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January 22, 2010
File: 12th Triennial GC of A Meeting
Resolutions

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

This is in reference to the upcoming 12th Triennial Meeting of the BNSF Northlines/MRL General Committee of Adjustment. Pursuant to Article II, (B) of the GCA Bylaws, the GCA is required to issue an information letter to each Local Chairman and Division President 100 days prior to the committee meeting advising of the deadline by which resolutions must be postmarked for mailing to the GCA.

The Committee will convene on June 28, 2010; accordingly all resolutions for consideration before the body must be mailed to the GCA and postmarked by April 25, 2010. This notice is being sent in advance of the 100 day minimum in our Bylaws to afford all the Divisions the opportunity to deliberate at your February, March and/or April meetings prior to the committee meeting. Each resolution must be typewritten in duplicate on a separate sheet of paper and must include the date of the regular meeting when approved to be handled by the General Committee while in session. Once submitted, the GCA will provide an exact copy of all properly submitted resolutions to each Local Chairman not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Attached you will also find the following documents:

1. Instructions for submitting Resolutions and/or Appeals
2. Form which may be used by the Divisions to submit Resolutions and/or Appeals

In addition, we are providing a copy of the 2007 "Delegates' Instructions" to the GCA. These instructions are based on the resolutions that were passed while the General Committee Meetings were in session between 1998 and 2007. As those instructions are still on the record here at the GCA, we would ask that your resolutions for the upcoming meeting center on issues not previously addressed and on the books so that we can complete all of our business in the time allotted. Please contact the office if any questions arise.

Fraternally,

Matt O. Wilson
General Chairman

cc: Vice Chairmen, BNSF Northlines/MRL GCA
Jim Nelson, Secretary Treasurer, BNSF Northlines/MRL GCA
Genger Pierre, Administrative Assistant, BNSF Northlines/MRL GCA

For those Divisions forwarding resolutions and/or appeals to the upcoming General Committee Meeting, please carefully review Article 11 – Meetings, Item B of the GCofA Bylaws. In order to minimize the number of improperly submitted resolutions and appeals, here is a breakdown of Article 11-B for your ready reference.

- 1) “Each resolution or appeal for handling by the General Committee in session must be typewritten in duplicate.”
- 2) “Each resolution or appeal shall be on separate sheets of paper.”
- 3) “Each resolution or appeal must include information as to the date of the regular Division meeting when approved and signatures of the Local Chairman and Division President or Division Secretary-Treasurer.”
- 4) “Resolutions to be handled by the full Committee must be postmarked not later than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting.”
- 5) Appeals to be handled by the full Committee must be postmarked not later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.”

You must follow the above outlined procedures, or resolutions and appeals submitted by your Division will be ruled out of order. You may choose the attached form to facilitate this process.

The last sentence of Article 11-B provides that:

“The General Chairman shall furnish an exact copy of the properly submitted letter of resolution, as submitted, via U.S. mail to each Local Chairman (delegate) to the GCofA not less than thirty days prior to the meeting.”

You will note that, per the BLET National Division Bylaws, appeals were removed from this provision. Appeals must be accepted by the General Chairman up to thirty days prior to the meeting. But it is requested, if possible, that appeals be postmarked sixty (60) days prior to the meeting in order to get those appeals sent back out to the Local Chairmen along with all resolutions for Division discussion prior to the General Committee session.

DATE:

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers
General Committee of Adjustment
Office of the General Chairman
801 Cherry Street, Suite 1010
Ft. Worth, TX 76102

Re: Resolution/Appeals submitted for handling at the June 28, 2010 meeting

This form is being submitted to the office of the General Chairman in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws and this Committee to be handled at the June 28, 2010 meeting of the committee.

This **APPEAL** [], **RESOLUTION** [], (**check the appropriate box**), was approved at the (date) _____ meeting of BLE Division No. _____, and is hereby submitted in typewritten duplicate.

Statement of decision under appeal or issue/rule to be addresses by the below stated resolution:

Statement of proposed resolution:

Note: Refer to the attached page of complete statement of appeal/resolution as space provided was not sufficient.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN

SEC./TREAS. OR PRESIDENT