

## **Delta seeks 6-month extension to file reorganization plan**

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Delta Air Lines asked a bankruptcy court judge Thursday to give the company a six-month extension to file its reorganization plan.

The Atlanta-based company is the nation's third-largest carrier and filed for Chapter Eleven in New York on Sept. 14. It currently has a Jan. 12 deadline to file its reorganization plan and a March 13 deadline to seek acceptance of the plan from creditors.

Delta asked the court in New York to extend the deadlines 180 days to July 11 and Sept. 9, respectively.

Delta has lost more than \$11 billion since January 2001 and announced over that period that it will cut up to 33,000 jobs. It listed more than \$28 billion in debt in its bankruptcy filing.

### **Cutting jobs at Seattle-Tacoma**

Separately, Delta has told the Washington state Employment Security Department that it is cutting 68 jobs at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, including ticket-counter employees, baggage handlers and gate agents.

Delta spokesman Anthony Black said the jobs will be eliminated between Feb. 1 and Feb. 14. Black said some employees would be laid off and others could be transferred to company facilities elsewhere.

Black said he did not know how much money the carrier would save with the cutbacks. The airline's restructuring plan calls for an additional \$3 billion in annual cost reductions and revenue improvements to be realized by the end of 2007.

Black said the carrier's operations at the Port of Seattle would not be affected by the cuts.

Black said Delta also is reducing flights from Sea-Tac to 16 per day, down from 21 flights in September. The service reduction, part of the carrier's September restructuring plan, occurred on Dec. 1.