

# SIDELETTER OF AGREEMENT between **ALASKA AIRLINES, INC.** and the **ASSOCIATION OF FLIGHT ATTENDANTS-CWA, AFL-CIO**

#### **OPEN TIME 2020**

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This SIDELETTER OF AGREEMENT is made and entered into in accordance with the provisions of Title II of the Railway Labor Act, as amended, and pursuant to Agreements reached by and between ALASKA AIRLINES, INC. ("Company") and the FLIGHT ATTENDANTS IN THE SERVICE OF ALASKA AIRLINES, INC., AS REPRESENTED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF FLIGHT ATTENDANTS-CWA, AFL-CIO ("Association").

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WHEREAS, the Company and the Association (collectively "the parties") agree to keep the current Open Time trading rules and to not revert "back to book" to the Open Time trading rules in the 2006-2010 Flight Attendant Agreement as modified by the Arbitration award (AFA No. 6-99-2-18-11 ["Withholding Open Time" Award]);

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to amend the AFA Alaska Airlines 2018-2021 Joint Collective Bargaining Agreement as follows:

### §12.F. OPEN TIME TRIAL

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Purpose: To create a better, more equitable trading system that increases Flight Attendants' flexibility in modifying their schedules and to improve predictability of staffing and limit the impact of sequence drops to OT on reserve coverage.

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Communication: The parties will coordinate communications on the implementation and trial of the new Open Time process while the new process is evaluated.

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Successor crew tracking system: Open Time sequence reason codes designated in this Section may be renamed in a successor system but will retain the same meaning relative to each other within that system.

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1. Commencement of Open Time Trading

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a. When OT opens for Flight Attendant trades, pick-ups and drops on the fifteenth (15th) of the month prior to the affected bid month, no day(s) will be "limited".

43 44 45 b. Out of domicile trades, pick-ups or drops begin on the seventeenth (17th) for the following month.

- 2. Methodology for counting of sequences toward the "threshold sequence number":
  - a. OT will be monitored on a real-time basis and all sequences in OT will be assigned a reason code per F.6., below, indicating how each sequence got into OT (e.g. drop (DD), coupon drop (CP), sick leave (SL), "open" trade (TO), "limited" trade (TX), etc.).
  - b. Only those sequences coded DD (drops into OT), TO ("open" trades with OT) or CP (Coupon Drops) will count towards the "threshold sequence number". Such designations may be renamed in a successor trading system but will retain the same meaning within that system.
  - c. If a trip is coded DD, TO or CP, then only the first (1st) date of the sequence (i.e. date of sequence report) will be counted.
- 3. Threshold Sequence Number Determination

"Threshold sequence number" at each domicile will be determined monthly based on the number of Flight Attendants in each domicile's entire seniority list as provided below:

a. Up to 649 domicile FAs = 3 daily sequence departures

b. 650 FAs = 4 daily sequence departures

c. Every additional 200 FAs = 1 additional daily sequence departure.

Example: SEA has 1896 FAs. Threshold sequence number is ten (10).

- d. A minimum of three (3) daily sequence departures at each domicile regardless of domicile Flight Attendant population.
- 4. A Flight Attendant has the ability to reduce her/his schedule by a net maximum of forty (40.0) TFP (twenty (20.0) TFP for a low-bid option Flight Attendant) as a result of drops or trades with OT each bid month. There are no restrictions on how many TFP may be given away to other Flight Attendants (examples are provided in the Section 12 Addendum).
- 5. On any OT day that is not "limited" per F.7., below, all sequences with that date of report may be picked up, traded or dropped into OT without respect to the number of flights, the number of days and/or duty periods, TFP credit or other parameters contained in the sequence.
- 6. Coding of Open Time Sequences:
  - a. Sequences dropped into OT will be coded as DD and sequences traded into OT will be coded as TO until the "threshold sequence number" based on date of report per 2.c., above, has been met or exceeded.



- b. Sequences coded DD, TO or CP may always be traded with a sequence of greater, the same or fewer number of days, even on OT days that are "limited" per F.7., below.
- c. If the "threshold sequence number" has been met or exceeded, OT will become "limited" for that day and trades with OT sequences reporting on that day coded other than DD, TO or CP will be coded TX.
- d. If a sequence with a DD, TO or CP designation is picked up by a Flight Attendant, that sequence will no longer count toward the "threshold sequence number".

