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Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail

May 9, 2005

Mr. Lawrence E. Gibbons  
Director, Office of Mediation Services  
National Mediation Board  
1301 K Street, N.W., Suite 250 East  
Washington, D.C. 20572

Re: Mediation Applications - Bargaining Disputes between  
NCCC and Members of RLBC

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

As you know, the National Carriers' Conference Committee has filed mediation applications with the National Mediation Board with respect to their individual bargaining disputes with each of the seven unions comprising the Rail Labor Bargaining Coalition<sup>1</sup>. The NMB has assigned those applications NMB File No. CA-6876, pending its determination of whether the applications should be docketed as one or multiple cases.

Please be advised 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.

Sincerely yours,



Robert F. Allen

cc: NMB Board Members  
NCCC Members  
RLBC Members  
Roland P. Wilder, Jr.

<sup>1</sup> American Train Dispatchers Association, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes, Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, Int. Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Blacksmiths, National Conference of Firemen and Oilers/SEIU, Sheet Metal Workers International Association.