- 9 delay that was going to change. And so it could -- you
- 10 know, quite frankly, it could be that -- that day.
- 11 Q. Yeah.
- 12 A. And, again, as maintenance happens on aircraft,
- 13 it's often a rolling situation. So it's not just that
- 14 "remain overnight" night part. It's the sitting
- 15 that's also -- that correlates directly sitting airport
- 16 reserve extending duty periods from where your initial
- 17 FDP assignment was and then going into a lengthened
- 18 one --
- 19 Q. Sure.
- 20 A. -- which would fit under 117 and be --
- 21 basically now you're in a reserve period. So there's
- 22 actually two parts that come into the prohibition on
- 23 that happening.
- 24 Q. Right. Right.
- 25 And, again, I think you testified earlier that

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- 1 And then -- so the next line down,
- 2 "If third choice not accommodated," and soon,
- 3 that's also a reference to 14.B.3.b.i; correct?
- I'm looking at the third line from the bottom.
- 5 A. "If third choice not accommodated, pick up open flight --"
- 7 I believe that correlates directly to that,
- 8 yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. So the union here is referencing in this
- 10 hypothetical 14.B.3; correct?
- 11 A. I think it expands on it using and including
- 12 the very trip you dropped as a, you know, concept.
- 13 Again, these are road show slides meant to kind of be
- 14 high-level talking points, not direct contract language
- 15 to be interpreted by anybody.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. But the intent was to explain that you -- you
- 18 went into a day on a delay, you would get this
- 19 replacement day. And this is the -- you know, the
- 20 things you could do with that day.
- 21 Q. Right. Under 14.B.3.
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. Yes.
- And nowhere in this slide does it mention that
- 25 you can refuse this situation, does it? You can refuse

- 1 you thought you had gotten rid of this concept of
 - 2 requiring pilots to remain with an aircraft in a
 - 3 mechanical delay situation.
 - 4 A. Both parties definitely -- we talked about
 - 5 during the road shows it was not incredibly clear to the
 - 6 pilots receiving these road show presentations, and
 - 7 that's why we went back with the company and wrote FAQs.
 - Q. Riaht
 - 9 A. After the delay is done; right? So it's not --
 - 10 Q. Um-hum.
- 11 A. -- delaying anymore. Now we're into
- 12 reassignment land, and this doesn't -- this doesn't
- 13 apply --
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. -- under their specific provisions of 15.N.
- 16 Q. Okay. So -- okay.
- 17 So in this hypothetical, your position now is
- 18 that 14.B.3 would not apply.
- 19 A. In this case?
- 20 Q. Yeah.
- 21 A. No, it -- it hinges upon the ability and option
- 22 as a company -- the company -- beyond the company's
- 23 control to get them home. So if we have a mechanical
- 24 delay, it's going to be lengthy beyond your FDP that you
- 25 were assigned, this is the understanding of the parties





1 that you would go home, that you would not be

- 2 babysitting an airplane.
- Q. And that's what 15.N.3 says; right? It's
- 4 "beyond the company control" language.
- A. Correct.
- Q. And there's no "beyond the company control"
- 7 language in 14.B.3 that we just discovered; right?
- A. There is no beyond, no.
- Q. Okay.
- A. But certainly it was not the understanding of
- 11 the parties that there would be anything open-ended as
- 12 trip/weather/mechanical delay.
- 13 Q. And so you continued to be involved with the --
- 14 MR. MARKEL: Well, I guess before I move on,
- 15 I'd like to move for the admission of Company Exhibit 2.
- MR. URBAN: No objection.
- THE ARBITRATOR: Fine. It's in. 17
- 18 (Company Exhibit 2 was received into
- 19 evidence.)
- 20 BY MR. MARKEL:
- Q. You remained involved with the Local following
- 22 the ratification to some extent; correct?
- A. To some extent; correct.
- Q. And so had the company continued to violate, in 24
- 25 your view, the CBA by requiring people or pilots to

- 1 (Company Exhibit 3 was marked for
 - 2 identification.)
 - 3 BY MR. MARKEL:
 - Q. Now, if you turn to the second page, you'll see
 - 5 an enclosures list.
 - Do you see that? 6
 - 7 A. Yes.

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- 8 Q. And the first Exhibit A is the grievance fact
- 9 sheet. I think there's a typo. It identifies it as
- 10 AAY-2016-013. But if you turn to the next page, you'll
- 11 see that it's actually 2017-013.
- 12 A. I see that.
- 13 Q. Yeah.
- 14 And then Exhibit B is the company's grievance
- 15 response.
- 16 Do you see that as the enclosure?
- 17 MR. URBAN: I have two pages. Oh, it's -- you
- 18 have a different document. Okay.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I see it. Yeah, two pages
- 20 down the line.
- 21 BY MR. MARKEL:
- Q. Okay. So I'd like you just to turn for right 22
- 23 now to Exhibit A. It's on page 3 of the document.
- 24 A. I'm there.
- 25 Q. Got it.

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1 remain with an aircraft, which you think was eliminated, And so this, I assume, looks familiar to you.

- 2 It's a grievance worksheet by the International
- 3 Brotherhood of Teamsters; is that correct?
 - 4 A. That's correct.
 - Q. And this is the -- a document that the
 - 6 International Brotherhood of Teamsters uses to state
 - 7 allegations of contract violations; correct?
 - A. Local 1224, yes.
 - Q. Okay. And I'd like you to look down into the 9
 - 10 third of the biggest paragraphs there.
 - 11 A. Okav.
 - 12 Q. And do you see the first line? It says,
 - 13 "Several pilots asked the -- have asked the
 - 14 union to file grievances on their behalf over
 - 15 this issue," and then it ex- -- gets to the
 - 16 issue.

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- 17 Do you see that line?
 - A. "Several pilots have --" yes, I do.
- Q. Yeah. 19
- 20 And then you see the next line is -- it says,
- 21 "To provide one example," and it refers to a
- 22 "Pilot Alex Kopp."
- 23 Do you see that?
- 24 A. I do.
- 25 Q. And I want to go through that example with you.

- 2 you would have filed a grievance; correct?
- A. Myself?
- Q. The union. 4
- A. The union? If it had vision on it, I would --
- 6 I would say so.
- Q. Okay. But you didn't do that. You did not
- 8 file a grievance alleging that requiring a pilot to
- 9 remain with an aircraft in a mechanical delay situation
- 10 violated the parties' agreement immediately after the
- 11 agreement went into effect, did you?
- A. I don't know that explicitly. 12
- Q. Okay. Pass -- show you another document here. 13
- 14 A. Okay.
- Q. This document in our Bates-stamped materials is
- 16 222, the first page.
- Now, this document on International Brotherhood 17
- 18 of Teamsters letterhead, I will represent to you that is
- 19 a -- the first page is a grievance appeal of Grievance
- 20 Number AAY-2017-013.
- 21 Do you see that?
- 22 A. I do.
- MR. MARKEL: And we'll provisionally mark this
- 24 as Company Exhibit 3.
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1 And so according to this grievance,

- 2 "Pilot Alex Kopp was scheduled to fly on June
- 3 16 before returning to his home domicile for a
- 4 day off scheduled on June 17."
- 5 Do you see that?
- A. I do. 6
- 7 Q. Okay. And then,
- 8 "His aircraft experienced a mechanical problem
- on June 16, which led the company to overnight 9
- 10 him away from domicile."
- Do you see that? 11
- 12 A. I do.
- 13 Q. And then,
- "On June 17, his scheduled day off, continued 14
- 15 mechanical issues and trip changes resulted in
- 16 an 11-hour duty day before he was finally
- released from duty." 17
- 18 Do you see that?
- 19 A. I do.
- MR. URBAN: Counsel, can you direct me, please, 20
- 21 what page you're referring to?
- MR. MARKEL: It's Exhibit A of the document, 22
- 23 Mike.
- 24 THE ARBITRATOR: I think it's Bates 0214.
- 25 MR. URBAN: Mine's not Bated.

- 1 Do you see that line?
- 2 A. I do.

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- 3 Q. "However, the company is refusing to give the
 - affected pilot replacement days off with pay
- 5 protection where the infringement does not
 - cause the pilot to have fewer than the minimum
- number of days off require -- required in the 7
- 8 bid period."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. I do.
- Q. "CBA Section 14.B.3 contains no such proviso." 11
- 12 A. I do.
- 13 Q. So the allegation here is that the company is
- 14 violating Section 14.B.3.
- A. In this instance --15
- 16 Q. Correct.
- 17 A. -- and other relevant provisions.
- 18 Q. And does it ever reference Section 15.N.3?
- 19 A. I don't know.
- 20 Q. Well, just as -- just Exhibit A for the time
- 21 being.

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is now

- 22 A. No, I do not see that.
 - Q. It doesn't reference Section 15.N.3.
- 24 I think I need a verbal answer for the court
- 25 reporter. I'm sorry.

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- 2 Bates-stamped. I'm sorry.
- MR. URBAN: That's why I'm asking.
- All right. Go ahead, please. 4
- 5 BY MR. MARKEL:
- Q. Okay. And then if you look up to the first
- 7 paragraph in "Facts upon which the grievance is based."

MR. MARKEL: Yeah, none of these are

- Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And do you see it references in quotes from
- 11 Section 14.B.3?
- A. It does. 12
- Q. Now, if you go to the bottom, it says, 13
- "Applicable CBA sections violated." 14
- 15 Do you see that?
- A. "And other relevant provisions," yes, I see 16
- 17 that.
- 18 Q. Right.
- "CBA Section 14.B.3, and other relevant 19
- 20 provisions."
- A. Correct. 21
- Q. Now, if you go to the second paragraph, you can 22
- 23 see what the union is alleging; right?
- 24 "Pilots are being delayed into days previously
- 25 scheduled free of duty."

- A. It does not look like it: that's correct. 1
- 2 Q. Okay. And if you flip to the next page in the
- 3 "Remedy Sought" section --
- A. Okay. 4
- 5 Q. -- it says,
 - "Cease and desist; compliance with CBA."
- 7 I missed some punctuation there.
- 8 A. Hyphen, yeah.
- 9 Q. Yeah. I don't think you were saying that the
- 10 company should stop complying with the CBA.
- 11 A. Semicolon. And no.
- 12 Q. Yeah. Next it says,
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- 15
- previously scheduled free of duty." 16
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- 20 A. The company is utilizing 15 in its response, I
- 21 believe, and I think the context is missing here from
- 23 going on here.
- 24 Q. Well, I'm asking you --
- 25 A. Well, it's important to discuss that because





- "Make affected pilots whole by giving each affected pilot a replacement day off with pay 14
 - protection for each infringed-upon day
- Do you see that? 17
 - A. I do.
- Q. And that's a reference to 14.B.3; correct?
- 22 what the company -- there's a back-and-forth that's

1 there's -- there's two different sections being

- 2 discussed in the company's -- in our response, the
- 3 company's response. And I think that is being conflated 4 here.

4 Here.

- Q. Okay. So let's just look back at the remedysought.
- 7 A. Sure.
- 8 Q. Does it state anywhere that the company has to
- 9 cease and desist requiring pilots to remain with an
- 10 aircraft in a mechanical delay situation?
- 11 A. It's missing context about whether or not there
- 12 was an ability to get a pilot out of there, quite
- 13 frankly.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. So I don't --
- 16 Q. Again, going back to the "out of company
- 17 control" language in 15.N.3.
- 18 A. If you utilize that --
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. -- out of the company control.
- 21 Q. Right.
- 22 But this grievance does not say that the
- 23 company has to cease and desist requiring pilots to stay
- 24 with an aircraft in a mechanical delay situation, does
- 25 it?

