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Attention SLC 320 Pilots! The SLC 320 bid packages have been reissued. Rotations #C012 and #C043 have been modified. Rotations #4609 and #4611 are new additions. The SLC-320 PBS window has been extended and will now close at 1800E on Friday, December 13. This will not affect the award deadline.

Vacancy Bid Posting: A vacancy bid was posted on Monday, December 2nd. The bid closes at 1200E on Thursday, December 12th. As a reminder, if you have reinstatement rights and wish to be reinstated to a former category, you must check the box to indicate your desire to be reinstated and include the category you wish to be reinstated to in your Advance Entitlement bid preferences. If you have reinstatement rights to more than one category, check the box and include the categories in your bid preferences, in order of preference.

FAR Part 117 Update: The FAA issued an official interpretation last week which clarified the rules for implementation of cumulative flight time and FDP limits. Flight time and FDP hours will be counted for Part 117 beginning with the first FDP that has a report time after midnight local time on January 1st, 2014. Hours flown on any duty period that has a report time earlier than midnight local time on January 1st, 2014 will not be counted toward Part 117 cumulative limits for flight time or FDP hours. Please consider this when submitting your PBS bids for January.

Attention 777 Pilots! FAR Part 117 Update - FRMS anticipated: The company applied for and expects approval of an FRMS which will result in an alternate method of compliance with the FARs for certain four-pilot 777 flying beginning in January. Please consider this when submitting your PBS bids for January. The FRMS is expected to include:

- FDP Limit of 20.5 hours
- Elimination of the 17 hour flight time limit for an FDP operated with four pilots
- Requirement for 24 hours scheduled rest and 13, 18 or 20 hours minimum actual rest (depending on the city pair and time of day) prior to an FDP operated with four pilots
- 48 hour scheduled layover in JNB and 40 hour minimum actual layover in JNB
- A minimum of 56 hours rest upon return to base, which must include three physiological nights

The January bid package specifies which FDPs will be flown under the FRMS.

Delta Pilots' DC Plan Termination: Even though the Delta Pilots DC Plan is terminating on December 31, 2013, you may continue to direct the investment of funds in your DC account and *no further action is required on your part at this time*. All Delta contributions will be made to the Delta Pilots Savings Plan, effective January 1st. A window is expected to open in the 2nd quarter of 2014 in which you will have an option to elect how you want your entire DC Plan account to be distributed. Please review [R&I Report 13-04 - Streamlining Our Retirement Accounts Pt 2](#) for more information.

Abu Dhabi Call to Action: [HR 3488](#) has been introduced to prohibit the creation of a pre-clearance facility in Abu Dhabi. See [Capitol Hill Brief 13-10](#) for more info. We need every Delta pilot to again contact their House member and two U.S. Senators. Your participation in this [Call-to-Action](#) is crucial and will only take a few minutes. Participate today, as we are now seeking co-sponsors for [HR 3488](#)! Earlier issues with VOCUS message confirmation screen have been corrected. Messages sent were all received in the appropriate offices.

Line Check Blitz: All pilots should be aware that Flight Operations is conducting a Line Check Blitz through the end of January. Random line checks will be more prevalent than normal. To help you prepare, access Line Check Emphasis Items on your respective fleet page and read the December Flight Standards Update accessible from the Flight Standards/LCP web page on Deltanet. If you have issues or concerns that need the attention of your Union, contact a member of the Training Committee by calling 1 800 USA ALPA or emailing DALTraining@alpa.org.

No New Taxes: Congress is seeking to double the TSA passenger security tax as part of a budget deal, which does nothing to enhance security. Raising the cost of air travel with higher taxes drives up the cost of air travel for our customers and dampens demand, which hurts the economy, jobs, our industry and reduces air service to communities. Join ALPA, labor and consumer groups to oppose this unfair and unwarranted tax hike. Go to [Stop Air Tax Now](#) and tell Congress and the President: No new air taxes!

January Hotel Changes: On 1/1/14 the following hotel changes take effect: JFK-S - Crowne Plaza JFK, GRU- Renaissance Sao Paulo, PEK-Grand Hyatt Beijing, SCL-InterContinental, TPA-L Hilton Downtown Tampa, TUS-Sheraton Tucson Hotel. On 1/5/14 GUM layovers move to the Westin Guam Resort.

Phone Polling Ongoing: MEC polling by the University of New Hampshire Survey Research Center will begin December 10. The caller ID will display "NH Call," "UNH Call," and/or a 603 area code. Participation is confidential. This is a scientific, statistically valid, random survey of every pilot demographic. If you get the call, please take the time to be heard.

Special MEC Meeting: The Delta MEC will hold a special MEC meeting beginning at 2PM, Monday, December 9th at the Hilton Atlanta Airport, 1031 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta. It is scheduled as a two day meeting.

Master Chairman Election: An election for the Delta MEC Master Chairman will take place at the December 9-10 Special MEC meeting in Atlanta. The term begins immediately following the election through December 2014. If you are interested in running for this position, please contact your LEC representative or call the MEC office at 1-800-USA-ALPA. The MEC will cover a candidate's expenses at the meeting, but not flight pay loss.

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The [Furlough Emergency Relief Fund](#) exists to assist Delta pilots with a demonstrated financial hardship.