



MEMORANDUM

**TO: Railroad Neutrals
Rail Carriers
Rail Labor Organizations**

FROM: Roland Watkins *Roland Watkins*
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DATE: May 10, 2018

RE: Deadline for cases funded in Fiscal Year 2017

At the present time, the National Mediation Board (NMB) and the Bureau of Fiscal Affairs of the Department of the Treasury are presently reviewing the status of outstanding funds obligated for arbitration matters in Fiscal Year 2017. Fiscal Year 2017 covers the period October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

This financial audit has revealed that there are cases which were funded in this fiscal year and the cases are still open. These cases have been neither heard nor decided. The cases are located in the Arbitrators' Caseload Report which is located on the NMB's website. The NMB's website is located at www.nmb.gov. In order to review the cases, click on "Arbitration" and scroll down to the Arbitrators' Caseload Report and click.

Arbitrators, rail carriers and labor organizations are notified that cases assigned to arbitrators in Fiscal Year 2017 must be resolved no later than August 1, 2018. The funding for any of these cases pending on August 1, 2018 will be deobligated at that time.

Parties are encouraged to have these cases heard and decided by the deadline. This only applies to cases assigned to arbitrators in Fiscal Year 2017. This is the only communication that will be issued concerning this matter.

Questions must be directed to Elijah Crayton, Paralegal Specialist, NMB at (202) 692-5055.

This memorandum does not apply to party pay boards or cases.