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AA CTX MTX WORK IN CMH

Good day, Brothers & Sisters,

It has come to my attention that there has recently been a rise in gate calls for us to service AA planes in CMH. Additionally, the request appears to involve more complex items rather than simple maintenance such as MELs and oil service. Those for which no one has prior experience or has undertaken similar work on those types of aircraft.

This raises concerns about one's ability to accomplish such work. On our aircraft, you must be fleet qualified and even have certain STSs signed off. Unfortunately, this is not the case when it comes to working on these AA planes. We are a class 4 contractor maintenance (CTX MTX) for American Airlines. This means that their FAA-approved MTX program merely requires class 4 contractors to complete a two-hour course, and those of you that have done so are qualified to undertake any (essential MTX) work requested while under the direct supervision of AA MOC. AA MOC is solely responsible for all work performed.

It may not seem right, but this is actually the case. I've had conversations with both Envoy MTX VP, Jay Murray, and TWU International Rep for AA MTX, Rob Simmons, who manages MTX contract job concerns for AA TWU. According to Mr. Simmons, CTX MTX can execute the work if the parts are already at the station. TWU AA only has issues when the part needs to be flown in because they consider that to be an AA road trip. We are not directly involved in this dispute, which is scheduled for an AA arbitration session. While Mr. Murray stated that it is not his concern where the part comes from if we are called upon to perform work on AA aircraft, we will be directly under the supervision of AA MOC, and they will be held accountable for the work performed. On another occasion, he said the same thing to our CMH Board member, John Meyers. Furthermore, he stated that he has an open-door policy and that anyone who wishes to speak with him or visit him to discuss any matter is always welcome. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact him.

I'd like to mention one more thing. Please use common sense and your best judgment when determining the scope of work you believe you are capable of performing, and approach it the same way you would approach coming across an unfamiliar situation on our aircraft. Everyone must make their own decisions.

I hope this information sheds some light on the matter.

Fraternally,
TWU Local 572 President
Council Creech