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**News Release**

**Alaska Airlines pilots reach tentative agreement with company management**

*If ratified, the agreement would supersede the May 1 arbitration ruling*

SEATTLE, May 27, 2005 — The Air Line Pilots Association and Alaska Airlines have reached a tentative agreement that would supersede the May 1 arbitration and, if approved, would put into place a new, five-year contract.

The tentative agreement will be presented to Alaska pilot union leaders for approval on June 1. If approved, members of the pilot group will have an opportunity to vote on the agreement, which would reduce pre-arbitration rates of pay by 20 percent across the board. This is in lieu of the more substantial pay cuts, which ranged up to 34 percent, contained in the recent arbitration award. The tentative deal also preserves current retirement plans and contains significant productivity enhancements.

“We are hopeful that the resolution of many of the issues of greatest importance to Alaska pilots that are contained in this tentative agreement will foster a positive work environment conducive to providing our passengers with the safe, reliable, superior service for which Alaska is known,” says Capt. Mark Bryant, pilot union chairman.

Founded in 1931, the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) represents 64,000 pilots at 41 airlines in the United States and Canada, including the 1,500 pilots who fly for Alaska Airlines.

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