

# The Spin in the Executive Suite

Delta CEO Richard Anderson chooses his words carefully – so carefully they make you wonder if they aren't just sweet talk designed to obscure the facts.

In a video message last year, for instance, the first words Mr. Anderson speaks are: "If you just look at the history of Delta Flight Attendants compared to the other carriers, Delta Flight Attendants always had a superior position."

The key word here is "had." We no longer have industry-leading wages. That's history, a fact that Mr. Anderson glosses over.

It isn't the first time Mr. Anderson's statements have raised questions. When he took the job with Delta, the former CEO of Northwest Airlines said flatly: **"There's no plans or intentions or previously agreed to plans to merge."** [Associated Press, August 21, 2007]

The next day he repeated, **"I do not come here with merger intentions."** [Associated Press, August 22, 2007]

He also told the head of the Delta pilot's union "he wasn't coming in as CEO to facilitate a merger with Northwest Airlines." A few months later the merger was in the works.

The question isn't whether the merger was a good or bad idea. The question is, can we take Mr. Anderson at his word? Especially in tough times like these.

Of course, the pilots don't need to worry. They have representation and a legally binding contract that ensures they don't have to hang their hats on sweet talk.

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