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**Delta Pilots to Picket Nationwide at Delta Hubs  
Protesting Protracted Contract Negotiations  
Thursday, June 30**

ATLANTA, GA – Delta pilots will be picketing at Delta hubs nationwide on Thursday, June 30, to protest protracted contract negotiations. The Delta pilots last signed a new contract in 2016 and are currently flying under work rules and pay rates negotiated over six years ago. Hundreds of off-duty pilots are scheduled to attend picketing events at the following airports: ATL, DTW, LAX, MSP, JFK, SEA, and SLC.

“Delta pilots were front-line leaders during COVID and the recovery. We helped our airline recover by flying record amounts of overtime and spending more time away from our families than ever before to get our customers safely to their destinations. It’s time for management to recognize our contributions. If Delta can invest billions in foreign airlines and its subsidiaries, it must invest similarly in its pilots,” said Capt. Jason Ambrosi, Chairman of the Delta Master Executive Council (MEC), a unit of the Air Line Pilots Association.

Contract negotiations were paused during the pandemic and resumed in January of 2022 under the auspices of the National Mediation Board. “Today is an important milestone for the Delta pilots,” said Capt. Ambrosi. “It’s been two-and-a-half-years since our contract became amendable and three-and-a-half years since the Delta pilots last had a pay raise. Meanwhile, our quality of life has eroded due to management’s unwillingness to schedule the airline properly.”

In addition to seeking contractual improvements in pay, retirement and job protections, the union is also demanding changes to pilot schedules. In recent letters to Delta customers and the Delta Board of Directors, ALPA pointed out preventable management missteps that could have mitigated ongoing flight disruptions. “When delays or cancellations happen, the pilots share in our passengers’ frustration,” said Capt. Ambrosi. “As long-term stakeholders in our airline, seeing our operational reliability suffer is bad business and puts the Delta brand at risk.”

In June, the union took an unprecedented step in passing a vote of “no confidence” in the management teams of Flight Operations, Crew Resources, and Flight Training & Standards for the scheduling issues that continue to plague both customers and pilots. Delta cancelled more flights than any other major airline over the Memorial Day weekend. “We’re now going into the Independence Day Holiday weekend and are concerned that our customers’ plans will be disrupted once again,” said Capt. Ambrosi. “The perfect storm is occurring. Demand is back and pilots are flying record amounts of overtime but are still seeing our customers being stranded and their holiday plans ruined. Unfortunately, these problems have not led to any greater urgency from management to resolve our issues at the negotiating table.”

The union recently opened a Strike Center at its Atlanta office to begin preparing the Delta pilots for scenarios as permitted under the Railway Labor Act. “Our goal is to achieve an industry-leading contract. But if management doesn’t get serious, we’ll go the distance to get the contract we deserve,” said Capt. Ambrosi.

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