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CSXT General Committees of Adjustments
Eastern, Western and Northern Railroad Lines
A Division of the Rail Conference

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Members General Committee of Adjustment
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RE: BLET/CSXT System Agreement Information

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

As we move through the initial stages of implementation regarding the BLET System Agreement, there will obviously be many questions/concerns that must be properly and timely addressed for our Members. Therefore, it will be imperative for each of you to provide clear and concise documentation to the General Committee of jurisdiction for review and handling. Now, with a pure Single Agreement, there can be only one interpretation to any rule and we must all exert every effort to communicate in this fashion.

Subsequent our meetings with CSXT on April 24, 25, and 26, 2007, we concluded that virtually all aspects of the Single Agreement are now in effect, **with the exception of those items directly related to Article 81, Electronic Bid System (EBS). Those particular Articles are: 40 (E) as temporarily modified, 42, 45(B), 74, 75, & 81.** The aforementioned articles will require substantial programming to integrate with the EBS and at this writing, no particular date or time has been confirmed for completion. Nonetheless, we agreed that during this transitional period that engineers could utilize the benefits of Article 40 (E) (**beginning May 19, 2007**) by contacting CMC prior to 1600 hours to notify the crew dispatcher that he is not available for service. **Again, please understand that this change is temporary and will only continue until such time as the EBS is fully implemented.**

With respect to the meal allowance increase, the 04 screen will not reflect new items as of yet. Therefore, you should continue to use the following Codes when claiming meals under Article 8: Code 1 = \$20.00 for 4 hours away (con code 81), Code 4 = \$30.00 24 hours away (con code 84), Code 8 = \$40.00 (con code 88), and Code 9 = \$50.00 (con code 89). We anticipate receiving a revised list of con codes for the new agreement in the very near future. When that information is received, a copy will be promptly provided to all Division Officers.

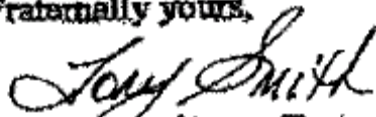
Concerning another matter of high interest, please note that until such time as the EBS is fully implemented, Article XII of the 1996 Agreement will remain in full effect. Each General Committee will be kept fully apprised of all progress being made concerning the EBS, including the all-important start date. It will certainly be our desire to seek a smooth transition.


Also included with this letter, please find copy of the voting results from all three (3) General Committees, as prepared and disseminated by our BLET National Division at Cleveland.

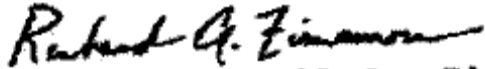
Of the **5182** eligible voters, there were **2449 that never took the time to submit a ballot**. On the Eastern Lines Committee, we had **558 in favor, 208 against and 698 did not vote**. On the Western Lines Committee, we had **535 in favor, 375 against and 895 did not vote**. On the Northern Lines Committee, we had **507 in favor, 550 against and 856 did not vote**. For those who participated in this monumental occasion (be it for or against) we commend you for your involvement and interest in the future of all Locomotive Engineers employed by CSXT. Moreover, we extend our sincere appreciation to Northern Lines Vice General Chairman Dan Knorek who, through his devoted effort to this project, made the endeavor of reaching a Single Agreement possible. His unwavering commitment to all three General Committees warrants the respect and gratitude of not only the BLET negotiating team, but every Locomotive Engineer who benefits from this agreement.

The next several weeks will be demanding, and our full attention must be drawn to the implementation process. There will undoubtedly be problems and issues to overcome. However, through a concerted effort we will identify and address those concerns as they arise. You will be promptly apprised of all developments as they occur and with kindest regards we remain,

Fraternally yours,


General Chairman, Eastern Lines


General Chairman, Western Lines


General Chairman, Northern Lines

cc: All Division Officers Eastern, Western & Northern Lines