- 1 response that Mr. Unterseher referenced a second ago.
 - 2 And that all is one packet.
 - THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine. Thank you.
 - MR. MARKEL: Of course.
 - 5 THE ARBITRATOR: And no objection, I assume?
 - 6 MR. URBAN: None. I just wanted to make sure
 - 7 we were talking about all the same documents.
 - 8 THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine.
 - 9 And despite my preference for electronic, if
 - 10 it's going to make it easier for you, I'll take the
- 11 paper, and it will cross-reference for me.
- 12 MR. MARKEL: And I will make sure you have
- 13 Bates-stamped versions of everything that gets --
- 14 THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine. That's fine.
- 15 Thank you.
- 16 (Company Exhibit 3 was received into
- 17 evidence.)
- 18 BY MR. MARKEL:
- 19 Q. Mr. Unterseher, you referenced Section 16 in
- 20 your testimony with Mr. Urban.
- 21 Do you recall that?
- 22 A. I do.
- 23 Q. And specifically you referenced Section 16.E.7,
- 24 which says,
- 25 "Pilots on reserve shall not be required to

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- A. It seems to omit that.
- 2 Q. Okay. You mentioned in your testimony --
- 3 MR. MARKEL: I'd like to move to admit Company
- 4 Exhibit 3.
- 5 MR. URBAN: Just so I'm clear, it's all of
- 6 these pages; correct, Counsel?
- 7 MR. MARKEL: Correct.
- 8 MR. URBAN: No objection.
- 9 THE ARBITRATOR: The ones that were
- 10 specifically referenced or something else?
- 11 MR. MARKEL: Well, it's the entire packet. The
- 12 entire packet starting at --
- 13 THE ARBITRATOR: I don't have it in front of
- 14 me. I apologize.
- 15 MR. MARKEL: Yeah. Of course.
- The entire packet is three separate documents.
- 17 It's the union's grievance appeal, is the first page,
- 18 which is starting at Bates Stamp 222. The second page
- 19 is a list of enclosures, Exhibit A and B.
- 20 THE ARBITRATOR: Which came actually before
- 21 that in your --
- 22 MR. MARKEL: Yes. Yes.
- 23 THE ARBITRATOR: Got it.
- 24 MR. MARKEL: Exhibit A is the document that we
- 25 were just discussing. Exhibit B is the company's

- 1 perform airport reserve duty."
- 2 Do you recall discussing that?
- 3 A. I do.
- 4 Q. Now, Section 16 only applies to pilots on
- 5 reserve duty; right?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. And as we just, I think, discussed a second ago
- 8 when I was reading you 16.E.7, it specifically refers to
- 9 pilots on reserve; correct?
- 10 A. Yeah, and it is prohibiting that -- you know,
- 11 the transformation of a line holder, or any other pilot,
- 12 to a reserve position; right? That's something you
- 13 can't do. And to be explicitly clear, that was the
- 14 purpose of that.
- 15 Q. But it says "pilots on reserve"; right? You
- 16 don't dispute that it specifically applies to "Pilots on
- 17 reserve shall not be required to perform
 - airport reserve duty."
- 19 A. That is what it says.
- 20 Q. And are you familiar with the facts that give
- 21 rise to this case?
- 22 A. Broadly, yes.
 - Q. General speaking?
- 24 A. Yes, generally.
- 25 Q. And in July 2021, Mr. Swift was not a





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1 reserve --

- A. No, he was not.
- Q. -- pilot, was he? He was a line holder.
- A. That's what I understand. 4
- Q. Right. 5
- So Section 16 did not apply to Mr. Swift at the 6 7 time.
- 8 A. It shouldn't apply to him.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- MR. MARKEL: I'd like just a few seconds to 10
- 11 confer. I think I'm done.
- 12 THE ARBITRATOR: We're off the record. And the
- 13 same ground rules apply. Thank you.
- (A recess was taken from 12:08 p.m. to 14
- 15 12:14 p.m.)
- 16 THE ARBITRATOR: Back on, please, at counsel's
- 17 convenience.
- 18 MR. MARKEL: I have nothing further.
- 19 THE ARBITRATOR: Okay. Any redirect?
- 20 MR. URBAN: Yes, please.
- 21 THE ARBITRATOR: Sure.

3 document has Bates stamps.

A. It doesn't, but I'm there.

6 on what is defined on that page as E, Echo,

- 22 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 23 BY MR. URBAN:

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- Q. All right. So if you would start with -- I
- 25 think you have it in front of you, which is the pilot

2 which is Allegiant 000 -- oh -- 286. I don't think your

Q. Okay. So counsel asked you about the changes

7 trip/weather/mechanical delay. I just want to make sure

9 and break in flying for six hours was never incorporated

8 it's clear that paragraph 3 that talks about a schedule

10 into the new collective bargaining agreement; right?

- Q. Did it ever make it into the collective
 - 2 bargaining agreement?
 - A. No.

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- Q. Now, counsel also asked you about the Section
- 5 16 of the collective bargaining agreement and airport
- 6 standby.
- 7 Do you recall those questions?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Did you have discussions with the company about
- 10 airport standby other than for reserve pilots?
- A. They wanted an ability to do so, correct, but, 11
- 12 no, it was not. They wanted an ability to convert, if
- 13 you will, to reserve. And --
- 14 Q. What -- sorry. Go ahead.
- 15 A. And just to complete that answer and bring it
- 16 back, that was what I had talked about initially that
- 17 was the flight duty periods, and that six-hour -- in the
- 18 work rules, it has that six-hour to a hotel room. But
- 19 to be clear, FAR -- in 117, that all becomes additive.
- 20 It's not a break in your flight duty period. It's not
- 21 released from duty for rest. And we did not want that.
- Q. Was there ever an understanding or agreement 22
- 23 that there would be allowed airport standby for regular
- 24 line pilots?
- 25 A. Restate that.

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1 work rules. And counsel was asking you about page 39, Q. Did the parties agree that you could have

- 2 airport standby for a regular line pilot?
- 3 A. We did not.
- 4 Q. Was there a discussion about that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And did you believe that there was an allowance
- 7 for airport standby for a regular line pilot or not?
- A. There was not.
- 9 Q. Now, the last thing I want to have -- talk to
- 10 you about is Company 3, which is starting with the
- 11 undated letter.
- 12 Do you have that in front of you?
- 13 A. I thought I did. Did somebody -- oh, there it
- 14 is. I buried it.
- Q. Okay. Just want to clarify a couple things on 15
- 16 this. When asking you questions about this, counsel
- 17 mentioned to have you look at the first page on
- 18 Exhibit A, but can you look at Exhibit B to that
- 19 document, which is the fifth page.
- 20 A. Yeah.
- Q. Do you recall seeing this document when it was 21
- 22 produced in August of 2017? You're copied on it.
- 23 A. Yeah, I do.
- 24 Q. So I just want to make sure I understand. This
- 25 is the Allegiant response to Grievance 2017-013;

11 A. It was not. 12 MR. MARKEL: Objection. Leading. THE WITNESS: Well, it's not. 13 THE ARBITRATOR: All right. Well --14 15 MR. URBAN: Let me ask you it the other way. 16 THE ARBITRATOR: Just so we're clear with your 17 answer, it is leading, and, yes, your answer is 18 otherwise factually accurate. MR. URBAN: I can restate the question if you 19

21 THE ARBITRATOR: Sure.

- 22 BY MR. URBAN:
- Q. Did you have a discussion about paragraph Echo 24 3?
- 25 A. Yes.

20 want to.





1 correct?

- A. Yes. 2
- Q. And in the second paragraph, it states,
- "The organization asserts that when a pilot is 4
- 5 unable to return to domicile as scheduled..."
- 6 Do you see that?
- A. "...and subsequently assigned to return to 7
- domicile on the next day..." 8
- 9 Yes.
- 10 Q. So when that position is stated there, what is
- 11 the position you were taking? That they were unable to
- 12 get them home?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. All right. And this is a denial of that
- 15 position by the union; correct? If you look on page 2,
- 16 they're denying the union position; correct?
- A. That's correct. 17
- 18 Q. All right.
- 19 MR. URBAN: Nothing further.
- 20 THE ARBITRATOR: Further cross?
- 21 MR. MARKEL: No.
- THE ARBITRATOR: Anything that you wish to 22
- 23 pose, Captain Joseph?
- 24 BOARD MEMBER JOSEPH: No.
- 25 THE ARBITRATOR: Anything that you wish to

- 1 grab lunch." Go to the pilot lounge. Do whatever.
 - A. Yep.

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- Q. Is that airport reserve as you're waiting for
- 4 maintenance to resolve the issue?
- A. It's a delay. Within your flight duty period, 5
- 6 it's a delay.
- Q. Okay. So what I'm trying to at least get my 7
- 8 head around so I at least understand the testimony is at
- 9 what point does a delay within your flight duty period
- 10 become airport standby, if it ever does? Or is the
- 11 answer once it's in your flight duty period and it's a 12 delay, it's not a violation of the agreement?
- Do you understand what I'm asking? 13
- 14 A. I do. So everything --
- 15 Q. Thank you.
- 16 A. So everything is forecasted. When you fly a
- 17 line --
- Q. Yep. 18
- A. -- they say, hey, this is -- you know, it's now 19
- 20 hard, or we can get the part there tomorrow. There are
- 21 so many different, like, circumstances --
- 22 Q. Yeah.
- 23 A. -- that will surround that question. And what
- 24 the concern of the union when we crafted this language
- 25 and negotiated this language was the rolling delays.

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1 pose, Mr. Call?

- 2 BOARD MEMBER CALL: No.
- **EXAMINATION**
- 4 BY THE ARBITRATOR:
- Q. Just for my clarification and education, if I
- 6 may, I want to go back to the concept of airport standby 7 in 16.E.7.
- If I'm flying a particular run -- let's assume
- 9 I'm a line holder.
- A. Okay.
- 11 Q. And flight's due to take off at 2:00 in the
- 12 afternoon, and there's a maintenance delay. At what
- 13 point and under what circumstances is it your belief
- 14 that my being instructed to wait until they see if the
- 15 maintenance issue can be addressed becomes an airport
- 16 reserve situation?
- A. It would depend if you were in or out of 17
- 18 domicile to begin with. Are you at your --
- Q. I can -- let me run through it either way, but
- 20 let's assume for the moment I'm out of domicile.
- 21 A. Okav.
- Q. So I'm due to take off at 2:00. Maintenance
- 23 says it will take a few hours, their best estimate,
- 24 which may not actually come to fruition -- right? -- but
- 25 it's a best guess, and they say, "We're delayed. Go

- 1 We'll update you in an hour, update you in an hour, and 2 there becomes a point outside -- generally outside the
- 3 flight duty period where it's no longer a delay. You
- 4 can't fly the plane legally. You're going to have to go
- 5 into rest, and that's, essentially, a reassignment at 6 that point.
- 7 Q. So it's when it goes past the point that you
- 8 could legally complete the assigned flight.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER CALL: Did I hear you say that
- 11 that was a reassignment?
- THE WITNESS: I'm sorry? 12
- 13 BOARD MEMBER CALL: You said that --
- 14 THE WITNESS: After a -- so --
- BOARD MEMBER CALL: You can no longer go 15
- 16 legally; right? You time out. You go into rest. Is
- 17 that a reassignment, or is that airport standby?
- 18 THE WITNESS: Well, in that circumstance, it's 19 going to be a --
- 20 BOARD MEMBER CALL: According to you.
- THE WITNESS: -- it's going to be a 21
- 22 reassignment.
- 23 BOARD MEMBER CALL: Oh, okay. That's what I 24 thought.
- 25 MR. URBAN: May I ask a follow-up question on





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1 that?

THE ARBITRATOR: Sure. I'm not sure that I was 2 3 done, but --

MR. URBAN: No, no, I didn't want to --

5 THE ARBITRATOR: -- we'll get there.

You don't know because you haven't done this

7 personally before, Mr. Urban, but it is at least my

8 practice after the board has asked whatever it asks to

9 turn it back to counsel to see if there's any follow-up

10 in the same order you had the witness to begin with;

11 right?

12 MR. URBAN: I'll wait.

13 THE ARBITRATOR: And, ultimately, we'll close

14 that loop, and everybody will have completed all

15 questioning in an orderly way.

16 MR. URBAN: Perfect.

17 THE ARBITRATOR: Okay?

Just a few more brief ones. 18

19 MR. URBAN: Go ahead.

20 BY THE ARBITRATOR:

Q. You provided testimony with respect to your

22 recollection of the bargaining in 2015 and '16 today.

23 Was all of that from your recollection other than the

24 particular exhibits that you've been shown that laid out

25 some of the email traffic and FAQs and the like, or did

1 counsel, did either of my board members have anything?

BOARD MEMBER JOSEPH: I don't. 2

3 BOARD MEMBER CALL: Neither do I.

4 THE ARBITRATOR: Okay.

5 Anything further by way of direct?

FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION 6

7 BY MR. URBAN:

Q. Yes. Just a question to follow up on

9 Arbitrator Jaffe's question.

10 He was asking you about out-of-domicile

11 mechanical.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What about the circumstance where the flight is

14 actually cancelled? If the pilot is required to stay

15 now, do you consider that airport standby?

