



NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD
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In the Matter of the
REPRESENTATION OF
EMPLOYEES
of
AUSTIN WESTERN RAILROAD
Train and Engine Service
Employees

37 NMB No. 16
CASE NO. R-7222
CERTIFICATION
December 17, 2009

The services of the National Mediation Board (Board) were invoked by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) on October 20, 2009, 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 "Train and Engine Service Employees," employees of Austin Western Railroad (Carrier).

At the time this application was received, these employees were unrepresented.

The Board assigned Investigator Angela I. Heverling to investigate.

FINDINGS

The investigation disclosed that a dispute existed among the craft or class of Train and Engine Service Employees, and by direction of the Board, the Investigator was instructed to conduct an election to determine the employees' representation choice.

The following is the result of the election as reported by Investigator Heverling.

<u>Election Results for Train and Engine Service Employees</u>	
Eligible Employees	17
BLET	17

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; this Board has jurisdiction over the dispute involved herein; and 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 Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen has been duly designated and authorized to represent for the purposes of the RLA, as amended, the craft or class of Train and Engine Service Employees, employees of Austin Western Railroad, its successors and assigns.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.



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