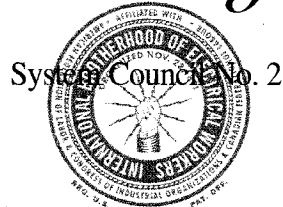


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July 19, 2010

TO: ALL LOCAL UNION PRESIDENTS – Freight Railroads
SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 2 – IBEW

Re: Mediation Request - National Negotiations between the IBEW and the National Carriers Conference Committee representing various Freight Rail Carriers

Brothers and Sisters:

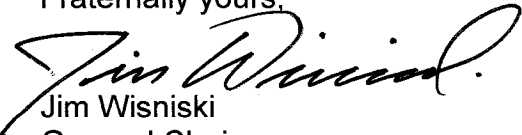
Please be advised that the National Bargaining Coalition consisting of the IBEW, IAM, TCU, TWU and ATDA met in conference with the National Carriers Conference Committee during the week of July 7, 2010, in an ongoing effort to resolve the wage, rules, and benefits dispute. Following discussions, the IBEW and the other participating Coalition Union's declared an impasse and advised that mediation will be invoked.

On the date of July 15, 2010, IBEW International President Edwin D. Hill notified National Railway Labor Conference Chairman Kenneth Gradia advising of impasse and that mediation was invoked. Likewise, mediation application was filed with the "Office of Mediation Services – National Mediation Board" on July 15, 2010, requesting that mediation be conducted on a joint basis involving the bargaining coalition unions and crafts.

It is my understanding that a "Mediator" was recently assigned pursuant to the foregoing application. The IBEW along with the Bargaining Coalition is prepared to resume negotiations promptly as meeting dates are secured.

With best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,


Jim Wisniski
General Chairman
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