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September 2, 2011

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National Carriers' Conference Committee
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Mr. R. Thomas Buffenbarger, International President
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers
9000 Machinists Place
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**Re: NMB Case No. A-13575 (Machinists)
National Carriers' Conference Committee & IAMAW**

Gentlemen:

On July 15, 2010, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, by its duly authorized representative made an application in accordance with the provisions of the Railway Labor Act for the services of the National Mediation Board (Board) in the following dispute:

"Pay, Benefits and Work Rules"

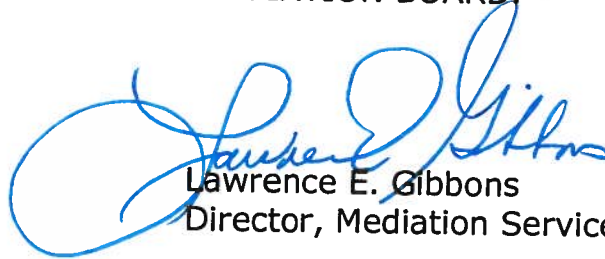
Despite the Board's best efforts to bring about an amicable settlement through mediation, the parties have failed to reach agreement disposing of the above-described dispute.

In accordance with Section 5, First, of the Railway Labor Act, the National Mediation Board therefore now requests and urges that you enter into an agreement to submit the controversy to arbitration as provided in Section 8 of the Act.

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Your written reply is requested by **12:00 Noon (EDT), September 6, 2011**. The absence of prompt, unconditional acceptance or rejection of the proffer by **12:00 Noon (EDT), September 6, 2011** will be considered a rejection of the proffer.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.



Lawrence E. Gibbons
Director, Mediation Services, NMB

cc: Board Members, NMB
Patricia Sims, Senior Mediator, NMB
John Livingood, Mediator, NMB



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Re: NMB Case No. A-13575 (IAM and NCCC)

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Director, Office of Mediation Services
National Mediation Board
1301 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20572

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

This is in response to the National Mediation Board's letter, dated September 2, 2011, which proffers arbitration in the above docketed mediation case.

Please be advised that the IAM & AW respectfully declines the Board's proffer of arbitration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Joe R. Duncan
Pres. Dir. Gen. Chairman/Railroad Coordinator

C: NMB Board Members
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