



Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

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via fax & first class mail

David L. Gunn, President & Chief Executive Officer
National Railroad Passenger Corporation
60 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Re: BMWED/Amtrak bargaining

Dear Mr. Gunn:

The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (BMWED) has been negotiating with Amtrak for over five years since our collective agreement became amendable on January 1, 2000. Our negotiations thus far have produced nothing in the way of progress and the contract that results from this bargaining round will have expired by the time it is concluded.

You have stated publicly that the Railway Labor Act and its processes are the reason you have been unable to reach agreements with your employees on new contracts. While we fail to understand how you could say this given that your chief labor relations officer, Mr. Joseph Bress, has never even attended a BMWED/Amtrak negotiation, we propose to eliminate any concern you may have about the Railway Labor Act and the prompt settlement of disputes.

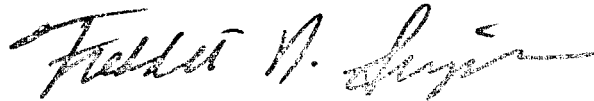
We propose binding interest arbitration under Section 7 of the Railway Labor Act of the parties' collective bargaining dispute. We will agree to any arbitrator who has been selected to a Presidential Emergency Board over the last twenty years to investigate a dispute between Amtrak and our predecessor, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes. Alternatively, we will go to arbitration before any other arbitrator that is mutually acceptable to BMWED and Amtrak. We will present our

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case, and you will present yours. We agree to accept the arbitrator's decision, and hope that you will make the same representation.

Five years without a contract is long enough. We trust that you will be true to your statements that you are anxious to reach an agreement, and you will agree to this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred W. Meyer".

President

cc: Amtrak General Chairmen
J. R. Cook
R. B. Wehrli
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