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Brothers & Sisters;

A significant amount of questions were asked of the shift in work and the staffing levels at the three maintenance bases (TULE, AFW, MCI) and concerns of its impact it will have at the bases and throughout the system. The first of the reallocation of work from the Alliance (AFW) base to the Tulsa (TULE) base this fall will be the Boeing 777. The reason behind this move is to offset the loss of maintenance work at the Tulsa base stemming from the announcement to park 30-35 of its 300 plus MD-80's by year end. Additionally the company will retire 3 (three) MD-80's per month beginning January next year. The Boeing 737-800 will replace the MD-80 aircraft as they are retired. In addition the company will retire 10 Airbuses this September and the remainder of the Airbuses by year end 2009. The Alliance (AFW) base will receive additional work on the Boeing 767. It currently does four (4) Boeing 767 heavy checks and has an engine repair facility (TAESL) on the base. The MCI base in Kansas City the smallest of the three bases will be greatly impacted. No reallocation of work has gone to the base and will be eventually downsized to only two (2) docks by year end. The hangar at DFW previously occupied by Delta Airlines and is currently being leased by American Airlines has four (4) wide body bays. The lease cost for this hangar is approximately \$720,000 per year vs. 3 million per month for the Alliance (AFW) base. **Stay tuned!**

The amount of job cuts or layoffs will take several weeks before we will know what the impact will be. To help reduce the involuntary displacement of jobs the company is offering early retirement incentive plans to lessen the impact. The VBR (Variable Bridge to Retirement) is now available on Jetnet for M&R and the Stores title group. **Eligible employees interested in the program may sign up between August 9th thru August 23rd using the online election form. The dead line to place your name on the list to be considered for a SIS in time for the upcoming reduction is August 23rd.**

The M&R negotiating committee will reconvene and meet on August 13th, 14th and 15th. The Stores committee will reconvene the week of the August 18th.

We are still waiting for a response from Arbiter Richard Kasher concerning clarification with respect to occupational accrual for former TWA LLC employees who are being recalled from layoff (DRC#32). Again, as soon as we are notified of the decision we will then notify the membership. **As always stay informed and United.**

Fraternally,
John Iuliano
President Local 562