A. It would be. If you are sitting at the 16

17 airport, yes. Otherwise, you'd be gone to rest. And

18 that would consider that there was no way to get you

19 home as we agree to in the FAQs for the company.

20 MR. URBAN: Thank you. Nothing further.

21 THE ARBITRATOR: Any further cross?

22 MR. MARKEL: No, we do not. Thank you, though.

THE ARBITRATOR: Anything to pose?

24 BOARD MEMBER JOSEPH: No.

25 BOARD MEMBER CALL: No.

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1 you review files that you may have, including notes and

2 other things, in order to provide your testimony today?

A. I read through past emails and a few notes. 4 But generally it was recollection.

Q. Fair enough.

And I'm not asking for production of any notes.

7 That implicates a whole host of issues at various

8 relationships. I'm not looking to wade into those

9 waters. I'm asking a more general question.

10 Were any of the items that you specifically 11 opined on today in detailed notes that you reviewed?

A. One of them certainly was, and it was

13 iterations of the FAQ that Trent Porter -- we would send

14 it to Trent; he would write his response in red to

15 clarify, and we would send it back to him. And I'm

16 not -- I'm not sure if --

Q. And at least some of those were in the record. 17

18 I'm not know whether they're --

A. I think a couple of them were, and there was

20 maybe one that wasn't. I don't think for any specific

21 reason it wasn't in the record. It just --

Q. That's fine. 22

23 A. Yeah.

24 THE ARBITRATOR: I'm going to leave it at that.

Let me find out before I turn it back to 25

FURTHER EXAMINATION

2 BY THE ARBITRATOR:

Q. I'm just going to follow up with one just to

4 close the loop.

With what -- would the answer you just gave to

6 Mr. Urban be the same if the pilot with the flight

7 cancellation was in domicile rather than away from

8 domicile? In other words, I'm a line holder.

9 A. Yeah.

Q. I'm at the airport. Flight gets cancelled for

11 whatever reason. At the moment I'm not sure that I care

12 the reason.

13 A. So to sit at the airport and wait for

14 further --

Q. And you are told wait until we can then -- same 15

16 answer?

A. Explicitly we'd go home. That was, yeah, 17

18 crystal clear.

19 Q. I just wanted to understand --

20 A. Yeah --

21 Q. -- that it was the same answer.

22 A. -- it was.

23 Q. Okay. Got it.

24 THE ARBITRATOR: Anything further from anybody?

25 MR. MARKEL: I do.





106 108 1 it was borne out by the language that we agreed. THE ARBITRATOR: Sure. Q. And the language you agreed to, I think you're **RECROSS-EXAMINATION** 2 3 BY MR. MARKEL: 3 referring to, at least for line holders, is 15.N.3 in Q. The -- these understandings that you're 4 this context? That's the out-of-domicile reassignment 5 referencing here --5 language? A. Yes. A. Uh-huh. 6 Q. Okav. Q. -- this is based on 15.N.3; right? There was 7 8 no specific provision in the CBA that says line holders MR. MARKEL: I think that's all I have. 8 9 can't be assigned to airport reserve. 9 THE ARBITRATOR: Any further direct? A. There's no specific provision that, like, says 10 MR. URBAN: No. THE ARBITRATOR: My board members still good? 11 you cannot? 11 12 Q. Yes. 12 BOARD MEMBER JOSEPH: Yeah. A. Well, the -- going through the bidding and 13 BOARD MEMBER CALL: Yeah. 14 awarding system --14 THE ARBITRATOR: As am I. Q. Okay. 15 Thank you, sir. 15 THE WITNESS: Thank you. A. -- you could pick up a reserve. You could use 16 16 17 it on an ADD day. There's circumstances in which you 17 MR. URBAN: Just leave those there. Those 18 could. 18 exhibits. Q. I'm sorry. I think I should have been clearer. 19 THE WITNESS: I am. 19 20 Unlike the -- there's a specific provision 20 MR. URBAN: Can we take a short break? 21 regarding pilots on reserve to the -- the airport. 21 THE ARBITRATOR: Sure. We're off the record. 22 Would you call it the airport standby? 22 (The midday lunch recess was taken at 23 A. Um-hum. 23 12:28 p.m.) Q. But there is no specific provision regarding 24 --000--24 25 line holders; right? 25 107 A. It states that a line holder may not be 1 **ARBITRATION - DAY 1**

- 2 assigned --
- Q. Correct.
- A. -- reserve explicitly.
- Q. That they can't be assigned to an airport
- 6 standby reserve.
- A. The contract -- well, it states that they
- 8 cannot; right.
- Q. The reserve pilots.
- A. Yeah. Yeah, I see where you're going.
- Q. No, no. You don't need to guess where I'm
- 12 going with it.
- A. Yeah. No, I yeah, I mean, the parties
- 14 certainly understood each other across the table that
- 15 that was not something that would be allowed and did not
- 16 write a --
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. -- specific provision for it.
- 19 Q. Right.
- But I think what I'm trying to understand here,
- 21 Greg, is that what specific provisions are you pointing
- 22 to, if any, or are you saying this was just the table
- 23 understanding? And either one is fine. I'm just trying 24 to understand.
- A. No. Certainly an understanding and we thought

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5 THE ARBITRATOR: Back on the record, please.

- Raise your right hand.
- 7 (Witness sworn.)

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THE ARBITRATOR: Please be seated, sir. 8

ANDREW ROBLES, 9

10 having been first duly sworn by the arbitrator,

was examined and testified as follows:

12 DIRECT EXAMINATION

- 13 BY MR. URBAN:
- Q. Can you please state your full name for the 14
- 15 record, please.
- A. Sure. Andrew Robles. 16
- 17 Q. And who is your current employer?
- 18 A. Allegiant.
- Q. Your duties or responsibilities with that 19
- 20 company.
- A. I'm a captain on the Airbus 320. And I'm also 21
- 22 the IBT Local 2118 president.
- 23 Q. As the president of the union, what are your
- 24 responsibilities or duties?
- 25 A. Make decisions on arbitrations, grievances.





- 1 I'm also the chief negotiator, chairman of every
- 2 committee that is at Local 2118.
- 3 Q. When you say you're the "chief negotiator,"
- 4 that's on the current negotiations that are underway?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. So you are familiar with the collective
- 7 bargaining agreement; correct?
- 8 A. Yes, I am.
- 9 Q. And the effective date?
- 10 A. August 2016.
- 11 Q. That contract has been extended; correct?
- 12 A. It's -- it -- it's amendable, but it -- I guess
- 13 it doesn't expire. So --
- 14 Q. All right. Talk to us about the types of pilot
- 15 lines you have at Allegiant currently.
- 16 A. We have regular lines that entail flying or
- 17 trips. We have reserve lines that are all reserve
- 18 assignments. That could also include a training. And
- 19 then we have composite lines, which are whatever's left
- 20 over after the schedule adjustment period or the SAP.
- 21 So that would include all of the trips or RAPs that --
- 22 or possibly ADD days after the schedule adjustment 23 period.
- Q. Do regular lines when they're issued include any reserve periods?

- 1 A. Meaning what? Like what?
 - 2 Q. Well, a regular line pilot also cannot be
 - 3 forced onto a reserve line.
 - 4 A. So a regular line holder cannot be given a RAP
 - 5 or a reserve. That's in 15 Gulf.
 - 6 Q. Let's look at that real guick, if you would. I
 - 7 think the small book there --
 - 8 A. It would be N.5.
 - 9 Q. Yeah. If you look at page IBT-107 on the
- 10 bottom, it will get you to exactly where you need to --
- 11 aren't they numbered on the bottom of the pages there?
- 12 A. Oh, 107? Okay. Got it.
- 13 Q. So which language are you talking about right
- 14 there?

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- 15 A. It's 15.N.4, actually. 15.N.3.4. Says,
 - "A pilot with a regular line may not be
- 17 involuntarily reassigned to a RAP or a
 - reserve."
- 19 Q. That's the same section we've been talking
- 20 about all day about reassignment; correct?
 - A. I believe so, yes.
- 22 Q. Okay. Talked about the -- was there ever any
- 23 discussion that you're aware of? You heard
- 24 Mr. Unterseher talk about -- about pilots being home
- 25 every night?

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- A. No, they cannot hold any reserves.
- 2 Q. Can a pilot who is on a regular line later pick
- 3 up a reserve?
- 4 A. You can pick up reserves during the SAP, or
- 5 schedule adjustment period, or afterwards during the6 open time period.
- 7 Q. Okay. And you heard Mr. Unterseher's testimony 8 earlier. Can you tell us something about the types of
- 9 flights that are normally taken at Allegiant.
- 10 A. We primarily do out-and-backs. I would say
- 11 99 -- a little over 99 percent of our flights are out.
- 12 no overnight, do a round trip and come right back. We
- 13 have a small portion of them that have two round trips
- 14 in a day as well, but most all of them return home.
- 15 Q. Is there an average flight time?
- 16 A. Five and a half hours. Five-and-a-half-hour 17 PCH.
- 18 Q. For a day.
- 19 A. Per day; correct.
- 20 Q. All right. You heard Mr. Unterseher talk about
- 21 reserve pilots and airport standby. Do you recall that
- 22 testimony today?
- 23 A. I do, yes.
- 24 Q. Is there similar language in the collective
- 25 bargaining agreement that applies to nonreserve pilots?

- 1 A. Under what context?
- 2 Q. When -- in a regular day of work, that they
- 3 would get to be home that night.
- 4 A. I mean, like, that's kind of the selling point
- 5 for pilots coming to Allegiant. That's -- we tell all
- 6 of our pilots that you get to -- that's one of the main
- 7 benefits for working at Allegiant, is that you're home 8 every night.
- 9 Q. And if there is a need to get a pilot to cover
- 10 a broken plane, to cover an unfilled flight, what are
- 11 the options that are normally available for Allegiant to
- 12 do that?
- 13 A. So first and foremost, that's why reserves
- 14 exist. They build reserve lines so that pilots are on
- 15 call, can pick up and work broken flights or if somebody
- 16 calls in sick or fatigues out or whatever, those reserve
- 17 pilots would be sent out to relieve the other pilot.
- There's also the option of doing a VFN, which
- 19 is a voluntary flying notification. That's at 200
- 20 percent pay. They send a notification out, and they
- 21 either have a two-hour window or a -- I think it's a
- 22 30-minute window when pilots will respond. And those
- 23 almost always go because of the additional pay24 component. So pilots pick that up.
 - And then, finally, if the VFN is not picked up





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1 for whatever reason, the company can offer a junior

2 assignment and force a pilot that is at the -- from the

- 3 lowest seniority up to work that flight.
- 4 Q. And would those be available whenever there is
- 5 a trip/weather/mechanical for the company to use?
- A. Yeah, those options are always available.
- 7 Q. Now, I'd like you to look at the actual
- 8 grievance here, which is Number 2 in the book in front 9 of you.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 (Union Exhibit 2 was marked for
- 12 identification.)
- 13 BY MR. URBAN:
- 14 Q. You are familiar with this grievance; correct?
- 15 A. I am. Let me just make sure it's the one I'm 16 thinking of.
- 17 Q. This is for Mr. Swift, Captain Swift.
- 18 A. IBT-2?
- 19 Q. It should be behind Tab 2 there.
- 20 A. Tab 2. Got it.
- 21 I'm familiar with it, yes.
- 22 Q. Now, in this particular instance, Captain Swift
- 23 was told he needed to stay, and he went home.
- 24 Is that something that normally happens with
- 25 pilots?

- 1 the chief pilot would call crew scheduling and say this
 - 2 is not in noncompliance with the contract; you need to
 - 3 put the pilot on a commercial flight and send him home.
 - 4 Q. And have they been sending them home recently?
 - 5 A. Yes.

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- 6 Q. Now, I would like you to look at, if you
- 7 would -- it's behind Tab 16 in the book in front of you.
- 8 A. Okay.
- 9 (Union Exhibit 16 was marked for
- 10 identification.)
- 11 BY MR. URBAN:
- 12 Q. Have you seen this letter before?
- 13 A. Yes, I have.
- 14 Q. Okay. So this is a Section 18 letter for
- 15 Captain Swift; correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. All right. And what is a Section 18?
- 18 A. That is an investigatory meeting that could
- 19 result in discipline.
- MR. URBAN: It's IBT's page 300, if you need to
- 21 know where we're at.
- 22 THE ARBITRATOR: Thank you.
- 23 BY MR. URBAN:
- 24 Q. And was this tied to or related to the
- 25 grievance that we have before us here?

