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Air Canada Pilots Association Welcomes New CEO

Toronto – Captain Michael McKay, Chair of the Master Elected Council of the Air Canada Pilots Association (ACPA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Robert Giguere as Chief Executive Officer, effective Tuesday, July 30, 2019.

"As a pilot group, we will benefit from a CEO who has a profound understanding of our profession and can speak eloquently to that experience," said Captain McKay. "The MEC believes that having the support of a seasoned airline professional with such a broad knowledge of the industry, and familiarity with airline business dynamics will prove to be a significant asset to ACPA and our pilot group. Given his leadership abilities and business background he will be a key resource assisting the MEC with the management of ACPA while providing support to the MEC on the unique and critical challenges we face."

"It is a tremendous honour to serve as ACPA's CEO," said Mr. Giguere. "The internationally respected pilots of Air Canada are consummate professionals at the very top of the industry. They are the voice of aviation safety in Canada, and I look forward to working with them to advance their mission."

A veteran airline pilot, Mr. Giguere has enjoyed an extensive aviation career. After obtaining a degree in Mechanical Engineering he commenced service with Air Canada on the DC-8 in 1974. He has tremendous experience and knowledge of the industry garnered over a career which included senior executive positions with Air Canada and Skyservice Airlines. Mr. Giguere has served as a senior representative to the Air Transport Association of Canada, the International Air Transport Association, and the Air Transport Association of America (now known as Airlines for America).

Most recently, Mr. Giguere was an independent aviation consultant, advising a range of firms. From 2012-2018, Mr. Giguere was Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer at Ornge, the Ontario-based not-for-profit air ambulance service, where he was responsible for Safety, Aviation, Paramedic Operations and the Operations Control Centre ensuring a coordinated multi-team response in support of patient care.

The Air Canada Pilots Association (ACPA) is the single largest professional pilot group in Canada, representing the more than 4,200 pilots who fly millions of passengers across Canada and around the world on Air Canada and Air Canada Rouge.

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