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NOTICE

TO: All Carriers and Labor Organizations

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SUBJECT: Clarification of the National Mediation Board's Proposed
Revisions to its Representation Manual

The National Mediation Board (Board) seeks to clarify its July 15, 2008 proposed revision of the Board's Representation Manual (Manual). A copy of the revised Section 19.701 is attached. Deletions are shown by strike through and new text is underlined.

Nothing in the Board's proposed Section 19.701 is intended to interfere with or preclude either certification by card check pursuant to Manual Section 7.0 or voluntary recognition.

Airline carriers, railroad carriers, labor organizations and other interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding the revised Section 19.701 as well as the proposed changes in the Board's July 15, 2008 Notice. The Board will evaluate all written comments regarding these proposed revised Manual sections.

In view of the clarification to proposed Section 19.701, the comment period will be extended. Comments must be received by the Board no later than 4 p.m. ET, September 3, 2008. The comments are not to exceed five (5) single spaced pages. All submissions should be directed to Mary L. Johnson, General Counsel at legal@nmb.gov or faxed to 202-692-5085.

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Where there is a certified representative on one of the affected carriers but no certified representative on the other(s), the Board will exercise its discretion and extend the certification only where there is more than a substantial majority, as determined by the Board. Authorization cards may only be used to supplement the showing of interest necessary to trigger an election; they may not be used toward getting a certification extended. Nothing, however, in this Section precludes certification by check of authorizations as governed by Manual Section 7.0 or the opportunity for voluntary recognition.