



14-04

August 4, 2014

Window of Circadian Low (WOCL) Rules and Bidding

Introduction	2
LOA 14-01 PBS Items.....	2
Waive Two WOCLs Off.....	2
Bidding Example and the Reasons Report	3
Reminders.....	4

Introduction

This PBS Notepad will discuss the final deferred items from LOA 14-01 as well as updated bidding and communication reminders.

LOA 14-01 PBS Items

PBS Notepad 14-03 highlighted the initial items that went into effect with the implementation of LOA 14-01. As a reminder, here are the items that have already been implemented:

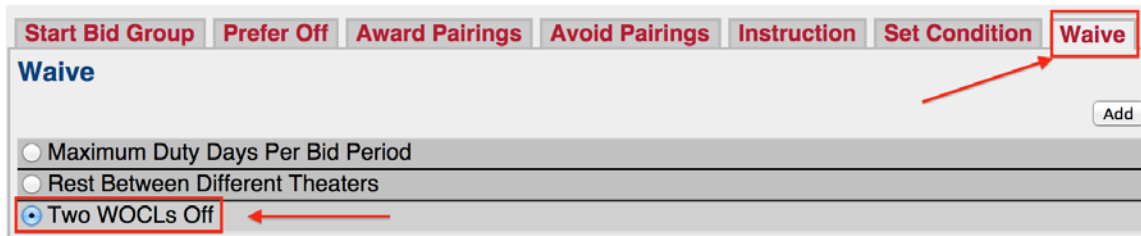
- Waive Rule for PWA Section 23.D.13 (48:00 free of duty between different direction ocean crossing rotations)
 - Bidder may waive 48:00 restriction to 24:00
 - Please reference PBS Notepad 14-03 for bidding details
- The Window of Circadian Low (WOCL) is defined in the PWA (Sections 2 and Section 12) as the period between 0200-0559 pilot's acclimated time. This aligns the PWA language with FAR 117.3.

An additional PBS bid feature is now available that addresses [FAR 117.27](#) (Consecutive Nighttime Operations) and the PWA language in Section 12.Q.4:

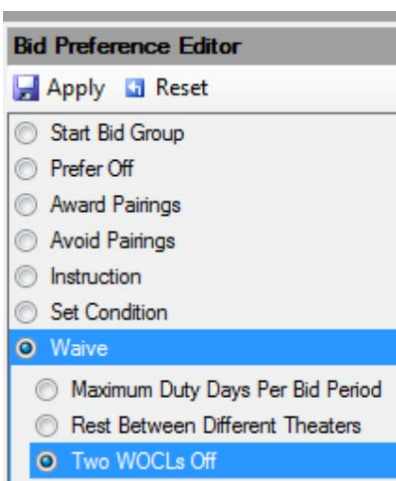
- A pilot will not be scheduled to fly in more than three consecutive WOCLs
- A pilot who is scheduled to fly in three consecutive WOCLs must be given the next two WOCLs off
- A pilot may waive the requirement for two WOCLs and reduce it to one WOCL off

Waive Two WOCLs Off

The new bid feature is found under the Waive tab when adding bids to a pairings bid group.



Web UI



Desktop Application

When adding this bid, it will be placed at the top of the bid group above other bid lines regardless of where you attempt to place it. This bid cannot be forgotten and cannot be denied and is only applicable to the pairings bid group it is added to.

Here are a few things to keep in mind concerning this bid and pairing construction

- Section 12.Q explains the rotation construction and rest requirements concerning operations and duty periods within the WOCL. Please review this section of the PWA for definitive language concerning the WOCL
- Keep in mind that duty within the WOCL includes time from report. In the example below, this ATL rotation operates in the WOCL based on its check-in at 0545E and will limit the number of consecutive instances of this trip that can be awarded in a row

3326									Check-In 05:45		Check-Out 13:11		Category ATL-73N-A,B		AUG 2014	
Day	Flt	Dep	Arr	Turn	Eqp	Block	Duty		S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	0886	ATL 06:45	LGA 08:57	001:03	739	002:12										
1	1847	LGA 10:00	ATL 12:41			002:41										
						004:53TL	007:26									
TAFB 007:26							004:53TL									
Total Credit		005:15														
Carry Outs:																
Date	In Period	Carry Out														

Bidding Example and the Reasons Report

Using the pairing above, a bidder can expect to be limited by FAR 117.27 (Consecutive Nighttime Operations) as it would not be legal to be awarded more than three consecutive instances of this trip without subsequently having at least to WOCLs off. Without using the waive rule, here is what a bidder could expect when trying to be awarded more than three consecutive instances of ATL 3326:

1. Start Pairings
2. Award Pairings If Departing On Aug 10, 2014 If Pairing Number 3328
3328 2014-08-10 05:45 2014-08-10 13:08 (005:15) (A)
(1 Awarded, 1 Matching, Running total: 035:30)
3. Award Pairings If Departing On Aug 11, 2014 If Pairing Number 3328
3328 2014-08-11 05:45 2014-08-11 13:08 (005:15) (A)
(1 Awarded, 1 Matching, Running total: 040:45)
4. Award Pairings If Departing On Aug 12, 2014 If Pairing Number 3328
3328 2014-08-12 05:45 2014-08-12 13:08 (005:15) (A)
(1 Awarded, 1 Matching, Running total: 046:00)
5. Award Pairings If Departing On Aug 13, 2014 If Pairing Number 3328
FAR 117.27: 1
(0 Awarded, 1 Matching, Running total: 046:00)
6. Award Pairings If Departing On Aug 14, 2014 If Pairing Number 3328
Not enough WOCLs off after 3 WOCLs on: 1
(0 Awarded, 1 Matching, Running total: 046:00)
7. Award Pairings If Departing On Aug 15, 2014 If Pairing Number 3328
3328 2014-08-15 05:45 2014-08-15 13:08 (005:15) (A)
(1 Awarded, 1 Matching, Running total: 051:15)

- Awarded ATL 3328 on August 10, 11, and 12
- Illegal for the award of 3328 on the 13th due to FAR 117.27

- Illegal for 3328 on the 14th due to not having had the second required WOCL off.

By invoking the Waive Rule, here is what a bidder can expect to see in their Reasons Report:

1. Start Pairings

2. Waive Two WOCLs Off

Honored

3. Award Pairings If Departing On Aug 10, 2014 If Pairing Number 3328
3328 2014-08-10 05:45 2014-08-10 13:08 (005:15) (A)
(1 Awarded, 1 Matching, Running total: 035:30)

4. Award Pairings If Departing On Aug 11, 2014 If Pairing Number 3328
3328 2014-08-11 05:45 2014-08-11 13:08 (005:15) (A)
(1 Awarded, 1 Matching, Running total: 040:45)

5. Award Pairings If Departing On Aug 12, 2014 If Pairing Number 3328
3328 2014-08-12 05:45 2014-08-12 13:08 (005:15) (A)
(1 Awarded, 1 Matching, Running total: 046:00)

6. Award Pairings If Departing On Aug 13, 2014 If Pairing Number 3328

FAR 117.27: 1

(0 Awarded, 1 Matching, Running total: 046:00)

7. Award Pairings If Departing On Aug 14, 2014 If Pairing Number 3328
3328 2014-08-14 05:45 2014-08-14 13:08 (005:15) (A)
(1 Awarded, 1 Matching, Running total: 051:15)

8. Award Pairings If Departing On Aug 15, 2014 If Pairing Number 3328
3328 2014-08-15 05:45 2014-08-15 13:08 (005:15) (A)

- The Waive Rule was bid in line 2
- Awarded ATL 3328 on August 10, 11, and 12
- Illegal for the award of 3328 on the 13th due to FAR 117.27
- Awarded 3328 on August 14th with the waived second WOCL off

Reminders

- A new bid preference was introduced in April that allows for ordered bidding for pairings. The bid is called 'Pairing Number Departing On Date', and it has an ordered option (left to right). This bid feature and preferred days off, are the only left to right prioritized bids in the PBS system. You can find the details of this bid in PBS Notepad 14-02 and the PBS Gouge.
- If you have training (not CQ), you still will need to bid. Pilots may or may not have converted to their new category prior to training, so refer to your PBS Info Tab to see in which category you are bidding. Your training days are credited each at a pro-rated value of the ALV, and you can see what your total pre-award credit value is on both your PBS Calendar, and PBS Results Tab.
- Retiring pilots should refer to PBS Notepad 14-02 for an explanation of how to bid in your retirement month.
- The following are your options if you require assistance with your bidding or logging onto PBS
 - For help, contact the Bid Assist Call Center at (404) 714-4465, (877) 888-0432 or (800) DAL-CREW Option 1, Option 4.

- Assistance will be available in the call center from the 8th - 10th of each month between 0800 and 2200E, and the 11th between 0800 and 18:00E
- Fill out a PBS Bid Inquiry found on the Crew Resources and Scheduling page under 'Forms & Inquiries'
- If you have a bidding emergency (you can't access the PBS system or your bid tab shows NO BID with no buttons to add/submit) after the call center closes on the 11th, call Crew Scheduling and ask them to page the PBS Administrator
- Please be proactive in your bidding and make contact ASAP if you have any problems
- Please book mark <http://www.pbshelp.info/delta> for a library of helpful guides and documents. The most recent PBS Notepads and PBS Gouge can be found at this website
- The PBS Committee highly recommends that all pilots opt in to the PilotBlast text messaging service. This service allows our committee quick and easy communication access to the pilot group for important and time sensitive issues. The link for PilotBlast may be found on the DALPA website or each weekly copy of Vectors.
- If you are having problems with your Desktop Application, DA, not updating data, we suggest that you check your firewall and anti-virus settings. We have found this to be the problem in most cases.

Delta MEC PBS Committee
pbscommittee@alpa.org