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- A. When the aircraft is hard down, they normally 1 A. It was
- 2 send the pilot home, and that's how they're handling it3 currently.
- 4 Q. What you say "currently," what do you mean by 5 that?
- 6 A. They have gone through phases where they will
- 7 abide by the contract, not abide by the contract. They
- 8 are currently abiding by this provision again. So I
- 9 think what you're referencing is if there's a mechanical
- 10 delay or they -- they cancel this flight, they are not
- 11 currently reassigning a pilot on the next day. They
- 12 will send the pilot home.
- 13 Is that what you're asking?
- 14 Q. Yes. I mean, if there are flights available,
- 15 are pilots getting sent home?
- 16 A. Right now, yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. And obviously that was not necessarily
- 18 happening when this grievance was filed; correct?
- 19 A. Right. That is not what happened.
- 20 Q. And who would be making the decision right now
- 21 to allow pilots to go home?
- 22 A. It's -- it's the chief pilot.
- 23 Q. What circumstances would happen? The pilot
- 24 gets told, and then he contacts his chief pilot?
 - A. Normally, he would contact the chief pilot, and

- A. It was a direct result of that instance.
- 2 Q. And it relates to a -- I'm reading from the
- 3 fourth paragraph down -- an alleged no-show for the
- 4 flight on the 20th of July?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. All right. And do you know what happened with 7 this notice?
- 8 A. I believe there was a discussion between myself
- 9 and, I believe, Bill Fishburn. And we knew that this
- 10 was coming up in arbitration; so we decided that we
- 11 would handle it through the arbitration process and not
- 12 proceed forward with the Section 18 issue.
- Q. And is that -- if you look at page 2, is that
- 14 the cancellation of that Section 18?
- 15 A. It is, yes.
- 16 Q. So has or was Mr. Swift at all disciplined as a
- 17 result of his decision to buy a ticket and go home?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Now, been quite a bit of discussion in the --
- 20 this session about grievance settlement agreements and
- 21 prior actions of the parties.
- 22 Do you recall hearing that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Okay. I'd like for you to look at -- behind
- 25 Tab 9 --





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1 MR. URBAN: Oh, did I move to admit that?

THE ARBITRATOR: You didn't move it, but my 2

3 understanding is that since you referenced it,

4 conditionally admitted if there's no objection; right?

- 5 Any --
- 6 MR. MARKEL: No objection.
- 7 THE ARBITRATOR: -- problem, Mr. Markel?
- MR. MARKEL: Correct. No objection. 8
- THE ARBITRATOR: Okay. It's in. 9
- (Union Exhibit 16 was received into 10
- 11 evidence.)
- 12 BY MR. URBAN:
- Q. So I'd like you to look, if you would, what's
- 14 behind Tab 9. It starts with 222 as the page.
- A. I see it. 15
- 16 (Union Exhibit 9 was marked for
- 17 identification.)
- 18 BY MR. URBAN:
- Q. On page 3, if I -- if you look there, that is
- 20 your signature; correct?
- 21 A. Yes, it is.
- Q. All right. So can you -- what was this 22
- 23 particular grievance settlement agreement about?
- A. So this was in regards to pilots that had 24
- 25 short-term training events with an overnight in between

- 1 THE ARBITRATOR: Union 17.
 - 2 MR. URBAN: It's actually Union 9.
 - 3 MR. MARKEL: I'm sorry. 4
 - MR. URBAN: Union 9.
 - 5 THE ARBITRATOR: I'm sorry. My apologies.
 - 6 Thank you.

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- 7 MR. MARKEL: And I have no objection.
- THE ARBITRATOR: Okay. That's fine. It's in. 8
 - (Union Exhibit 9 was received into
- 10 evidence.)
- 11 BY MR. URBAN:
- Q. And then I'd like you to look, if you could, at 12
- 13 Union Exhibit 12, which is IBT page 285.
- A. Okay. 14
- 15 (Union Exhibit 12 was marked for
- 16 identification.)
- 17 BY MR. URBAN:
- 18 Q. Again, on page 4 -- excuse me -- 5 of this
- 19 document, that's your signature; correct?
- 20 A. It is.
- 21 Q. And you signed this as executive council
- 22 chairman. Was that your prior position before
- 23 president?
- 24 A. It was, yes.
- 25 Q. Okay. And do you recall the discussions

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1 with -- with regard to this particular grievance

- 2 settlement agreement?
- A. I do. There was a lot of discussion in regard
- 4 to this particular GSA.
- Q. And what issue was the primary concern in
- 6 resolution of this grievance settlement agreement?
- A. So the primary concern that we had on this 7
- 8 particular one was in regards to gold days and a pilot
- 9 that was on reserve being scheduled to work on his
- 10 predefined and assigned golden day.
- 11 Q. And what's a gold day for a reserve pilot?
- 12 A. So reserve pilots, per our contract, every
- 13 single day that a reserve has is able to be moved
- 14 throughout the contract -- throughout the month. So
- 15 there's a lot of flexibility for the company to move a
- 16 reserve day to any other day that they might have off.
- 17 And there are four gold days that a pilot gets allowed
- 18 to allot and they get to save. Those particular four 19 days are sacrosanct, and you cannot move those
- 20 particular days. It's a way for a pilot to protect a
- 21 handful of days off with golden days.
- 22 Q. And what was the problem that was happening?
- 23 A. So a pilot would have a golden day assigned,
- 24 and the pilot would be at the domicile, and they would
- 25 say, hey, we have a flight that was going to launch out



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- Q. And was this a result of an arbitration
- 3 decision, to your knowledge?

1 the training events.

- A. It was related and came after an arbitration
- 5 decision in which -- and I couldn't recall the -- which
- 6 arbitration, but it had to do with training and whether
- 7 or not a pilot that had an overnight somewhere in the 8 middle of that training event should receive RON pay for
- 9 each of the nights that was associated.
- Q. And to your knowledge, this is under, as you
- 11 can see, 14.B.3, correct, on page 2?
- A. It references 14 Charlie 3. 12
- 13 Q. Correct.
- And was there any discussion of -- that you can 14
- 15 recall with regard to this grievance settlement
- 16 agreement about cancelled flights?
- A. I don't recall anything in this particular GSA 17
- 18 that discussed anything about a cancelled flight.
- Q. Anything about pilot reassignment that was 20 discussed with regard to this particular grievance
- 21 settlement agreement?
- A. To my recollection, nothing in regards to this 22
- 23 GSA with a cancellation or a reassignment.
- 24 MR. URBAN: And, again, we would move to admit
- 25 this document.

1 of here; we need you to cover it, and they would

- 2 disregard the golden day altogether.
- 3 Q. And was this a resolution of those kinds of
- 4 claims?
- 5 A. Yes. I believe it resolved a couple of
- 6 different things in this particular one. It resolved
- 7 how a golden day -- that a pilot could refuse to work on
- 8 a golden day. So if he was -- the company would not
- 9 assign him to work on a golden day, and if they
- 10 inadvertently put an assignment on his golden day, he
- 11 could refuse to fly that flight on the golden day.
- 12 And then there was some other provisions on
- 13 here for pilots that were doing charter flights or a
- 14 three-day period of time, and there would be a period of
- 15 time that was not paid the RON pay in accordance with
- 16 the GSA that we just referenced and the training pay GSA
- 17 as well.
- 18 And so those particular ones were not being
- 19 paid properly, and with this GSA, we also assigned a
- 20 group of -- I'd have to look at how many -- but a
- 21 portion of these that were also to be paid the allotted
- 22 4 PCH for RON.

1 delay?

- 23 Q. Was there any discussion in the resolution of
- 24 this grievance settlement agreement of Section 15.N or

A. No. So these -- no. None of these were

4 that were not paid for the free duty period. There was

6 day. Maybe it was a two-day, and it was delayed into

7 the third day beyond midnight. They would be required

8 to pay that 4 PCH if there was a RON associated. But

Q. But on page 3 and 4, there were actually a

11 couple of examples by what was covered by this

15 trip/whether/mechanical and a pilot reassignment;

Q. And none of those involved a

MR. MARKEL: No objection.

THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine. It's in.

(Union Exhibit 12 was received into

9 none of them were reassignments.

12 settlement agreement; correct?

A. Not that I'm aware of.

A. Correct.

Q. Okav.

evidence.)

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5 a couple of them that were also delayed into a third

25 reassignment of pilots on a trip/weather/mechanical

1 BY MR. URBAN:

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- 2 Q. And if you turn to the next exhibit starting on
- 3 page IBT-290. Starts with an email.
- A. Okay. Yes.
- 5 (Union Exhibit 13 was marked for
- 6 identification.)
- 7 BY MR. URBAN:
- 8 Q. So do you recall receiving this or seeing this
- 9 email?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And what did it concern?
- 12 A. So these were in -- in conjunction with that
- 13 GSA, and these were the -- the top group were the RON
- 14 ones that were, essentially, charters that didn't have
- 15 the 4 PCH assigned. I'd have to look at the -- the
- 16 scheduled-into-a-day-off ones, and then there were the
- 17 gold-day trumps that we were pushed into a gold day when
- 18 they shouldn't have been assigned a duty.
- 19 Q. So -- but this is directly related to Exhibit
- 20 12, the gold-day GSA, that you were referring to;
- 21 correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. All right. And there's nothing in here about a
- 24 reassignment of a pilot; correct?
- 25 A. No. Not that I'm aware of, no.

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1 MR. URBAN: Okay. So we would move to admit

- 2 that Exhibit 13.
- 3 MR. MARKEL: No objection.
 - THE ARBITRATOR: Fine. It's in.
- 5 (Union Exhibit 13 was received into
 - evidence.)
- 7 BY MR. URBAN:
- 8 Q. All right. I'd like you to, if I could, have
- 9 you look at Exhibit 17 starting at page IBT-303.
- 10 A. Okay.
 - (Union Exhibit 17 was marked for
- 12 identification.)
- 13 BY MR. URBAN:
- 14 Q. Do you recall signing this --
- 15 MR. MARKEL: Sorry. I -- I have to object.
- 16 This is the document I referred to earlier, if you look
- 17 at 305, that specifically says it shall not be cited,
- 18 offered, or relied upon in any manner whatsoever, now or
- 19 in the future, in connection with any matter involving
- 20 other bargaining unit employees or the union excluding
- 21 only a proceeding to enforce the express terms of the
- 22 specific agreement.
- 23 This is not that proceeding. I don't -- I
- 24 don't see how this can be -- I mean, certainly as I
- 25 said, we think that the union already violated the terms

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MR. URBAN: Now we will move to admit Exhibit



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3 reassignments. They were -- they were charter flights | 3

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1 of this GSA by introducing it. This board should

2 certainly not compound that issue by admitting it as an 3 exhibit.

THE ARBITRATOR: Response, Mr. Urban.

5 MR. URBAN: I understand the language. It does

6 have relevance to this particular proceeding, but I will

7 go ahead and withdraw this particular one --

THE ARBITRATOR: Fine.

9 MR. URBAN: -- based on those comments.

10 THE ARBITRATOR: Done.

11 (Union Exhibit 17 was withdrawn.)

12 MR. URBAN: I just wanted to refer to one other

13 item. Oh, I know where it's at. Sorry. I don't know

14 the best way to do this. They're within the disclosures

15 of --

16 All right. In your disclosures, Counsel, you

17 have a document. Is it best to make a copy of that so

18 we can present it in front of the witness? You haven't

19 identified it as an exhibit.

20 MR. MARKEL: Which document?

21 MR. URBAN: Pardon me?

22 MR. MARKEL: Which document?

23 MR. URBAN: It starts at Allegiant page 209.

24 It's a grievance settlement agreement that was signed in

25 2018.

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THE ARBITRATOR: And do both counsel -- it came 2 from the company's disclosure, but the union is using

3 it. How would you like it marked for the record?

