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## **PILOT FLYING J CONTINUES TO BRANDISH CHECKBOOK**

Knoxville, TN - July 17, 2013 - At a press conference on April 16, 2013, Pilot Flying J CEO Jimmy Haslam told the world that the FBI / IRS raid of Pilot headquarters involved a “very insignificant” number of Pilot customers.

Yesterday’s proposed settlement agreement indicates that the actual number of involved customers could be as high as **4,000**. Counsel for Pilot also indicated this “very insignificant” slice of Pilot customers might also involve \$35 million (still less than 11 hours of Pilot revenues.)

Pilot rebate fraud occurred on top of the toughest of economic times for the trucking industry. Because of this, it is understandable that some trucking companies will accept these terms simply because of economic pressure.

However, in a case where absolutely no discovery has been conducted, it is hard to reasonably evaluate any proposed settlement. It is also hard to comprehend how breaking even with a company who has perpetrated fraud is a good deal.

Accordingly, it will be our recommendation to our clients to opt out of the settlement as currently proposed.