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Dear Delta Retiree or Survivor:

In early August, I wrote to let you know that we were beginning to work with the pilot and ground and flight attendant retiree committees established by the bankruptcy court to determine how to make the necessary changes to Delta's retiree healthcare coverage. Our goals were to find the best ways to contribute to the level of cost savings Delta needs to successfully restructure, and to do so fairly and equitably within the context of what other Delta stakeholders were sacrificing, while minimizing the impact to Delta retirees' healthcare coverage.

By working together since then, we now have reached an agreement with each retiree committee for changes to be effective January 1, 2007. Before the retiree and survivors open enrollment period begins in early December, you will be provided with more detailed information about how the changes affect you personally. In the meantime, some of the major changes are highlighted in the attached information sheet for your review.

Each retiree committee faced a unique set of complex circumstances and our agreements with each, while differing in their details, reflect our intent to preserve access to retiree healthcare coverage while adopting a more market-competitive approach. These agreements generally include:

- Increased cost sharing for retirees under age 65: Those currently receiving subsidized coverage will be required to pay more for that coverage and everyone who enrolls will have to pay something.
- Continued subsidies and access for age 65 and older: For those eligible for Medicare, there will be access to fully insured Medical and Prescription Drug plans that are supplemental to Medicare and, for some participants, Delta will continue to provide subsidies to retirees who participate in those programs. The subsidies will be fixed dollar amounts (rather than percentages of cost) and will increase over time. Generally, those age 65 or older on January 1, 2007 will be eligible for that subsidy, and those 60 and older on January 1, 2007 will be eligible for that subsidy when they reach age 65.
- Assistance in special circumstances:
 - Certain pilot retirees under age 65 may be entitled to receive the Health Coverage Tax Credit (the "HCTC"), a federal program designed to assist with payment of healthcare premiums for some individuals whose pension plans have been turned over to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. Delta will make changes to its normal administrative practices to assist eligible pilots in taking advantage of this opportunity.
 - For ground and flight attendant retirees and survivors over age 65, Delta will provide up to \$2 million dollars to a fund in 2007 that will be used to pay supplemental premiums for those facing particular hardship in paying the

increased cost in 2007. A committee of currently retired non-pilots will administer this fund and make awards from it.

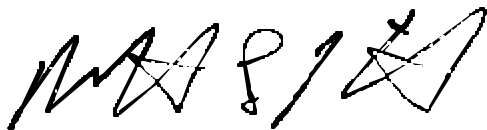
- Life Insurance and Survivor Income: There will be no changes to life insurance and survivor income benefits for Delta's current retirees and survivors at this time.

The next step is for the bankruptcy court to approve the agreed-upon changes, and we expect that to take place at a hearing on October 19, 2006, at 2:30 PM at the United States Bankruptcy Court, Alexander Hamilton Custom House, 1 Bowling Green, New York, New York. Objections, if any, must be filed and served no later than October 12, 2006 and in compliance with the Court's Case Management Order. Please continue to check <http://www.dlretiree.info/> for updates and deltadocket.com to review the motion filed with the court seeking approval for the changes, the term sheet agreements with the retiree committees, and the Court's Case Management Order. Again, you will receive more complete and detailed information in the coming weeks, but we did want to let you know now that changes to pilot and ground and flight attendant retiree healthcare coverage have been agreed upon by Delta and the retiree committees. Please also note that the representatives at 1-800-MY DELTA will not be in a position to answer specific questions about how these changes will affect your situation until much closer to the enrollment period.

Throughout this very difficult and regrettable process, we appreciated the retiree committees' constructive work that recognized the very complex circumstances and the vastly different needs of Delta retirees and survivors. Together we created solutions that have addressed this situation sensitively and equitably within the range of what the company can now afford.

While I am pleased that we were able to create a solution together with each committee, this remains a very hard letter to write. Delta's retirees helped build a strong company with a great brand. The legacy you left makes it even harder to announce these changes. Please know that your sacrifices, along with all of the sacrifices our active employees and other constituents are making, will help complete the transformation of Delta and position it to once again be a strong and vibrant competitor. Thank you very much for your continued support of Delta in these difficult times. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Attachment – Healthcare Benefit Changes Information Sheet

Information Guide:

Please note that because these agreements just have been reached and because of the related complexities, 1-800-MY DELTA will not be in a position to answer specific questions about how these changes will affect your particular situation until much closer to the retiree enrollment period beginning in early December. As we near the retiree open enrollment period, you will be provided with detailed information about how the changes will affect you personally and at that time 1-800 MY DELTA will be one of the information resources available on this matter. In the meantime, please continue to check <http://dlretiree.info/> for information and updates. Thank you.