



Chicago Jet Group uses Airtel ATN's portable test equipment for CPDLC pilot training

OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Test own corporate aircraft
- ◆ Expand business with CPDLC test service
- ◆ Provide pilot CPDLC training

WHY AIRTEL ATN?

- ◆ ANSP and location independent
- ◆ Portable
- ◆ Versatile – MTP can act as either ground station or aircraft

RESULTS

- ◆ Perform Data Link testing on private aircraft around the country
- ◆ Provide pilot ATN CPDLC training
- ◆ Increased revenue



BACKGROUND

Chicago Jet Group, founded in 2003, is a worldwide private aircraft charter operator located in Chicago. As well as providing customised aircraft management services, it is an FAA Class 4 Certified Repair Station maintenance facility with EASA approval. Chicago Jet Group (CJG) is a leader in CPDLC STC development for FANS and ATN in addition to FANS and ATN testing and pilot training.

Corporate clients frequently fly to Europe. In order to gain access to preferential flight paths, and so get clients to Europe quicker, companies including CJG have installed CPDLC systems in their avionics suite. Chicago Jet Group now offers these companies an ATN CPDLC test service using Airtel ATN's portable test equipment - the Multi Test Platform (MTP).

The company wished to further grow business by offering CPDLC pilot training. With the MTP, the company obtained the necessary supplemental type certificate (STC) and now provides CPDLC training to corporate and private pilots across the USA.

This means that the pilots initial ATN CPDLC experience isn't on their first trip into European airspace.

Chicago Jet Group chose Airtel ATN because the equipment is portable. This gives the company the freedom to conduct CPDLC pilot training services at the aircraft operators home airfield. Its ease of use and versatility has enabled CJG to perform a CPDLC test service to aircraft OEM's, MRO's and other corporate and private aircraft operators around the USA where it is not possible to access ATN CPDLC without Airtel ATN's MTP.

RESULTS

After just a few hours training, Chicago Jet Group could conduct both ATN and FANS comms tests. They have grown business with the provision of a CPDLC test service to corporate aircraft owners and MROs as well as field-based CPDLC pilot training. This provides pilots with a stress free learning environment in their own location.

“ I found Airtel ATN's MTP easy to use for ATN CPDLC certification requirements. It also works great for the “Hands on Pilot Training” we provide. The fact that it is compact means that I can also offer ATN CPDLC training services to pilots at their home base which means their initial ATN CPDLC experience isn't on their first trip into European airspace. ”

Mike Mitera, CEO, Chicago Jet Group