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## US Airways Pilots Stand Strong Against New Union

*PHOENIX – The ongoing efforts to complete the US Airways [NYSE:LCC] merger hit a major roadblock today as US Airways and America West pilots, who have long been represented by the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), were stripped of their membership in a national union because of a dispute over the outcome of a final and binding seniority integration arbitration award, known as the Nicolau Award. The pilots' new "union," the US Airline Pilots Association (USAPA), was created expressly for the purpose of seeking to overturn the Nicolau Award and to thereby destroy the careers of pre-merger America West pilots who have sacrificed for their airline with years of bottom-of-the-barrel pay, benefits and work rules.*

*The following statement is from the leaders of the America West Airlines Pilots Protective Alliance (AWAPPA), which was created to counteract this threat and ensure that USAPA fails in its stated goals:*

“This vote is a setback for all US Airways pilots. USAPA has proven it is incapable of representing the entire pilot group. As a result, the America West Airlines Pilots Protective Alliance (AWAPPA) has been formed to engage in an aggressive strategy to protect pre-merger America West pilots from all of USAPA’s discriminatory acts against them.

“AWAPPA will educate pilots about USAPA’s practices, and will recommend measures that will protect pre-merger America West pilots from harm. USAPA’s stated goal of defying the Nicolau Award goes against the grain of common sense, propriety, longstanding airline industry practices and, more importantly, binding commitments made as an inducement to

support the merger in the first place. By instantly disenfranchising 40 percent of the combined US Airways pilot group from Day One, USAPA's existence is a recipe for labor turmoil and passenger nightmares at US Airways. For these reasons, we believe that USAPA's demise is just a matter of time."

AWAPPA is an Arizona Limited Liability Corporation created, operated, and privately funded by pre-merger America West pilots. Represented by the Washington, D.C law firm Bredhoff & Kaiser P.L.L.C., AWAPPA will use any and all resources (legal and political) to prevent USAPA from devastating the careers of pre-merger America West pilots.

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