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Re: Presidential Emergency Board No. 242

Gentlemen:

The hearings before Presidential Emergency Board (PEB) 242 will begin on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at The Mayflower, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036 in the State Room. The telephone number for The Mayflower is 202-347-3000. The formal hearings will begin at 9 a.m., EST, on December 11, 2007 and will continue on December 12 and 13 running from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST. Opening arguments will be on Tuesday morning and the opening argument for each side is limited to one hour. For the opening statements and all other hearing time-frames specified below, the Unions will decide among themselves how to allot the time among them; and they will notify the undersigned by 4 p.m., EST, on Friday, December 7, 2007, of the agreed-upon allotment.

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Amtrak will present its witnesses immediately following the opening arguments and may continue until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 12, if necessary. The Unions will present their witnesses on Wednesday and may continue until 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 13, if necessary. On Thursday, December 13, Amtrak may present its rebuttal and the Unions may present sur-rebuttal. Rebuttal is limited to two hours each. On Thursday afternoon, Amtrak and the Unions will present closing arguments limited to one hour each. The parties will also be available to meet on an informal basis, both individually and jointly, with the Board on Friday, December 14, 2007, beginning at 9:00 a.m., EST, and continuing thereafter so long as productive, in the judgment of the Board.

The parties will provide the undersigned with the approximate number of witnesses and the total time for direct examination by 4 p.m., EST, on Friday, December 7, 2007. The parties are limited to 45 attendees each, including attorneys. The Unions will decide among themselves how to allot the available attendee spaces among them. Although the hearing will be closed to the press, the PEB members will allow a press opportunity prior to the 9 a.m., EST, hearing.

Pre-hearing briefs must be received electronically by the PEB Members and Norman Graber and Eileen Hennessey by 4 p.m. EST, Thursday, December 6, 2007. The parties should also exchange copies of the pre-hearing briefs by 4 p.m. EST, Thursday, December 6, 2006. Pre-hearing briefs should be sent via overnight mail for Friday delivery to the PEB Members and Norman Graber and Eileen Hennessey by 4 p.m., EST, Friday, December 7, 2007 to the attached addresses. Any other documentary information including witness statements that the parties would like to provide in lieu of testimony would be appreciated by the Board. If a party is going to present evidence from an expert witnesses, that party should present the witness' written testimony at the time pre-hearing briefs are due. Additionally, the parties should submit all of their anticipated hearing exhibits together with the pre-hearing brief. The Board has also requested, to the extent feasible, that you provide an analysis/estimate of the costs associated with each of the open issues. To facilitate the writing of the PEB Report, the PEB Members appreciate the submission of any documents in electronic format.

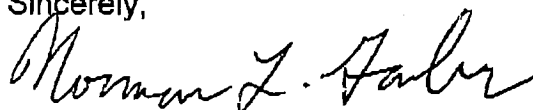
Daily transcripts will be available from the court reporter. Only counsel for the parties can order the transcripts directly from the court reporting service. The court reporter will be advised that anyone else seeking to obtain copies of the transcripts must be approved in writing by the undersigned. The court reporting service is as follows: Beta Court Reporting, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036. The telephone number for the court reporter is 202-464-2400.

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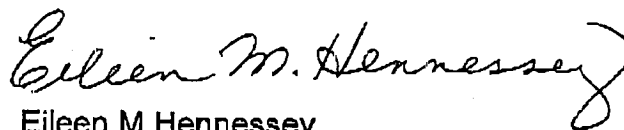
Post-hearing briefs must be received by the PEB Members and Norman Graber and Eileen Hennessey by 4 p.m. EST, Thursday, December 20, 2007. The parties should also exchange copies of the post-hearing briefs by 4 p.m. EST, Thursday, December 20, 2007. Post-hearing briefs should be sent via overnight mail and email. To facilitate the writing of the PEB Report, the PEB members appreciate submission of any documents in electronic format as well.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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