



**NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD**  
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**RE: NMB File No. CA-6876**

Gentlemen:

On March 15, 2005 and March 16, 2005, the National Mediation Board (Board) received Applications for Mediation Services from the National Carriers' Conference Committee (Carrier). The Carrier asserted a dispute with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, the American Train Dispatchers Association, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Blacksmiths, the National Conference of Firemen and Oilers/SEIU and the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, (Organizations) described as follows:

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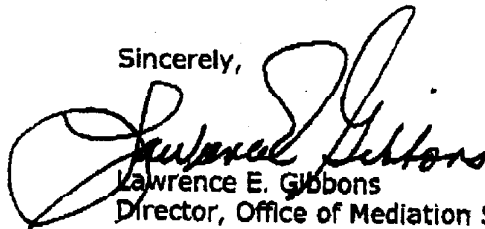
"Railroads represented by the National Carriers' Conference Committee with respect to [Section 6] notices dated November 1, 2004."

The applications were assigned **NMB File No. CA-6876**, signifying the need for an investigation to determine if the applications should be docketed as one or multiple cases.

On May 9, 2005, the Board received a letter from Robert F. Allen, Chairman, National Railway Labor Conference, advising that "...the NCCC has decided to voluntarily withdraw each of these mediation applications effective on the date of this letter, without prejudice to our rights to request mediation at any time in the future with respect to these organizations, either individually or collectively." Accordingly, the Board has closed its file on NMB File No. CA-6876.

The parties are reminded of the status quo provisions of the Railway Labor Act.

Sincerely,



Lawrence E. Gibbons  
Director, Office of Mediation Services

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cc: Board Members, NMB  
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