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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

25 January 2007

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc
(Registrant's Name)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc

By: /s/ _____
Name: Alan Buchanan
Title: Company Secretary
Date 25 January 2007

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1.	BA flying schedule announced

Flying schedule announced for T&G strike dates

British Airways will not operate any passenger flights out of London Heathrow from 0001 GMT on Tuesday January 30 until 2359 GMT on Wednesday January 31 due to a planned strike by the cabin crew branch of the Transport & General Workers Union. All domestic and European flights to and from London Gatwick will also be cancelled.

The airline remains committed to pursuit of a negotiated settlement before next Tuesday but wants customers to have early warning of its flying schedule to allow sufficient time for alternative travel arrangements to be made.

Willie Walsh, British Airways' chief executive, said: "We are deeply sorry that our customers are the innocent victims of this unnecessary and unjustified strike by the T&G.

"More than 15,000 customers a day have contacted us since the union announced a

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series of 72-hour strikes, extremely concerned about their winter holidays and business trips. Announcing our contingency plans means we can end uncertainty for customers caught up in the first round of strikes and help them make other plans.

"If we postponed the cancellation of flights until the eve of a strike, customers would have virtually no time to make alternative arrangements.

"We remain absolutely determined to search for a negotiated settlement and our door remains open to the T&G, day or night. We regret that the T&G has not supported our initiative to seek the assistance of the Acas conciliation service.

"It is not too late for the T&G to call off this dispute and we will do all we can to reinstate some of the cancelled flights.

The airline will allow any customer due to travel on a British Airways flight cancelled by the strike to claim a full refund, rebook their flight for a later date or be rebooked by British Airways with another airline.

Customers wishing to rebook their flights can contact the airline on 0800 727 800 which is a free telephone line.

Customers are urged to check the airline's website (www.ba.com) regularly and use the 'Manage My Booking' link to obtain information about their individual reservation.

Customers who were due to travel on any cancelled services should not come to the airport.

British Airways' flight programme is complex, involving the combination of rosters for 15,000 cabin crew, 3,000 pilots and 234 aircraft operating up to 750 services in and out of Heathrow and Gatwick every day.

More than 8,000 crew have to be in the right place at the right time, either on aircraft, at airports or in crew hotels in more than 140 cities in 75 countries, every day.

Because of crew or aircraft being out of position, there will be further cancellations on either side of the official strike dates. Customers are advised to check ba.com to see if their flight is still operating before departing for the airport. If their flight has been cancelled they should not come to the airport but contact British Airways or their travel agent.

British Airways has opened an extra call centre at its Heathrow headquarters staffed by more than 100 volunteers from across the airline to help with customer inquiries.

Many longhaul aircraft will depart from Heathrow during Tuesday and Wednesday. They will not have customers onboard because of the lack of cabin crew due to

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the strike. The aircraft will fly to destinations overseas to collect a crew down route, enabling a significant number of longhaul inbound flights to Heathrow to operate normally to bring customers home.

It is planned that up to six of the nine daily longhaul departures from Gatwick will also operate normally.

Customers should use the Manage My Booking facility on www.ba.com. If customers wish to claim a refund then they should log onto www.ba.com and follow the instructions or apply in writing.

Key points of British Airways' schedule for customers:

- No longhaul or shorthaul commercial flights FROM London Heathrow during the strike period.
- Some longhaul services INTO London Heathrow will operate during the strike period.
- No shorthaul services INTO London Heathrow will operate during the strike period.
- No shorthaul services FROM or INTO London Gatwick will operate during the strike period
- Up to six of the normal nine daily longhaul services FROM and INTO London Gatwick will operate each day during the strike period.
- The Manchester to New York JFK daily service will continue to operate as normal.
- Flights operated by subsidiary BA Connect will operate as normal
- Flights operated by British Airways franchise partners to and from UK (GB Airways, BMED, Loganair and Sun Air) will operate as normal.
- Flights operated by other carriers (including Oneworld Alliance partners) which have a BA codeshare flight number will operate as normal.
- All dedicated freighter services continue to operate as normal.

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