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Subject: National Freight Negotiations

TO: All District Lodge 19 Members Subject to National Freight Agreement

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I want to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on our status.

In my last update letter, dated June 17, 2011, I advised that the National Mediation Board insisted that we meet again with the Carriers on June 28 and 29. We advised them that we felt no progress would be made and suggested they meet only with our Coalition and the RBC Coalition and not with the Carriers.

The NMB finally decided to cancel the meeting with the Carriers and conducted a meeting with all Rail Unions, except the UTU on June 29, 2011. We fully explained our position to the NMB Members and told them that we could never reach a Tentative Agreement based on the UTU Tentative Agreement and we refused to acknowledge it as a Pattern.

Both Coalitions' again requested a release (proffer) and the Board Members would not commit, but did advise our request would be placed on their agenda for July 7, 2011. However, later they postponed their meeting and advised that it would be discussed on July 12, 2011.

During their July 12, meeting our request was discussed; however, they did not take action. We feel more comfortable with no action, than a vote of rejection. We are under the impression that it will be taken up again in their August Board meeting and we are hopeful they will make a good and wise decision.

We will keep you informed as this situation develops and we thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

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