

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 9

May 27, 2005

TO ALL LOCAL CHAIRPERSONS:

As an on-going process in the General Chairman's office, we send out Circular Letters as circumstances dictate in regard to issues that are of importance to all of our Membership. We are requesting that you read these documents at your Union Meetings for the Membership's benefit and also place them on bulletin boards for those Members who cannot attend the Union Meeting. Incorporated below are issues of importance for our Membership.

UTU PETITIONS NMB FOR REPRESENTATION VOTE

On May 27, 2005, the United Transportation Union petitioned the National Mediation Board (NMB) to hold a representation election among train and engine service employees on the Union Pacific Railroad. The continued and increasing cross-utilization of employees between train and engine service, the increasing prevalence of remote control yard assignments, and the community of interest between the operating employees of both crafts compel the effort to unify the representation.

The attached news release from President Paul Thompson relates the history of the efforts by the UTU to unify the operating crafts. Despite the approval of the UTU membership to unify, the BLE refused to join ranks, and instead affiliated with the Teamster organization. Recent actions and statements by the teamster organization make it clear that the best interests of rail employees are not being considered.

Each Local must ready itself for a Representation vote; Telephone (phone) trees and personnel must be in place. Please discuss this matter with the officers of your local and prepare your efforts.

Trusting this information will aid you in keeping our Membership informed of issues confronting us. With best personal wishes, I remain

Fraternal ly yours,



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