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GENERAL COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT CSX Transportation (L.&N. Proper)
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April 23, 2013

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**SUBJECT: ARBITRATION** 

#### Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Beneath this letter are three letters just sent to this office by the National Mediation Board (NMB), who is the government agency that provides the funding for arbitration. They are in response to our (both this office and the Carrier's) request to docket a total of sixty-three (63) discipline cases to be argued before a neutral for final and binding resolution. Thirty-two of those cases are dismissals where a member is waiting on the process to hopefully get restored to service.

As you can see by the NMB's response, they refused the request because they do not have the money to pay the arbitrators. This is a routine we see month after month where a request is made and then denied for the same reason. It is a source of frustration in this office as we see the number of cases in house growing with none being resolved by arbitration.

We ask that you encourage every member to call or write their senators and congressmen asking that more federal funding be provided to the NMB for arbitration purposes. This office will continue attempting to docket the cases, but there are just too many hands reaching into what has become a very small pot.

Fraternally yours,

O. Ed Weathers, General Chairmen



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April 22, 2013

Don M. Menefee Carrier Member CSX Transportation 6735 Southpoint Dr., S Jacksonville, FL 32216

O. Edward Weathers Employee Member United Transportation Union-SMART 3560 Cardinal Point Dr., Suite #203 Jacksonville, FL 32257

Re: Public Law Board 6823 – CSX Transportation and the United Transportation Union – SMART Cases 151-163

#### Gentlemen:

The Office of Arbitration Services of the National Mediation Board (NMB) has received your request to allow Arbitrator Lynette Ross to work on cases 151-163. The request is not approved due to the unavailability of funds for the month of April.

In accordance with the NMB policy, if funds are not available for the month requested, you can resubmit the request by the first of the following month.

If you have any questions, you are requested to contact either Carol Conrad or Darrell Dancer at 202-692-5055.

Sincerely,

Roland Watkins

Director, Office of Arbitration Services

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Re: Special Board of Adjustment No. 955 – CSX Transportation and the United Transportation Union –SMART – Cases 605-622

#### Gentlemen:

The Office of Arbitration Services of the National Mediation Board (NMB) has received your request to allow Arbitrator Don Hays to work on cases 605-622. The request is not approved due to the unavailability of funds for the month of April.

In accordance with the NMB policy, if funds are not available for the month requested, you can resubmit the request by the first of the following month.

If you have any questions, you are requested to contact either Carol Conrad or Darrell Dancer at 202-692-5055.

Sincerely,

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Re: Public Law Board 7556 – CSX Transportation and the United Transportation Union – Cases 11-33

#### Gentlemen:

The Office of Arbitration Services of the National Mediation Board (NMB) has received your request to allow Arbitrator John Binau to work on cases 11-33. The request is not approved due to the unavailability of funds for the month of April.

In accordance with the NMB policy, if funds are not available for the month requested, you can resubmit the request by the first of the following month.

If you have any questions, you are requested to contact either Carol Conrad or Darrell Dancer at 202-692-5055.

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