4 MR. URBAN: Great question.

5 THE ARBITRATOR: Doesn't change the weight.

6 MR. MARKEL: Do you want to just call it

7 Joint 5?

THE ARBITRATOR REPORTER: It's 6. 8

9 THE ARBITRATOR: Except I think it's 6.

10 MR. MARKEL: Joint 6.

MR. URBAN: Great. Thank you. 11

12 THE ARBITRATOR: Thank you.

13 (Joint Exhibit 6 was marked for

14 identification.)

THE WITNESS: I do. 15

16 BY MR. URBAN:

Q. Now you do recall this one? 17

18 A. I do.

19 Q. Okay. So I wanted to start on the first page.

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21 Q. And you see in the recitals, it talks about a

22 group grievance filed by the union, and it mentions,

"...due to an operational issue, must remain

24 overnight out of domicile and operate the same

25 origin/destination trip the next day."

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MR. MARKEL: Yeah, I've got that.

2 MR. URBAN: Does the arbitrator and the panel

3 have it?

THE ARBITRATOR: I've got it electronically.

5 It's up on my screen.

MR. URBAN: You do have it electronically?

7 MR. MARKEL: I've got it digitally as well.

MR. URBAN: Do you have it as well, Dustin? 8

BOARD MEMBER CALL: I prefer a hard copy. 9

10 MR. URBAN: Okay. Can I use these? We'll make

11 copies as we need to.

12 MR. MARKEL: There should be enough copies

13 there.

MR. URBAN: I just want to be able to -- oh, 14

15 there we go.

MR. MARKEL: 209; correct? 16

MR. URBAN: Yes, 209. Yes. 17

18 BY MR. URBAN:

Q. So this is identified in the disclosures of the 19

20 Company Tab 4 starting with Allegiant page 2009.

Do you recall seeing this particular settlement 21

22 agreement, Mr. Robles?

A. I do recall it. I'd have to read -- refresh

24 what this is, but I -- give me a second here, please.

25 Q. Sure.

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Do you recall that being the discussion on this

2 Grievance Number 2017-013?

A. I recall it being part of it, and I believe it

4 was -- I'd have to look at each individual one of these,

5 but I believe in all of these scenarios, they were

6 unable to be returned. It doesn't really say that, but

7 that's from what I recall.

Q. So the next sentence, though, talks about,

"When those pilots would operate the flight

9 10 returning them to their domicile on their day

11 off, they were only being allowed a replacement

12 day off if they were under minimum days off."

13 Do you recall that discussion?

14 A. Yes. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. So what was involved there?

A. So the company had sent an email saying that if 16

17 they were not below the minimum days off, they would not

18 receive a replacement day off. And that -- again,

19 that's one of those ones that sometimes they would abide

20 by it; sometimes they would not. And then in the past,

21 they had abided by it; then they stopped abiding by it.

22 Brought it to Andrea Gansen's attention and she remedied 23 these.

Q. And was there any discussion specifically about 25 getting pilots home or, in your recollection, them being

is now



1 assigned a different or other flight the next day?

- A. These had all -- it had been a while for all of
- 3 these. They weren't, like, super recent. And so they
- 4 were being remedied and discussed after the fact.
- 5 Q. Okay. And if you turn to page 2 of this
- 6 document, page 210, there's a reference to the 7 agreement.
- 8 Do you see that? Paragraph 1 at the bottom of 9 the page.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. So the agreement here is that the pilots are
- 12 going to get a replacement day off; correct?
- 13 A. Right.
- 14 Q. And that had been denied under Section 15.N;
- 15 correct?
- 16 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 17 Q. The reason I wanted you to look at this is in
- 18 paragraph 4 on the third page.
- 19 Do you see that language?
- 20 A. I do, yes.
- 21 Q. All right. Was that something that the union
- 22 agreed to?
- 23 A. Yes.

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- 24 Q. So this GSA "...not intended to, and does not,
- 25 modify, interpret, or negate any term,

1 THE ARBITRATOR: Just so we're clear, does the

- 2 exhibit end on 211 and we're talking about just the
- 3 exhibit, or does it include Exhibit A, which has a
- 4 variety of grievances attached to it?
- 5 I'm good either way. I just wanted us to be
- 6 clear as to what we were putting in the record.
- 7 MR. MARKEL: So in the --
- 8 MR. URBAN: I don't have that Exhibit A in my 9 copy. So --
- 10 MR. MARKEL: Yes, you do.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER CALL: Yeah, you do.
- 12 MR. MARKEL: In the company's records --
- 13 MR. URBAN: Oh, that Exhibit A.
- 14 MR. MARKEL: -- the GSA includes Exhibit A,
- 15 which is specifically referred to under -- if you look
- 16 at the first paragraph of --
- 17 THE ARBITRATOR: Yes, it is.
- 18 MR. MARKEL: -- the exhibit.
- 19 THE ARBITRATOR: I just wanted to make certain
- 20 that when we said it's in and labeled --
- 21 MR. MARKEL: Yeah.
- 22 THE ARBITRATOR: -- as Joint 6 --
 - MR. MARKEL: Um-hum.
- 24 THE ARBITRATOR: -- whether we were talking
- 25 about just the text of the settlement agreement

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covenant, or condition contained in the 1 itself --

- 2 CBA...and does not modify, interpret, or negate
- 3 any of the provisions in 15- --"
- 4 MR. MARKEL: Objection. First off, counsel is
- 5 just reading on direct. But, second, if we're going to
- 6 read it, can we just read it accurately? Like, I don't
- 7 think I need to go in here more, but jumping over what
- 8 is effectively the crucial language is going to
- 9 complicate the record in a way that we don't need to do 10 that.
- 11 MR. URBAN: All right. You know what, Counsel,
- 12 document speaks for itself. I'm not going to try and
- 13 reread it. He said it -- that was part of what the
- 14 union agreed to. I'm fine.
- 15 THE ARBITRATOR: Okay.
- 16 MR. URBAN: All right. So -- and I'm assuming
- 17 that we all agree Joint Exhibit 2 is in evidence;
- 18 correct -- or excuse me --
- 19 MR. MARKEL: Joint Exhibit 6?
- 20 MR. URBAN: -- Joint Exhibit 6.
- 21 THE ARBITRATOR: It is.
- 22 (Joint Exhibit 6 was received into
- 23 evidence.)
- MR. URBAN: Don't have anything further. All right.

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- 2 MR. MARKEL: Yes.
- 3 THE ARBITRATOR: -- or whether we were
- 4 including all of the attached grievances that were there 5 as exhibits. That's all.
- 6 MR. MARKEL: Exhibit A is part of this.
- 7 MR. URBAN: I would agree.
- 8 THE ARBITRATOR: And I'm fine with it. I just
- 9 wanted to clarify it so there were no misunderstandings.
- 10 MR. MARKEL: And just for the record, it
- 11 actually keeps going. In the company's version of this
- 12 GSA, it includes the June 24, 2017, letter from the
- 13 union as part of the complete document.
- 14 MR. URBAN: As part of the GSA?
- MR. MARKEL: Yeah, it's the union's grievance
- 16 that led to this GSA. I mean, parties typically do that
- 17 as here's how we got there. It's -- that's part --
- 18 that's our record. We -- this is how the company has
- 19 maintained this.
- 20 THE ARBITRATOR: Exhibit B has both the
- 21 grievance and the response, does it not?
- 22 BOARD MEMBER CALL: So that was --
- 23 MR. URBAN: That's a totally different --
- 24 THE ARBITRATOR: Is that a different exhibit?
 - MR. URBAN: Yes.





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THE ARBITRATOR: My apologies. 1

- MR. URBAN: Exhibit 3. 2
- 3 THE ARBITRATOR: My apologies.
- 4 MR. MARKEL: So you're thinking about the

5 union's appeal.

- THE ARBITRATOR: Okay. 6
- MR. MARKEL: Right. That included both the 7
- 8 grievance and the response.
- THE ARBITRATOR: Okay. So it ends at Bates 10 221.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER CALL: I don't have the Bates
- 12 stamp, but all it has is just the submission of the
- 13 grievance and our business records.
- 14 MR. MARKEL: Yeah.
- 15 THE ARBITRATOR: Got it.
- 16 MR. URBAN: Right, but --
- BOARD MEMBER JOSEPH: 221. 17
- 18 BOARD MEMBER CALL: Including the GSA.
- 19 MR. URBAN: Okay. So we obviously have an
- 20 issue here.
- 21 THE ARBITRATOR: I'm sorry. Off the record.
- 22 (A discussion was held off the
- 23 record.)
- 24 THE ARBITRATOR: Just so that we're clear,
- 25 we're going to go back and get some testimony concerning

- 1 settlement agreement?
- 2 A. No.

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- 3 Q. And would it be a practice with the union in
- 4 entering into settlement agreements with the company to
- 5 attach after a settlement agreement the original
- 6 grievance of the union?
- 7 A. No.
- Q. Do you recall there being any attachment of the
- 9 original grievance to this settlement agreement that you
- 10 signed?
- A. No. Our practice is that whatever is in the 11
- 12 GSA, that is the only document that is attached or
- 13 referenced by the GSA. That's it.
- 14 MR. URBAN: So maybe we have to make it a
- 15 separate union exhibit, but we would move to admit the
- 16 first four pages of this disclosure by the company as
- 17 Union Exhibit 22.
- 18 MR. MARKEL: Wait. We've already called it
- 19 Joint Exhibit 6.
- 20 MR. URBAN: It's Joint Exhibit 6 --
 - THE ARBITRATOR: Can I make it easier for you,
- 22 Mr. Urban, if you don't mind.
- 23 MR. URBAN: No problem.
- 24 THE ARBITRATOR: Apparently the controversy at
- 25 the moment deals with whether the settlement agreement

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1 precisely what is asserted to have been part of the

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- 2 settlement agreement. Bottom line is the settlement
- 3 agreement, whatever that is ultimately going to
- 4 constitute, is in this Joint Exhibit 6; right?
- 5 MR. URBAN: Correct.
- THE ARBITRATOR: Okav.
- 7 BY MR. URBAN:
- Q. All right. Mr. Robles, what you have in front
- 9 of you, which has been identified as Joint Exhibit 6,
- 10 the first four pages appear to be a grievance settlement
- 11 agreement; correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- Q. And that is your signature on page 3 of that 13
- 14 document; correct?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- Q. And if you look at page 2 of the document, 16
- 17 there is a specific reference on page 2 to an Exhibit A.
- Do you see that? 18
- 19 A. Which page is it?
- 20 Q. Page 2 right below the names there's a
- 21 reference to Exhibit A.
- Do you see that? 22
- 23 A. I see that, yes.
- Q. To your knowledge, do you recall there being
- 25 any other attachments to this signed grievance

- 1 specifically included the group grievance document or 2 not; right?
- 3 MR. URBAN: Correct.
- 4 THE ARBITRATOR: There is no dispute as to
- 5 authenticity, though, is there?
- 6 MR. URBAN: No.
- 7 THE ARBITRATOR: Okay. So what my question to
- 8 both counsel is why does it matter whether it's part of
- 9 the settlement agreement or whether it's not but it's
- 10 simply a document that existed that was the union's
- 11 group grievance that ultimately was the subject of the
- 12 settlement agreement?
- 13 MR. MARKEL: It does not.
- 14 THE ARBITRATOR: How does whether it's part of
- 15 the agreement or not affect what we should be doing with
- 16 it? That's really the question.
- 17 MR. URBAN: Again, I'm not sure why it's going
- 18 to be attached or how it's going to be argued. I just
- 19 want to make the record clear as to what was the
- 20 settlement agreement. Counsel has been relying on
- 21 settlement agreements, particularly this one.
- 22 THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine.
- 23 May I suggest the following, then. Let's mark
- 24 those last three pages as 6A --
- 25 MR. URBAN: That's acceptable.





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1 THE ARBITRATOR: -- because there's no dispute

2 as to authenticity. You'll argue weight and what we

3 should do with it, if anything, later.

4 MR. URBAN: Very good.

5 THE ARBITRATOR: Right?

6 MR. MARKEL: Yes. That's fine.

7 THE ARBITRATOR: And I think that takes care of

8 this, at least, hiccup on the side road we've taken;

9 right?

10 MR. URBAN: Okay. Very good. Thank you.

11 THE ARBITRATOR: Not a problem.

12 (Joint Exhibit 6A was marked for

13 identification and received into

14 evidence.)

MR. URBAN: I need to take just a short break.

16 THE ARBITRATOR: Never a problem. Off the

17 record.

