



NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD
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In the Matter of the

REPRESENTATION OF
EMPLOYEES

of

COLUMBIA & COWLITZ
RAILWAY, LLC

Operating/Non-Operating
Employees

39 NMB No. 1

CASE NO. R-7296

CERTIFICATION

October 12, 2011

The services of the National Mediation Board (Board) were invoked by the United Transportation Union on January 28, 2011 and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers on February 2, 2011, 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 "Operating/Non-Operating Employees," employees of Columbia & Cowlitz Railway, LLC (Carrier).

At the time these applications were 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 Operating/Non-Operating 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 Operating/Non-Operating Employees</u>	
Eligible Employees	14
Total Valid Votes	13
UTU	13
IAM	0
Void Votes	0
“No” Votes	0

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.

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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 UTU has been duly designated and authorized to represent for the purposes of the RLA, as amended, the craft or class of Operating/Non-Operating Employees, employees of Columbia & Cowlitz Railway, LLC, its successors and assigns.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.



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