IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,	MAGISTRATE GENCUW )
Plaintiff,	
v. UNITED AIRLINES,	Case No. 02C
Defendant.	JUN 2 7 2002

### **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

This is an action under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq. ("Title VII"), and Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. § 1981a, to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of sex and race and to provide appropriate relief to Phyllis E. Powell ("Powell" or "Charging Party"), who was adversely affected by such practices. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC" or "Commission") alleges that Defendant United Airlines ("Defendant") discriminated against Charging Party on the basis of her sex, female, and race, Black by subjecting her to sex and race harassment. EEOC also alleges that Defendant retaliated against Charging Party after she complained of employment discrimination by subjecting her to different terms and conditions of employment and by discharging her, in violation of Title VII.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 451, 1331, 1337, 1343 and 1345. This action is authorized and instituted pursuant to Sections 706(f)(1) and (3) of Title

VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3), and pursuant to Section 102 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. § 1981a.

2. The employment practices alleged to be unlawful were committed within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.

#### **PARTIES**

- 3. Plaintiff U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (the "Commission"), is an agency of the United States of America charged with the administration, interpretation and enforcement of Title VII and is expressly authorized to bring this action by Sections 706(f)(1) and (3) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3).
- 4. At all relevant times Defendant United Airlines ("Defendant") has been and is now an Illinois corporation doing business in the State of Illinois and has continuously had and does now have at least fifteen (15) employees.
- 5. At all relevant times, Defendant has continuously been an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of Sections 701(b), (g) and (h) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e-5 (b), (g) and (h).

#### STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

- 6. More than thirty (30) days prior to the institution of this lawsuit, Powell filed a charge with the Commission alleging violations of Title VII by Defendant. All conditions precedent to the institution of this lawsuit have been fulfilled.
- 7. Since at least June 1999, Defendant has engaged in unlawful employment practices at its O'Hare Airport facility in violation of Section 703(a) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2(a). These practices include, but are not limited to subjecting Powell to unwelcome touching, sexual

comments, ethnic slurs and otherwise harassing her on the basis of her sex, female, and race,
Black, and subjecting her to retaliation when she complained of the employment discrimination
that included subjecting her to different terms and conditions of employment and discharging
her.

- 8. The effect of the practices complained of in paragraph 7 has been to deprive Powell of equal employment opportunities and otherwise adversely affect her status as an employee because of her sex, female and race, Black.
- 9. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraph 7 above were intentional.
- 11. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraphs 7 and 8 above were done with malice or with reckless indifference to the federally protected rights of Powell.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully prays that this Court:

- A. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant, its officers, management personnel, employees, agents, successors, assigns and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from engaging in any employment practice which discriminates on the basis sex and race.
- B. Order Defendant to institute and carry out policies, practices and programs which provide equal employment opportunities for its employees regardless of sex and race and which eradicate the effects of its past and present unlawful employment practices.
- C. Order Defendant to make whole Powell by providing appropriate back pay with prejudgment interest, in amounts to be determined at trial, and other affirmative relief necessary to eradicate the effects of its unlawful employment practices.

- D. Order Defendant to make whole Powell by providing compensation for pecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices described in paragraph 7, above, in amounts to be proved at trial.
- E. Order Defendant to make whole Powell by providing compensation for nonpecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful practices complained of in paragraph 7 above,
  including pain, suffering, emotional distress, inconvenience and mental anguish, in amounts to
  be proved at trial.
- F. Order Defendant to pay Powell punitive damages for its malicious and reckless conduct, as described in paragraph 7, in amounts to be proved at trial.
  - G. Grant such further relief as the Court deems necessary and proper.
  - H. Grant the Commission its costs in this action.

## JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

The Commission requests a jury trial on all questions of fact raised by the Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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II. Basis of Jurisdiction:

1. U.S. Gov't Plaintiff

JUDGE CONLON

III. Citizenship of Principal

Parties (Diversity Cases Only)

Plaintiff:-N/A

Defendant:- N/A

1. Original Proceeding

V. Nature of Suit:

IV. Origin:

442 Employment

VI Cause of Action:

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 to correct the unlawful employment practices on the basis

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of race, sex and retaliation.

VII. Requested in Complaint

Class Action:

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<u>VIII.</u> This case <u>IS NOT</u> a refiling of a previously dismissed case.

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