18 (A recess was taken from 3:54 p.m. to

19 4:03 p.m.)

MR. URBAN: Pass the witness with the

21 understanding that Mr. Robles may be called again for

22 rebuttal.

23 THE ARBITRATOR: You have that right in any

24 event and not a problem.

25 MR. URBAN: Just reserving for the record.

1 Robles.

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THE WITNESS: Absolutely.

3 MR. URBAN: Can we call Captain Quinn Swift.

THE ARBITRATOR: Raise your right hand, please.

5 (Witness sworn.)

THE ARBITRATOR: Please be seated, sir.

7 QUINN SWIFT,

8 having been first duly sworn by the arbitrator,

was examined and testified as follows:

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. URBAN:

12 Q. Can you please state your full name for the

13 record.

14 A. Quinn Swift.

15 Q. And your employer?

16 A. Allegiant Air.

17 Q. Your duties or responsibilities there?

18 A. Pilot, captain.

19 Q. How long have you been a captain?

20 A. Fifteen years. With the company, 16 and a

21 half.

22 Q. Okay. And did you work for other airlines

23 prior to that?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay. What other airlines have you been a

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MR. MARKEL: I hate taking breaks back to back,

2 but I would like to take a break.

3 THE ARBITRATOR: Do you need a few minutes?

4 MR. MARKEL: Yes.

5 THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine.

6 MR. MARKEL: Let's start with 15, and we'll try

7 to get it faster.

8 THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine.

9 (A recess was taken from 4:03 p.m. to

10 4:10 p.m.)

11 THE ARBITRATOR: We can go back on whenever

12 counsel's ready.

MR. MARKEL: I have no questions for you at

14 this time.

15 THE WITNESS: Okay.

16 MR. URBAN: Stay there. You're not done. Sit

17 down.

18 THE ARBITRATOR: Anything that you wish to

19 pose?

20 BOARD MEMBER JOSEPH: No questions.

21 THE ARBITRATOR: Anything that you wish to

22 pose?

23 BOARD MEMBER CALL: No.

24 THE ARBITRATOR: You are done. I don't have

25 anything I need nailed down either. Thank you, Captain

1 pilot for?

A. Island Air in Hawaii. Before that it was Cape

3 Air, Massachusetts.

4 Q. "Cape" did you say?

5 A. Cape Air, yes.

6 Q. So you -- have you -- are you familiar with the

7 collective bargaining agreement that is in effect?

8 A. Pretty familiar.

9 Q. Okay. And I'd like to discuss your particular

10 grievance, which it's in that notebook in front of you

11 behind Tab Number 2. It's been identified as Joint

12 Exhibit 2.

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. So I know you've probably looked at this quite

15 a few times. You prepared or you submitted this

16 grievance for the events that took place in July of

17 2021?

18 A. That is correct.

19 Q. Okay. And at that time when this grievance was

20 filed, what type of pilot were you with Allegiant?

21 A. I was a captain, Airbus 320.

22 Q. And at this time in July of 2021, what type of

23 flight line were you on?

24 A. I was a line holder.

25 Q. Regular line holder?





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A. Regular line holder, yes.

Q. Okay. And so in this particular day, do you 2

3 recall what was your assignment for that day?

A. The original flight assignment was a four-leg

5 day from Mesa, Provo, Santa Ana, Boise, back to Mesa.

Q. So you were going to end the day in your home 7 domicile; right?

A. Yes.

9 Q. And that is your domicile, Mesa Gateway?

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Q. Was it at that time? 11

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Now, what happened on the flight that day?

14 A. Early in the day after the first leg, we had --

15 well, we had a deferral on the airplane, first of all,

16 that didn't allow for other problems in the same system.

17 And after the first leg, we got a problem with --

18 additional problem with the same system. I believe they

19 did a reset, and we tried to do our second leg, and it

20 popped up again, which means it's broken. So it ended

21 up going back to the gate.

Q. So did you ever fly the second leg? 22

A. No. We left the gate, but we had to return. 23

24 Never took off.

Q. So I just want to walk through. I thought it

1 that flight, but the remaining three flights were all

2 cancelled. We were pay protected. And because there

3 was four hours between the next plane, they -- we had

4 lots of time to kill, but they had scheduled us to fly

5 home to Mesa on the next flight to Mesa on Allegiant.

The plane we were using was broken. So we were

7 repositioned to remote parking for -- to be fixed

8 whenever they were able to fix it. I believe they were

9 waiting on a part.

10 Q. So I want to go through that step by step.

A. Sure. 11

12 Q. First, you said you deplaned all the

13 passengers.

A. Yes. 14

Q. And then you were told that the rest of that 15

16 assignment was cancelled.

17 A. The entire day, yes.

18 Q. And then they towed the plane away to be

19 repaired.

20 A. I can't remember if we towed or taxied, but we

21 went over to remote parking.

Q. Then did crew services tell you anything about 22

23 what would happen for the rest of your day?

24 A. The rest of the day was -- we were,

25 essentially, done because they had -- later -- this

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1 happened in the morning. And later in the day in the

2 afternoon, they had more than one flight back to Mesa.

3 And according to the contract, they had to at least make

4 an attempt to get us home, if they can, and there were

5 lots of opportunities to get us home. So they did that

6 initially.

7 Q. Did they tell you you were going to go home?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And did they schedule you on a flight to go

10 home?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Then what happened?

A. Well, we had a four-hour wait. So we went to 13

14 grab lunch. And in the middle of the lunch, I got a

15 call saying flight attendants are still going home, but

16 the pilots are going to stay with the airplane, which I

17 said that doesn't sound right. I don't think you can do

18 that. But I don't assume I have a perfect memory of the

19 contract. So after I got off the phone with them -- I

20 didn't accept it. I just, like, okay, whatever. Then I

21 started making calls.

22 Q. Who did you call?

23 A. I called Andrew Robles, Ryan Fogelsanger, Jeff

24 Panhans, and eventually I was referred to Ernie because

25 Panhans was busy.

1 was E-C-A-M. Is that what the --

A. ECAM, yes.

3 Q. -- issue was?

4 What is that?

A. That's the Airbus's method of telling you

6 something is wrong with one of the viewers, essentially,

7 or with something. It has a sensor.

Q. And so they tried to fix it once.

A. Yes. 9

10 Q. Didn't work.

11 A. They tried. They thought they reset it; it was

12 gone. But as soon as we pushed back and started the

13 engine, it came back, which means you can't just reset

14 it indefinitely. You have to write it up.

Q. So then you went back to the gate again.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And what happened next?

A. I can't remember how long it took for them to

19 deplane, but we knew we were going to deplane. Fairly

20 quickly for Allegiant, it was decided that we were

21 cancelled --

Q. How did you find that out? 22

23 A. -- that flight.

24 Communication with maintenance control and crew

25 services. So found out we were cancelled. Not just





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- 1 Q. Let me take those one at a time. We know who 2 Robles is.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And who is Ryan Fogelsanger?
- 5 A. He was one of the -- a rep, union reps.
- 6 Q. A union rep?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And who is Mr. Panhans?
- 9 A. Chief pilot. He's one of the assistant chief
- 10 pilots or whatever the title is now.
- 11 Q. And you said he was not available?
- 12 A. He answered, but he was busy so he referred me
- 13 to Ernie, who was actually at corporate.
- 14 Q. And who is Ernie Nevin?

3 obviously a violation of contract.

Q. The union representatives.

Q. So the FAQs at the back?

11 agreement right there on top or is --

A. The FAQs at the back, yeah.

A. The --

13 BY MR. URBAN:

A. Yes.

A. Yes.

22 you talked to Ernie Nevin?

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- 15 A. Yes. And he's another one of the assistant
- 16 chiefs that's usually at corporate -- or was.
- 17 Q. And what was your discussion with him?
- 18 A. Well, I told him the situation. Because I
- 19 wanted to be sure before I started creating any kind of
- 20 problem, I actually had the union reps -- or I believe
- 21 it was Ryan. It might have been Andrew, but I believe
- 22 it was Ryan sent me copies of the CBA and the FAQ. I
- 23 had them in my bag, but that was back at the airport
- 24 because we were at lunch. And I looked at that just to
- 25 verify what I believed to be true. And it was extremely

1 black and white in this situation. So I started calling

2 the chief pilot and tried to get it fixed because it was

Q. Do you remember what they sent you?

A. An excerpt from the CBA and the FAQs.

Q. Let me have you look at that. Is that the

Q. Yeah. So go to the very last page.

Q. Referring to 15 November 3?

Is that the FAQ that you were sent?

MR. MARKEL: There's a copy right there.

Q. The out-of-domicile reassignment language?

Q. All right. So did you call anyone else after

24 those four until we got -- everybody got done with lunch

25 and we could go back to the airport and I could look at

A. There were repeated phone calls to any one of

- 1 my bag and the whole CBA instead of an excerpt. And
- 2 then once I got back to the airport, I had a -- we had a
- 3 call with crew services. I don't remember if it was
- 4 scheduled or whatever, but I tried to call crew
- 5 services. And I tried to explain my situation.
- 6 Ernie still hadn't gotten them to change it.
- 7 So they didn't want to hear about the contract. They
- 8 didn't want to talk about it. They just said you're
- 9 doing it and then -- so I said no.
- 10 Q. Okay. So did Ernie agree with your
- 11 understanding of the collective bargaining agreement?
- 12 A. Everybody did.
- 13 Q. Did Ernie --
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. -- agree with you?
- 16 A. Yes. Yes.
- 17 Q. And did he talk to crew services on your
- 18 behalf?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. What did he say?
- 21 A. He said he was trying, working his end, but I
- 22 don't know who he talked to specifically.
- 23 Q. Do you recall who you talked to at crew
- 24 services?
- 25 A. I believe it was Tammy.

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- 1 Q. And what did she say?
 - 2 A. She refused to listen to any discussion and,
 - 3 essentially, just said you're taking it or -- you know,
 - 4 once I refused it, then she made some other comments,
 - 5 which I believe are in my notes. I don't remember
 - 6 exactly how it's said, but --
 - 7 Q. Okay.
 - 8 A. -- yeah.
 - 9 Q. And your notes are at the back of exhibit --
 - 10 Joint Exhibit 2 there?
 - 11 A. Yeah.
 - 12 Q. Did you prepare all of these pages and notes
 - 13 that are at the back?
 - 14 A. Well, I believe it's at the front.
 - 15 Q. I believe if you look at the --
 - 16 A. Maybe it's at the back too.
 - 17 Q. -- at the bottom there --
 - 18 A. Oh, yeah, yeah.
 - 19 Q. Were those your notes that you prepared on the
 - 20 event?
 - 21 A. Yeah, I was writing notes in my phone while it
 - 22 was happening, to some degree, so I could keep some sort 23 of record.
 - Q. Okay. So they -- you had said earlier that youwere actually listed on a flight.
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1 A. Yeah.

- 2 Q. And did you try and board that flight?
- 3 A. Well, after talking to Tammy, I found out that
- 4 we were delisted from the flight, and they -- we weren't
- 5 scheduled for any other flights. They told us just to 6 go to the hotel.
- 7 Q. Were there more flights available?
- 8 A. Plenty. Well, two from Provo. Probably more 9 from Salt Lake.
- 10 Q. To Mesa Gateway?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And did you try and get on any of those
- 13 flights?
- 14 A. Yes. We tried to relist for the first one,
- 15 which is the original one that we were listed on. They
- 16 cancelled our listing. So I went to the gate agent to
- 17 try and find out what was going on. We were told that
- 18 the company had told them not to let us on the airplane,
- 19 that we couldn't use CASS; we couldn't even buy a 20 ticket.
- 21 Q. What is CASS?
- 22 A. CASS is a -- I forget what it stands for, but
- 23 it's a means for pilots using their -- they have ability
- 24 to fly on the flight deck. They can get your picture in
- 25 the computer, and it's another means of non-revving.

1 on the plane?

