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SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSET TO LTD BENEFITS STILL NOT CORRECTED

The preliminary feedback from DDPSA members indicates that the LTD benefit payment issued on April 30, 2014, still does not contain a correction for the Social Security offset that improperly was applied to LTD benefits.

Although many pilots may notice an increase in the amount of the LTD benefit paid on April 30th, the increase appears to be attributable to increases in the variable portion of the benefit rather than a correction for the improper Social Security offset.

The best way to determine that a correction for the Social Security offset has been applied to LTD benefits is to watch for changes in the pension offsets, referred to as PENIONOFFS in the pay stub. When the monthly correction occurs, the current pay period PENIONOFFS figure should be reduced by the amount of the Social Security Offset that the PBGC is applying to your account (there may be a slight variance if you are receiving a joint life and survivorship form of benefit from the PBGC). The retro correction should date back to your 65th birthday or earlier if the Social Security offset was applied to your LTD benefit at an earlier age.

A pilot who had filed an appeal with the Administrative Committee was informed that his correction will be made in the May 31st LTD benefit payment. Additionally, he purportedly will receive a retro correction by that date. Hopefully other DDPSA members who have submitted appropriate PBGC documentation to Delta will receive corrections in a similar time frame.

If you have not yet provided your PBGC final benefit determination to Delta, it would be in your interest to do so promptly.