



NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD
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In the Matter of the

REPRESENTATION OF
EMPLOYEES

of

PORTLAND & WESTERN
RAILROAD

Maintenance of Way Employees

41 NMB No. 36

CASE NO. R-7391

DISMISSAL

July 22, 2014

The services of the National Mediation Board (Board) were invoked by Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division on May 28, 2014, 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 "Maintenance of Way Employees," employees of Portland & Western Railroad (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 dispute existed among the craft or class of Maintenance of Way 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 Cristina Bonaca.

<u>Election Results for Maintenance of Way Employees</u>	
Eligible Employees	27
Total Valid Votes	18
BMWED	4
“No” Votes	14
Void 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.

On the basis of the investigation and report of election which establishes that a majority of the valid votes cast was for no representation, the Board finds no basis for certification and the application is, therefore, dismissed subject to Part 1206.4(b) of the NMB Rules.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.



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