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- 2 A. Yes. Once we had a boarding pass, they can't 3 just refuse us.
- 4 Q. So you got home.
- Do you know when the flight attendants got to 6 go home?
- 7 A. They got to go home on the first flight.
- 3 Q. Now, was there a reason -- the next day -- I
- 9 want to make sure -- what was the next day on your 10 schedule?
- 10 Scriedule?
- 11 A. The next day was a day off. It was also --
- 12 part of the reason for my urgency initially was because13 it's also my medical. I had to renew my medical that
- 14 day. It was a very busy month; 95 hours scheduled, I
- 15 believe. And it was going to be difficult to reschedule
- 16 with medical, if at all possible. So I figured I'd be
- 17 getting in trouble with my medical expiring if I didn't
- 18 get it done.
- So that was the emergency initially. And later 20 on, after all the ridiculousness about the refusal and
- 21 the trying to deny us boarding and everything else, it
- 22 just -- it became a point of right and wrong. So I
- 23 just -- I wasn't going to back down.
- Q. So if you didn't have your medical, would you be able to fly?

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1 A.

- 2 Q. Did you tell Ernie that you needed to get back
- 3 to have this medical appointment?
- 4 A. Yeah, and Tammy.
- 5 Q. You told crew services as well?
- 6 A. Yep.
- 7 Q. And that didn't matter?
- 8 A. Didn't care.
- 9 Q. Okay. So had you ever been reimbursed for the
- 10 ticket you had to buy on your own?
- 11 A. No. Plus the pay is wrong for that day.
- 12 Q. I want you to look, if you can, in that same
- 13 notebook at Exhibit 15 -- no, no. Sorry. 16. I
- 14 apologize. 16. It's behind Tab 16.
- 15 A. Yeah.
- 16 Q. You received a copy of this notice for a
- 17 Section 18 meeting?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And did that Section 18 meeting ever take
- 20 place?
- 21 A. No, at the 11th hour they cancelled it.
- 22 Q. Okay. And that's page 3 of this exhibit?
- A. Yes. That's correct.
- 24 Q. And page 1 refers to a no-show for the flight.
- 25 Do you see that?

- 1 It's a different avenue than listing the normal way.
 2 THE ARBITRATOR: Cockpit access security
 3 system.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Right.
- 5 MR. URBAN: Thank you.
- 6 BY MR. URBAN:
- 7 Q. And did you try and use that to get on?
- 8 A. We tried everything at that point, and we 9 couldn't get on.
- 9 Couldn't get on.
- 10 Q. And did you actually do something else after
- 11 that?
- 12 A. Well, we went through security, even talked to
- 13 the pilots that were flying the plane when it came in.
- 14 Ernie was still kind of saying there's a chance; there's
- 15 a chance; there's a chance we'll get it fixed. And that
- 16 didn't work.
- 17 Plane came, loaded up. They wouldn't,
- 18 obviously, let us on the plane. Took off. So at that
- 19 point, we went outside of security, used a different
- 20 avenue and bought tickets from the website instead of
- 21 the ticket counter and got our tickets and our boarding 22 pass in our phones.
- 23 Q. So you bought tickets on the Allegiant website.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And as a result of that, were you able to get





1 A. Right.

- 2 Q. Is that no-show still on your record?
- 3 A. It's showing in the pay report. I don't know
- 4 what other documents the company has, but it's
- 5 definitely showing on the pay report as a no-show that
- 6 day and the following day that was a day off.
- 7 Q. Okay. You haven't received any discipline for
- 8 going home, have you?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Did you ever receive an official notification
- 11 of what your duty for the next day would be?
- 12 A. No. They never told me. I assumed it was to
- 13 fly the plane back, but I don't know that. I was never
- 14 told. I was told you're spending the night in the hotel
- 15 just like -- they don't give details. It was just going
- 16 to happen the next day.
- 17 Q. So you never actually received a formal
- 18 assignment for the next day.
- 19 A. No. They usually don't until the last minute.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 MR. URBAN: Nothing further.
- 22 THE ARBITRATOR: Ready for cross or do you need
- 23 some time?
- 24 MR. MARKEL: I would love a few minutes.
- 25 THE ARBITRATOR: Never a problem. We're off

- 1 Do you remember saying that?
 - 2 A. Yes.

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- 3 Q. Sorry. Yeah. We just need a verbal for the --
- 4 A. Understood.
- 5 Q. -- for the record.
- 6 Now, you attached to your grievance a fairly
- 7 detailed summary.
- 8 Do you recall that? I think --
- 9 A. Yeah.
- 10 Q. -- the union counsel asked you about that.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And in that summary, you wrote that you got
- 13 another call from Ernie.
- 14 A. Um-hum.
- 15 Q. Do you remember that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And Ernie told you that there was an old
- 18 settlement agreement that the company was using to
- 19 justify their position and that his position had
- 20 changed.

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- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. And then you say,
 - "I read this agreement, and it has absolutely
- 24 nothing to do with our situation."
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 1 the record.
- 2 (A recess was taken from 4:28 p.m. to
- 3 4:44 p.m.)
- 4 THE ARBITRATOR: Go back on record when
- 5 Mr. Markel is ready.
- 6 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 7 BY MR. MARKEL:
- 8 Q. Good afternoon, Captain Swift. My name's
- 9 Aaron. I don't think we met before, but I'm counsel for
- 10 the company. I just have a few questions for you today.
- 11 I think you testified earlier that your --
- 12 about the kind of sequence of your trip.
- 13 Do you recall that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And I think what you said was that your -- the
- 16 start of the day was -- your origin was Mesa.
- 17 Do you remember saying that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And that you were scheduled to return, your
- 20 destination was also Mesa at the end of that day; right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. You said that when all of this occurred -- and
- 23 I mean the situation with you talking to the union and
- 24 you talking to the regional chief pilot -- that everyone
- 25 agreed with you.

- Q. And so someone had sent you a copy of the
- 2 settlement; is that right?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Do you know who sent you a copy of the
- 5 settlement?
- 6 A. I believe it was Ernie.
- 7 Q. Ernie sent you. Okay.
- 8 And then later in your summary, I think you're
- 9 repeating this, but you said,
- 10 "Ernie called back wanting to clarify that his
 - recommendation was to fly and grieve it in case
- 12 I got the wrong idea."
- 13 A. He was afraid he'd get in trouble for me
- 14 refusing the flight.
- 15 Q. Right.
- 16 A. That wasn't his recommendation. He wasn't
- 17 giving me recommendations. He was just telling me his
- 18 opinion --
 - Q. Got it.
- 20 A. -- of whether it was right or wrong.
- 21 Q. And you've been a pilot for quite a long time;
- 22 right?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And you're familiar with the concept of fly
- 25 now, grieve later?





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A. Yes.

- Q. And ultimately you decided not to do that; 2
- 3 right? You decided to go home to Mesa.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Now, was this the first time that you
- 6 had been required to remain overnight with an aircraft
- 7 due to an operational issue while you have been a pilot
- 8 at Allegiant?
- A. No.
- Q. Your eyes said something there. Has this
- 11 happened frequently to you?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. About how many times?
- 14 A. Well, I don't know, 16 and a half years. It
- 15 goes in streaks. So sometimes it happens every couple
- 16 of months, and other times it's once in six. So it
- 17 happens when it happens.
- Q. Can you give me, like, a rough estimate of how
- 19 many times it's happened?
- A. I would estimate at least twice a year.
- 21 Q. At least twice a year.
- And can you remind me how long you've been with 22
- 23 Allegiant?
- A. 16 and a half years. 24
- 25 Q. 16 and a half years.

- 1 this is Allegiant 235. We'll mark it as -- I think
- 2 we're up to Company Exhibit 4.
- 3 THE ARBITRATOR: That sounds right.
- 4 (Company Exhibit 4 was marked for
- 5 identification.)
- 6 BY MR. MARKEL:
- Q. Mr. Swift, is this a grievance that -- that you
- 8 filed or I suppose the union filed on your behalf in
- 9 2018?

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- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. And in this grievance, you say that on March 11
- 12 23rd, I assume 2018, that you were scheduled -- or during
- 13 a flight from Mesa to Indianapolis, you had an emergency
- 14 medical descent --
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. -- and you landed in Albuquerque, I believe it
- 17 is; is that correct?
- A. Yes. 18
- 19 Q. And that the company then sent replacement
- 20 flight attendants from Las Vegas.
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. And you continued to Indianapolis.
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Where you spent the night.
- 25 A. We ran out of duty time. We were forced to.

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- And so since the CBA, which became effective in
- 2 2016, we're talking at least 12 times?
- A. Yeah, probably.
- Q. Okay. And was this --
- A. It might be more. Estimating a little bit --5
- Q. Lunderstand, Yeah. 6
- 7 And in all of those times, was this the first
- 8 grievance you filed over this?
- A. No.
- 10 Q. How many grievances have you filed?
- A. I'm not sure. Usually there's a gray area. So
- 12 I remember one where I was stuck for three days in
- 13 Niagara Falls. But on the company side, it was a
- 14 weather storm. So it was more gray area. So I filed a
- 15 grievance, but it was a similar situation where they
- 16 could have sent me home, should have sent me home.
- 17 Didn't.
- Q. Okay. 18
- A. They wanted me to stay with the plane. 19
- 20 Q. Do you remember filing a grievance in 2018?
- 21 A. I might have.
- Q. Over being held overnight in outstation? 22
- 23 A. It's quite possible.
- 24 Q. Okay. Let me show you a document.
- 25 For those following along on their computers,

- 1 We were limited on our duty period. So, yes, we
- 2 couldn't make the flight back. We dutied out.
- 3 Q. Right. So you were forced to stay overnight in 4 Indianapolis.
- A. Yes. Completely different situation. Yes. 5
- Q. Okay. And then the next day, which I believe
- 7 you said was a day off --
- A. Yes.
- 9 Q. -- you flew back to Mesa.
- 10 A. Correct.
- Q. And in this grievance, you say that the company
- 12 should have applied 15.B.3 [sic]; correct?
- A. That's what it says. 13
- Q. And in the remedy sought, you say, 14
- "Make pilot whole and receive replacement day 15 16
 - off per Section 14.B.3."
- Do you see that? 17
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. And you do not cite 15.N.3 anywhere, do you? 19
- 20 A. It was a total different situation. It didn't
- 21 apply.
- 22 Q. Okay. Well, you didn't -- you didn't mention
- 23 15.N.3, did you?
- 24 A. I wouldn't --
- 25 Q. Okay. And you didn't --





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A. -- correct.

Q. -- say that the company was required to get you

3 back to your domicile on the last day of your scheduled

4 trip, did you?

A. Like I said, completely different situation.

6 So it's like apples and oranges. But, yeah, I didn't --

7 wouldn't ask for that if it didn't apply.

Q. Okay. So in this grievance, you didn't

9 reference 15.N.3.

A. No, I wouldn't.

11 Q. You didn't say the company --

12 MR. URBAN: Objection. Asked and answered.

13 Are we going to go over the same questions four times?

THE ARBITRATOR: It was twice, and I'll allow 14

15 it.

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16 BY MR. MARKEL:

Q. Okay. And you didn't say the company had to 17

18 get -- get you home?

19 A. No.

Q. Now, was this grievance settled, do you know?

21 A. I don't even remember.

22 Q. You don't even remember.

Do you have Joint Exhibit 6 on the table in

24 front of you? I believe it's the closest one to this

25 corner. You got your hand right over it. There you go.

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1 pursuant to Section 15.B.3.b [sic] to each

2 named pilot who was previously denied same due

3 to application of 15.N."

4 Do you see that?

5 A. Yes.

Q. And so you were granted, ultimately, if you

7 recall, a replacement day off pursuant to 14.B.3 as part

8 of the settlement of your grievance.

A. Correct. 9

Q. Okay. And do you recall that the company had

11 originally denied you that replacement day off because

12 it had applied Section 15.N in that situation rather

13 than 14.B.3?

14 A. Yes, but it didn't apply.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. So I don't know what the rationale was or what

17 their excuse was. But, like I said, totally different

18 situation.

19 MR. MARKEL: Could I have just a second with my

20 team?

21 THE ARBITRATOR: Of course. We're off the

22 record again.

23 (A recess was taken from 4:55 p.m. to

24 5:01 p.m.)

25 THE ARBITRATOR: Back on whenever counsel's

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Can you open to the front page. 1

2 A. Yes.

Q. And so I think you were here earlier. This is

4 a grievance settlement agreement from 2018 that

5 Mr. Robles testified about briefly. And do you see at

6 the bottom right under the first paragraph of the

7 recitals that says,

"This group grievance addresses, among other 9

incidents, the following known numbered

10 grievances"?

