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EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY BOARD TO INVESTIGATE DISPUTES
BETWEEN CERTAIN RAILROADS REPRESENTED BY THE NATIONAL CARRIERS'
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL RAILWAY LABOR CONFERENCE
AND THEIR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY CERTAIN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Disputes exist between certain railroads represented by the National Carriers' Conference Committee of the National Railway Labor Conference and their employees represented by certain labor organizations. The railroads and labor organizations involved in these disputes are designated on the attached list, which is made part of this order.

The disputes have not heretofore been adjusted under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, as amended, 45 U.S.C. 151-188 (RLA).

I have been notified by the National Mediation Board that in its judgment these disputes threaten substantially to interrupt interstate commerce to a degree that would deprive a section of the country of essential transportation service.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 10 of the RLA (45 U.S.C. 160), it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Establishment of Emergency Board (Board). There is established, effective 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on October 7, 2011, a Board composed of a chair and four other members, all five of whom shall be appointed by the President to investigate and report on these disputes. No member shall be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in any organization of railroad employees or any carrier. The Board shall perform its functions subject to the availability of funds.

Sec. 2. Report. The Board shall report to the President with respect to the disputes within 30 days of its creation.

Sec. 3. Maintaining Conditions. As provided by section 10 of the RLA, from the date of the creation of the Board and for 30 days after the Board has submitted its report to the President, no change in the conditions out of which the disputes arose shall be made by the parties to the controversy, except by agreement of the parties.

Sec. 4. Records Maintenance. The records and files of the Board are records of the Office of the President and upon the Board's termination shall be maintained in the physical custody of the National Mediation Board.

Sec. 5. Expiration. The Board shall terminate upon the submission of the report provided for in section 2 of this order.

BARACK OBAMA

THE WHITE HOUSE,
October 6, 2011.

RAILROADS

Union Pacific Railroad Company
 BNSF Railway Company
 CSX Transportation, Inc.
 Norfolk Southern Railway Company
 The Kansas City Southern Railway Company

Alton & Southern Railway Company
 The Belt Railway Company of Chicago
 Brownsville and Matamoros Bridge Company
 Central California Traction Company
 Columbia & Cowlitz Railway Company
 Consolidated Rail Corporation
 Gary Railway Company
 Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company
 Kansas City Terminal Railway Company
 Longview Switching Company
 Los Angeles Junction Railway Company
 Manufacturers Railway Company
 New Orleans Public Belt Railroad
 Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company
 Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation
 Oakland Terminal Railway
 Port Terminal Railroad Association
 Portland Terminal Railroad Company
 Soo Line Railroad Company (Canadian Pacific)
 South Carolina Public Railways
 Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis
 Texas City Terminal Railway Company
 Union Pacific Fruit Express
 Western Fruit Express Company
 Wichita Terminal Association
 Winston-Salem Southbound Railway Company

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Rail Labor Bargaining Coalition consisting of:
 Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen
 Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen
 Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes
 International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Blacksmiths,
 Iron Ship Builders, Forgers and Helpers
 Sheet Metal Workers' International Association
 National Conference of Firemen & Oilers

Bargaining Together:
 Transportation-Communications International Union
 American Train Dispatchers Association
 International Association of Machinists and Aerospace
 Workers
 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
 Transport Workers Union of America

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