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## **The Secretary**

CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION AGENCY Secretary 15 Eddy Street 17<sup>th</sup> Floor Mailroom Gatineau QC J8X 4B3

SUBJECT: Mr. Christopher C. Johnson and Dr. Gábor Lukács v. Air Canada Case No.: 15-05627 Our File No.: LIT-2015-000544 Air Canada's Response to the Applicants' Request to Extend Time Limit

Dear Madam Secretary:

1. Please find Air Canada's Response to the Applicants' Request to Extend Time Limit, filed pursuant to section 30(2) of the *Canadian Transportation Agency Rules* (the "*Agency Rules"*).

## I. <u>Applicants' Summary of Facts in their Request to Extend Time</u> Limit

2. Air Canada formally takes issue with the Applicants' inaccurate Summary of Facts as filed in the record, in support of their Request to Extend Time Limit.

- 3. Air Canada provides the following comments in redressing the Applicants' Summary of Facts and otherwise refers to the Agency's Record, denying anything not in conformity therefrom.
- 4. Air Canada denies any vexatious actions in having requested an unambiguous Non-Disclosure Undertaking, in seeking the Applicants' compliance to Decision LET-C-A-6-2016, as appears from Air Canada's detailed communication of March 2, 2016, field in the Agency's record.
- 5. The Applicants' then filed a letter on March 5, 2016, in which they have confirmed, without reserve, their Non-disclosure Undertaking.
- As appears from its submission of March 8, 2016, Air Canada subsequently agreed to provide a copy of Exhibit A-2, as it considered that the Applicants' ultimately provided an unambiguous undertaking in line with Decision LET-C-A-6-2016, with the addition of their March 5, 2016 letter. Air Canada did not change its mind.
- 7. Air Canada then provided on March 8, 2016 the same copy of Exhibit A-2 as filed in the Agency's Record to the Applicants. It filed a clearer copy of Exhibit A-2, on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 6: 21 pm, less than 24 hours after the Applicant's request to this effect on March 10, 2016 at 8: 37 pm.
- 8. The Applicants further suggested that they had to alert the Agency that a section of document A-2 was not disclosed, after their review of same. Air Canada further reminds the Applicants that it stated in its Response filed on January 20, 2016, at Paragraph 6 that "another section of annex A-2 has not been disclosed as it does not relate to Irregular operations or schedule changes and related expenses therefrom".
- 9. The Applicants have notably requested, through a Notice of Written Questions and Production of Documents, field on Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>, the production of a complete and unredacted copy of document A-2.

## II. The Applicants' Request to Extend Time Limit

- 10. Air Canada does not contest the Applicants' Request to file their Reply after the receipt of Air Canada's Response to the March 18 Notice of Written Questions and Production /or the determination of any request to compel answers and productions pursuant to Rule 32 of the *Agency Rules*, in relation to the March 18 Notice.
- 11. The Applicants have directed a total of 10 new questions to Air Canada and also request an additional 5 business days to file their Reply.

- 12. Where the Agency grants the Applicants' Request to extend Time Limit, which includes 5 additional business days to file their Reply after completion of the steps above, Air Canada also respectfully requests the Agency to initially allow 5 additional days for Air Canada to submit its Response under section 24 of the Agency Rules.
- 13. Consequently, <u>Air Canada proposes the following timetable</u>:
  - Air Canada's Response to the March 18 Notice of Written Questions and Production, including objections under section 24 of the Agency Rules: April 5, 2016
  - b. Applicants' Reply: **10 business days** after the receipt of Air Canada's Response to the March 18 Notice of Written Questions and Production /or the determination of any request to compel answers and productions pursuant to Rule 32 of the Agency Rules, in relation to the March 18 Notice, whichever is later.

## III. Documents relied on

- 14. Air Canada relies on all materials that have been served and filed with the Agency in the present proceeding, including but not limited to:
  - a) Air Canada's Answer of January 20;
  - b) Interlocutory Decision No. LET-C-A-6-2016;
  - c) Air Canada's communications of March 2, 8, 11, 2016;
  - d) Applicants' letters of March 5, 10, 18, 20, 2016.

The whole, respectfully submitted.

Yours sincerely,

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