11 A. Yep.

Q. And could you turn to the second page for me. 12

A. Yes, I see my name in there. 13

Q. Yeah. And it's "AAY-2018-126"? 14

15 A. Correct.

Q. And "Swift"? 16

A. Yes. 17

Q. And so that's the grievance we were just 18

19 discussing a second ago.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. And could you look down to agreement,

22 Section -- paragraph 1. It's on the bottom of page 2.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And it says,

25 "Employer shall grant a replacement day off 1 ready.

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2 MR. MARKEL: Captain, I have no more for you.

3 Thank you.

THE ARBITRATOR: Any redirect? 4

5 MR. URBAN: Yes, please.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. URBAN:

Q. Couple of questions, Mr. Quinn.

9 Just wanted to based on your -- counsel asking

10 you about your notes. The breakdown that happened on

11 your flight in July of 2021, when did that happen? What

12 time of day?

A. It was in the morning, early. 13

14 Q. Okay. And so you were there all day?

A. Most of the day. I think I got back right 15

16 before or right after it got dark. But I think before.

Q. And you mentioned that there were several 17

18 flights. Were those all Allegiant flights, or were

19 there other flights available?

20 A. There were two Allegiant flights, and there's

21 always a possibility of getting a Lyft to Salt Lake City

22 as well, which I didn't really look into because there

23 were two available Allegiant flights that don't cost

24 anything to go and had seats.

Q. So you could have taken a Lyft over to Salt





1 Lake City and had a flight --

- 2 A. That was another option. I usually will do 3 that, yes.
- 4 Q. And second question. I didn't ask this before:
- 5 Did you go home by yourself, or did your first officer6 go with you?
- 7 A. First officer did exactly the same thing.
- 8 Q. Okay. And to your knowledge, was he ever --
- 9 did he ever receive a Section 18 investigatory meeting?
- 10 A. Yeah, we talked, and he had the same situation.
- 11 We were both going to be in that -- I believe the same
- 12 meeting or the same day. I'm not sure how it works
- 13 because I've never been through one, but they both got
- 14 cancelled about the same time as well.
- 15 Q. And the flight you actually got onto, was that
- 16 an Allegiant flight, then, late --
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. -- that you bought your own ticket?
- 19 A. The second Allegiant.
- 20 Q. Now, counsel asked you -- and I want to have
- 21 this in front of you, Exhibit 4, which is this grievance
- 22 you filed in 2018; correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. So now to be clear, you had a scheduled flight
- 25 for a Mesa Gateway to Indianapolis and back; right?

1 Q. -- right?

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- 2 And so is it your understanding -- I guess your
- 3 position in this case is that 14.B.3 couldn't apply
- 4 because that only applies to delays and cancel- -- not
- 5 cancellations.
- 6 A. Without getting too wrapped around the
- 7 terminology, yeah, there seems to be a disconnect on how
- 8 we're trying to use the word "delay." So, yes, to some
- 9 degree that is accurate.
- 10 Q. So you would agree with me, then, that if
- 11 14.B.3 did cover cancellations, your case would be much
- 12 more difficult here.
- 13 A. Potentially.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. But, yeah, this -- that would mean 15.N.3 would
- 16 have to not exist.
- 17 MR. MARKEL: No further questions.
- 18 THE ARBITRATOR: Any further direct?
- 19 MR. URBAN: Nothing. Nothing, thank you.
- 20 THE ARBITRATOR: Anything you want to pose,
- 21 Captain Joseph?
- 22 BOARD MEMBER JOSEPH: No.
 - THE ARBITRATOR: Mr. Call, anything you want to
- 24 pose?

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25 BOARD MEMBER CALL: Can I take one minute?

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- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. And you couldn't complete that because a
- 3 passenger passed away.
- 4 A. Yes. We had a delay in this case. There was
- 5 no cancellation. So yes.
- 6 Q. Not a cancellation, but a trip delay; correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And because of that delay, you timed out under
- 9 the FAA?
- 10 A. Yeah, we couldn't make the return trip legally.
- 11 Q. So that's kind of beyond the control of anyone:
- 12 right? You were unable to fly.
- 13 A. Which is why I keep saying it's a completely
- 14 different situation, yes.
- 15 Q. And did you ask to go home?
- 16 A. No. Didn't apply.
- 17 MR. URBAN: All right. Nothing further.
- 18 THE ARBITRATOR: Is there any cross?
- 19 MR. MARKEL: Yeah, one quick.
- 20 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 21 BY MR. MARKEL:
- 22 Q. A second ago you just mentioned that this was a
- 23 different situation because this was a delay and not a
- 24 cancellation --
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 THE ARBITRATOR: We're off the record again.
- 2 You bet.
- 3 (A recess was taken from 5:04 p.m. to
- 4 5:08 p.m.)
- 5 THE ARBITRATOR: Back on the record, please.
- 6 I believe the ball was in your court, Mr. Call,
- 7 as to whether you wanted to pose a question or not.
- 8 BOARD MEMBER CALL: I can pose it or can 9 counsel --
- 10 THE ARBITRATOR: You can pose it. You bet.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER CALL: -- pose it?
- 12 THE ARBITRATOR: You can. If not, I'm going to
- 13 pose a couple of brief ones, and then when it comes back
- 14 around again, it will come back -- right back around to
- 15 Mr. Markel. Whatever you want.
- 16 MR. MARKEL: I think -- I think -- I feel like
- 17 you should get the benefit of what we have to ask before
- 18 you ask. So --
- 19 THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine. Then go ahead.
- 20 Do you mind, we'll just flip back to further
- 21 cross?
- 22 MR. URBAN: It's all fine. Sure.
- 23 THE ARBITRATOR: Go right ahead. I need to 24 stand on ceremony.
- 25 MR. MARKEL: No. No, no. No problem. I just





1 have a quick --

FURTHER RECROSS-EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. MARKEL:

4 Q. I'm trying to understand the situation back in

5 2018. So I'm hoping you can help me get a better hold

6 on it.

7 So the -- the situation in -- under the

8 grievance in 2018, you were supposed to fly from Mesa to

9 Indianapolis; right?

A. And back.

Q. And back. 11

12 And then the medical issue diverted you to

13 Albuquerque.

A. Correct.

Q. You ultimately got to Indianapolis.

16 A. Late, yes.

17 Q. Yes.

18 But -- and you timed out under the FARs.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Right.

21 And so you had to overnight because you didn't

22 have any duty period left on that day.

A. Additionally, I don't think there was a way

24 home if they wanted to try. So --

25 Q. Okay.

1 actually have two different months listed. I assume

2 it's the same month. We have March 23rd, and then we 3 have April 24th.

MR. MARKEL: Are we looking at JX2? 4

THE ARBITRATOR: We're looking at Company 4. 5

BOARD MEMBER CALL: No, CX4. 6

7 THE WITNESS: Yeah, it's a typo.

8 BY THE ARBITRATOR:

Q. So all I was trying to figure out is --

10 A. Yeah.

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Q. -- without taxing your memory to figure out 11

12 whether it was March or April --

A. Right.

14 Q. -- we are talking about the 23rd and 24th of the

15 same month --

16 A. Same month.

17 Q. -- whatever it is; right?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. Bingo. That's fine.

20 And now let me just follow up with a couple of

21 brief ones.

So you're in Indianapolis having timed out --22

A. Correct.

24 Q. -- right, and you're in late?

25 A. Yes.

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2 day off?

3 A. It was.

Q. That's what I wanted to kind of nail down. 4

And you were stuck there because of the need to

Q. Was the 24th, the second day, then a scheduled

6 have adequate rest, in any event; right?

7 A. Correct.

Q. And then you mentioned weather as well.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. So was there weather that further delayed the

11 trip back to Indianapolis from Mesa?

A. That was the next day, but, yes, it was a 12

13 blizzard overnight.

Q. When you say "the next day" -- I'm sorry. I'm 14

15 going to bring us back because I may be confused.

A. Yeah. 16

Q. On the 23rd of whichever month it was --17

18 A. Right.

19 Q. -- you flew from Mesa to Albuquerque, from

20 Albuquerque to Indianapolis; right?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And you got in at some point late that day,

23 whatever late was.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And now you're out of time.

A. -- they were forced to regardless, they didn't

2 want to or didn't matter.

Q. And you operated the flight back to Mesa the

4 next day; right?

A. Yes.

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Q. And that was a new duty period; right?

7 A. Yeah, after a rest period, it was a new duty 8 period.

10 THE ARBITRATOR: Is there anything you have by

11 way of further direct?

12 MR. URBAN: No.

13 THE ARBITRATOR: Anything you wish to pose?

MR. MARKEL: That's all I have. Thank you.

BOARD MEMBER JOSEPH: No. 14

THE ARBITRATOR: Anything you wish to pose at 15

16 this point?

17 BOARD MEMBER CALL: No.

18 THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine. I'm going to

19 pick up right where counsel left off because I was going

20 to cover the same ground.

21 **EXAMINATION**

22 BY THE ARBITRATOR:

Q. The flight that you took -- look -- can you

24 look at the grievance fact sheet for a second, please,

25 Captain Swift. I don't know that it's critical, but we





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2 Q. So you're not resting from the evening -- late

3 afternoon, evening, whenever it was in Indianapolis;

4 right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Until sometime the following morning; right?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Which would have been the 24th.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. It then it says you "were further delayed due

to weather and mechanicals and only made itback around 10:00 p.m."

13 So you would normally have been scheduled to

14 leave at some point earlier in the morning on the day

15 off?

16 A. Correct. We were --

17 Q. And then instead you were pushed to --

18 A. The afternoon.

19 Q. -- afternoon on the day off through the

20 combination of mechanicals and weather.

21 A. Yes. We took --

22 Q. Yes.

23 A. -- a large portion of our duty period that

24 day --

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. Yeah.

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2 Q. -- would the claim have been exactly the same?

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3 A. It would have been. So that was, I guess,

4 probably useless information.

5 Q. I'm not troubled by useless. I just needed to

6 understand what the basis of the claim was.

7 A. Right.

8 Q. That's all.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. From your end, at least, it didn't factor in.

11 A. No.

12 Q. It was simply they had you flying on what would

13 have been your day off.

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And so you were entitled to a replacement day

16 as you were asserting, at least, under the agreement.

17 A. Yes.

18 THE ARBITRATOR: Bingo. That's all I needed to

19 nail down on that one. I'm happy to leave it at that.

20 Is there any further direct?

MR. URBAN: No.

THE ARBITRATOR: Is there any further cross?

MR. MARKEL: No.

24 THE ARBITRATOR: Are my board members both

25 good, or does anybody want to pose any questions?

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A. -- just to get out of Indianapolis.

2 Q. I'm not troubled. I just wanted to understand 3 the facts.

4 A. Yeah. I didn't elaborate --

5 Q. Okay. And so --

6 A. -- on this one.

7 Q. -- there also says there was "an attempt to

8 infringe on FAR rest requirements."

9 They tried to get you to go before your rest

10 period was completed?

11 A. Yeah, I believe we were supposed to have eight

12 hours behind the door, and they had scheduled us at a

13 hotel that was, like, 25 miles away from the airport.

14 It was --

15 Q. Okay. It was a travel-time issue.

16 A. Yeah, it was --

17 Q. That's fine. And that wasn't the crux of this

18 case anyway. I just wanted to understand what I had.

19 A. It was just mentioned.

20 Q. That's fine.

21 So what was the issue relating to replacement

22 day off? Did the weather and mechanicals have any

23 effect on the contractual claims, or if they had gotten

24 you off the very first moment that you were legal to fly

25 again --

1 BOARD MEMBER JOSEPH: I'm good.

2 BOARD MEMBER CALL: I don't have any questions.

3 THE ARBITRATOR: And I'm in good shape too.

4 Thank you, Captain Swift.

5 MR. URBAN: I'd like to suggest we stop for the

6 day and pick up in the morning first thing. And I have

7 two short witnesses.

8 THE ARBITRATOR: Any objection?

9 MR. MARKEL: No. No.

10 THE ARBITRATOR: That's fine. Do you want to

11 tell me whether you want 9:00 or something else?

12 MR. URBAN: 9:00 is perfect.

13 MR. MARKEL: 9:00 is good.

14 THE ARBITRATOR: 9:00 it is.

With that, we will stand in adjournment until

16 9:00 a.m. tomorrow. And thank you all very much.

17 (Proceedings adjourned at 5:14 p.m.)

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