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NCDOL Helps Midway Airlines Employees Receive Payment

Former Midway employees who are owed money for administrative claims made after the airline filed bankruptcy will soon receive final payment according to officials from the N.C. Department of Labor. The Labor Department filed the Proof of Claim on behalf of the workers in 2001. Since then, the claim has been tied up in legal proceedings with the bankruptcy court.

NCDOL is working with the Chapter 7 trustee to verify the names, addresses and social security numbers of those workers owed disbursement. Affected workers were notified of the disbursement by a letter dated Sept. 20, 2007, and a follow-up letter dated Feb. 20, 2008. The Labor Department has verified the information for 510 of the 754 former employees to whom the letters were mailed. The Chapter 7 trustee will disburse directly to the former employee if they have responded to the letter, verifying their contact information. The trustee aims to begin disbursement in April.

“Sometimes letters like this are thrown in the trash because people think it is junk mail or some type of scam,” Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry said. “If you are a former Midway employee and received a letter from NCDOL regarding this claim, make sure you call our office to verify your contact information.”

Employees who fail to respond to the letter may be considered “missing” by the Chapter 7 trustee and their portion of the disbursement will be transferred to the N.C. Department of the State Treasurer’s Unclaimed Property and Escheats Division.

“This is our last attempt to notify the workers. Some of them have moved several times by now, and have endured financial hardships,” Berry said. “We’re doing everything we can to find them, and bring this matter to a close.”

Claimants represented by the N.C. Department of Labor include former ramp workers, flight attendants, mechanics and miscellaneous employees. Pilots claimants were represented by ALPA and were not included with NCDOL’s administrative claim. For more information, contact Erin Gould with NCDOL at (919) 733-4235 or erin.gould@nclabor.com.

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