



NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD
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In the Matter of the
REPRESENTATION OF
EMPLOYEES
of
WISCONSIN CENTRAL
TRANSPORTATION
CORPORATION
Yardmasters

31 NMB No. 26
CASE NO. R-6982
CERTIFICATION
January 7, 2004

The services of the National Mediation Board (Board) were invoked by the United Transportation Union (UTU) on December 4, 2003, to investigate and determine who may represent for the purposes of the Railway Labor Act (RLA), as provided by Section 2, Ninth, thereof, personnel described as "Yardmasters," employees of the Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation (Carrier).

At the time this application was received, these employees were not represented by any organization or individual.

The Board assigned Investigator Susanna C. Fisher to investigate.

FINDINGS

The investigation disclosed that a majority of eligible employees in the craft or class had signed authorization cards which authorize the UTU to represent them for the purposes of the RLA.

The investigation further disclosed that the Carrier did not object to representation of the craft or class by the UTU.

The following is the result of the check of validity as reported by Investigator Fisher.

Number of Employees Signing Authorizations:

| | <u>Valid Authorizations</u> | <u>Eligible Employees</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Yardmasters | 15 | 28 |

The Board further finds that the Carrier and employees in this case are, respectively, a Carrier and employees within the meaning of the RLA, as amended; that this Board has jurisdiction over the dispute involved herein; and that the interested parties, as well as the Carrier, were given due notice of the Board's investigation.

CERTIFICATION

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Section 2, Ninth, of the RLA, as amended, and based upon its investigation pursuant thereto, the Board certifies that the United Transportation Union has been duly designated and authorized to represent for the purposes of the RLA, as amended, the craft or class of Yardmasters, employees of the Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation, its successors and assigns.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.

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