## 7. Limiting Open Time Days

- a. An OT day may be "limited" when the number of DD, TO and CP coded sequences sharing the same date of report, either alone or combined, meets or exceeds the "threshold sequence number".
- b. Any sequence in Open Time reporting on a day that is "limited" and is coded other than DD, TO or CP may only be traded for a sequence with the same date of report and the same or greater number of days except as provided for in 7.f., below.
- c. If the date of report of a sequence a Flight Attendant wishes to drop is "limited" in OT, s/he may not drop that sequence into OT.
- d. A Flight Attendant may pick up a sequence from OT regardless of whether or not an OT day is "limited".
- e. A Flight Attendant may trade a sequence on her/his schedule for a sequence in OT that is coded other than DD, TO and CP, if the sequences share the same date of report and if the sequence s/he is trading into is the same or greater number of days as the sequence s/he is trading from her/his schedule.
- f. A Flight Attendant may trade a sequence on her/his schedule for a sequence in OT that is coded other than DD, TO and CP, if the sequence s/he is trading into contains a greater number of days than the sequence s/he is trading from her/his schedule and covers the same dates, regardless of the date of departure.

### 8. Monitoring and Modifying Threshold Sequence Number During Trial

- a. Monitoring and implementation process will include sharing of a standard set of documentation, data and reports.
- b.—If analysis of the metrics below indicates that an increase in the "threshold sequence number" is sustainable by the operation, the parties agree to test an increase. If analysis of the metrics indicates a decrease is needed due to trip drop liability, the parties agree to test the decrease. Flight Attendants will be notified of the change(s) and the reason(s) for the change(s).
- c. Monthly reports will be given to the Association per Section 27.Z. [Monthly Company Reporting Requirement].
- d. Metrics/Benchmarks: Including, but not exclusive of (and adjusted for population changes where appropriate):



141	1.—Full-time employee equivalent (FTE) of premium flying (JA and	
142	<del>Premium OT).</del>	
143	2.—Tagging of Reserves adjusted.	
144	<ol><li>Percentage of Reserves for overall coverage.</li></ol>	
145	4.—Sick leave utilization.	
146	5.—Survey of FA population satisfaction with OT on a monthly basis,	
147	conducted by AFA.	
148	6.—Number of Lineholder reassignments.	
149	7.—Reserves credited in excess of one hundred and ten (110.0) TFP	
150	without pick-up.	
151	8.—Several years' look-back on above metrics adjusting for seasonal	
152	variations.	
153	e.—The "threshold sequence number" may be raised or lowered	
154	independently in each domicile by mutual agreement of the parties	
155	f.— The AFA MEC President with input from the Scheduling Chair, the Vice	
156	President of Inflight and the Vice President of Labor, or their respective	
157	designees, will resolve any unintended consequences in a timely manner.	
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159	9.—Cancellation of Open Time Trial	
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161	If the trial creates a liability that cannot be supported, either the Association or	
162	the Company may decide to end the Open Time Trial prior to twelve months (as	
163	indicated in F.10., below) provided the parties have attempted to modify the	
164	Threshold Sequence Number pursuant to F.8., above.	
165	a.—Once the trial is ended by either party, the Open Time System will revert	
166	to the system in place in the 2006-2010 Flight Attendant Agreement as	
167	modified by the Arbitration award (AFA No. 6-99-2-18-11 ["Withholding	
168	Open Time" Award]). Going forward the OT system will be determined by	
169	Section 12 Exchange of Sequences: Back to Book. If reverting, the	
170	timeline for rolling back will be dictated by IT limitations.	
171	b.—Upon notice of cancelling the trial, the Association and the Company will	
172	immediately begin negotiations on a successor Open Time System.	
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176	a. Minimum trial period of twelve (12) months from the month of initial	
177	implementation (unless canceled earlier pursuant to F.9., above), which	
178	will be determined in the Contract Implementation Schedule. The trial	
179	period may be extended by mutual agreement.	
180	b.—If the OT Trial is neither cancelled per F.9., above, nor extended per	
181	10.a., above, it will become the permanent OT process.	
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183	Section 12 Exchanges of Sequences: Back to Book, including its associated addendum, is	
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed this SIDELETTER OF AGREEMEN this 30 <sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.	
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ASSOCIATION OF FLIGHT	
ATTENDANTS-CWA, AFL-CIO	ALASKA AIRLINES, INC.
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/S/	/s/ Ron Calvin
International President	Vice President, Inflight
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Jeffrey Peterson	Carmen Williams
Master Executive Council President	Managing Director, Labor Relations
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Senior Staff Attorney	
	this 30 <sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.  FOR: ASSOCIATION OF FLIGHT ATTENDANTS-CWA, AFL-CIO  /s/ Sara Nelson International President  /s/ Jeffrey Peterson Master Executive Council President  /s/ Kimberley Chaput