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In the Matter of the Application of the

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS, AFL-CIO AND INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

alleging a representation dispute pursuant to Section 2, Ninth, of the Railway Labor Act, as amended

involving employees of

US AIRWAYS/AMERICA WEST **AIRLINES**

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CASE NO. R-7078

FINDINGS UPON INVESTIGATION-**DETERMINATION OF** CERTIFICATION

August 11, 2006

This determination addresses the July 10 and 12, 2006 appeals filed by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) of Investigator Norman Graber's June 28, 2006 eligibility rulings. For the reasons discussed below, the IBT's appeals are denied. This determination also addresses the representation consequences of the applications filed by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, AFL-CIO (IAM) and the IBT (collectively the Organizations) for the craft or class of Mechanics and Related Employees, employees of US Airways.

The IBT's application is dismissed due to an insufficient showing of interest. The Board finds that the IAM is the certified representative of Mechanics and Related Employees in the single transportation system. Therefore, the Board extends the IAM's certification issued in NMB Case No. R-4593 to include all Mechanics and Related Employees on the US Airways system.

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B. Discussion

The IBT's application failed to provide an adequate showing of interest. Accordingly, the Board dismisses that application; and turns its attention to the remaining previous representation consequences of its US Airways/America West transportation system finding. Airlines, 33 NMB 49 (2006).

The Board has consistently extended an organization's certification to cover employees in the craft or class on the entire system when the applicant does not represent all of the employees, but the numbers of employees on each part of the system are not comparable. For example, in Continental Airlines/Continental Express, 20 NMB 582 (1993), the Board extended the certification of an incumbent which represented 6,994 Flight Attendants to include 423 unrepresented Flight Attendants. See also American Airlines, Inc./TWA Airlines, LLC. 29 NMB 260 (2002); Continental Airlines/Continental Express, 20 NMB 580 (1993); SAHSA/TAN, 19 NMB 17 (1991); Air Wisconsin, Inc./Aspen Airways, Inc., 18 NMB 336 (1991); Alaska Airlines, Inc./Jet America, Inc., 15 NMB 42 (1987).

The Board finds that the number of IAM-represented Mechanics and Related Employees on East and IBTrepresented Mechanics and Related Employees on West are not comparable.

VI.

CONCLUSION

The Board finds that the IAM is the certified representative of the entire craft or class of Mechanics and Related Employees in the single transportation system. The IAM's certification in NMB Case No. R-4593 is extended to cover the entire craft or class of Mechanics and Related Employees on the combined US Airways system. The Board

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extinguishes the IBT's certification issued in NMB Case No. R-6420. Accordingly, NMB Case No. R-7078 is closed.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.

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