



NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD
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In the Matter of the

REPRESENTATION OF
EMPLOYEES

of

DAKOTA, MINNESOTA AND
EASTERN RAILROAD
CORPORATION

Car & Locomotive Mechanics

37 NMB No. 43

CASE NO. R-7246
(File No. CR-6979)

CERTIFICATION

June 8, 2010

The services of the National Mediation Board (Board) were invoked by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) on May 13, 2010 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 "Car & Locomotive Mechanics," employees of Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad Corporation (Carrier).

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

The Board assigned Investigator Norman L. Graber to investigate.

FINDINGS

The investigation disclosed that a majority of eligible employees in the craft or class had signed authorization cards which authorize the IAM 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 IAM.

The following is the result of the Check of Validity of the employees' signatures as reported by Investigator Graber.

<u>Number of Employees Signing Authorizations</u>	
Eligible Employees	104
Valid Authorizations	60

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 International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers has been duly designated and authorized to represent for the purposes of the RLA, as amended, the craft or class of Car & Locomotive Mechanics, employees of Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad Corporation, its successors and assigns.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.

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