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Subject: RE: UPDATE 10/9/2020 RE: Atlas/Polar Training Program Discussion with AGC on Wednesday, July 15, 2020
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Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for the update, I do appreciate you taking the time. I have to admit, I am having a problem understanding what AGC is looking for. This Friday, it will be one year since the original Memorandum was sent to AFS 200. AFS 280 entered the picture soon after, could not make a decision, or ruling after six months and here we are. Please note a couple of things, which are right in front of us; Polar has no training program, as required by 14 CFR 121.401(a), and Atlas, who advertises on their web site, they are the world's largest provider of Wet Lease services, does not have OPS SPEC A-028. It would seem, with all the evidence provided; a decision would not be that complex. Atlas, Polar and Southern are still convoluting the issues with their Crew Services Agreement, which has nothing to do with the FAA, as noted in the evidence package by the NYFSDO 15 FLM. I would be more than happy, to provide any insight to the AGC POC, which may help understand these issues. As [REDACTED], from AFS 280 stated in our first meeting, "we have been letting them operate outside the regulations since 2011, how are we going to tell them they have to stop".

Thank you again [REDACTED] for your time. It would seem we owe the public a resolution in this matter, critical to the safety of the NAS. Atlas has had two additional incidents since the Houston crash, of which training could have been a contributing factor, according to NTSB preliminary reports. In addition, as stated in your last bullet, Atlas and Polar have not merged and both still operate as two separate airlines. Someone, somewhere, needs to make a decision in the name of safety.

Best Regards and Thanks,

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From: [REDACTED] (FAA) [REDACTED]
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Hi [REDACTED],

I'm sorry I missed your call yesterday. Here's an update on the most recent events with AGC:

9/10/20: [REDACTED] of AGC indicated to AFS-220 that AGC still has this item at the top of their priority list. Because the issues are complex due to the facts, background documents and questions, it requires a thorough review to properly address it.

9/13/20: [REDACTED] sent an email with some additional questions about the training program and documentation. The CMO provided responses the next day.

9/21/20: [REDACTED] sent two emails with additional questions about the training/checking program (N&O vs AQP), 119 personnel (confirming Polar had 119 positions filled) and the Atlas/Polar merger and transfer of pilots to Atlas. The CMO provided responses the same day.

I realize things are going slowly, but it appears we're at least moving again. I'll keep you posted.

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