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CUPE Ratification Impasse Referred to CIRB, Work Stoppage Averted at Air Canada

MONTREAL, Oct. 11, 2011 /CNW Telbec/ - As reported in the news media, Canada's Minister of Labour, the Hon. Lisa Raitt, is referring the current impasse resulting from CUPE's failure to ratify a tentative agreement to the Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB). The Minister further confirmed that no strike or lockout action can take place while the CIRB is considering the matter thereby effectively cancelling the strike deadline originally scheduled for 00:01 am ET on Thursday, October 13, 2011.

Air Canada will appear before the CIRB as required. Further details are not available at this point.

It will remain business as usual at Air Canada and all flights will continue to operate as scheduled.

We thank our customers for their patience and loyalty during this time.

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Air Canada will continue to provide updates as developments warrant.

CUPE represents approximately 6,800 flight attendants employed by Air Canada.

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