

NATIONAL RAILWAY LABOR CONFERENCE

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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

December 6, 2016

Mr. Michael Kelliher
Deputy Chief of Staff
National Mediation Board
1301 K Street, NW, Suite 250 East
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Kelliher,

Pursuant to Section 5, First of the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C. §155, enclosed are two copies of an application for mediation and required exhibits filed on behalf of carriers represented by the National Carriers' Conference Committee (NCCC) with respect to the attached notice dated and served on or about November 3, 2014 on the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (BMWED-IBT) and notices dated on or after November 7, 2014 and served on such railroads by the organization. The organization has informally joined the Railroad, Mechanical and Engineering Department, International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART) in bargaining with the NCCC.

The carriers have made every reasonable effort to reach an agreement with each of the organizations. After our last conference on October 19, 2016, however, it became apparent that the parties remain far apart with little likelihood of reaching a settlement in direct bargaining. We are committed to working with the organizations, the Board, and its mediators to find the path to a successful resolution of this bargaining dispute.

Very truly yours,



A. Kenneth Gradia

Enclosures

cc: Freddie N. Simpson, President, BMWE
C. A. Iannone, Director of Railroad and Shipyard Workers, SMART



Application for Mediation Services

TO THE NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD, Washington, D. C. 20005: A dispute has arisen between the parties shown below which has not been adjusted between them, and the services of the National Mediation Board under Section 5, First, of the Railway Labor Act, are hereby invoked on specific questions set forth below. The approximate number of employees involved is 27,500 in the craft(s) or class(es) of maintenance of way employees.

THE SPECIFIC ISSUE(S) IN DISPUTE (If necessary extend question on additional sheet or attach exhibit):

See Carriers' Section 6 Notice dated November 3, 2014 with Attachments A and B and BMW's Section 6 Notice dated November 7, 2014.

PARTIES TO DISPUTE

Carrier	Organization/Individual
Name: Carriers represented by the Nat'l Carriers' Conf. Committee	Organization Name: Broth. of Maintenance of Way Employes, Div. IBT
L. R. Official/Title: A. Kenneth Gradia, NCCC Chairman	Organization Official/Title: Freddie N. Simpson, President
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WORKING AGREEMENT

If an agreement governing rates of pay, rules, or working conditions is in effect, give name of parties thereto and date thereof. If there is no such agreement, so state: Last national agreement between the parties dated Jan. 5, 2012.

COMPLIANCE WITH RAILWAY LABOR ACT

1. If this dispute involves change in the above-mentioned agreement, attach copy of the 30-day notice served by party desiring change and insert date of notice here: See listed above Carriers' Notice dated November 3, 2014 and Organization's Notice dated November 7, 2014
2. If this dispute involves the negotiation of a new or supplemental agreement, attach copy of request made by party desiring same and insert date of request here: _____
3. If there has been refusal to confer, so state and give reason; otherwise, give date of last conference here: October 19, 2016

Signed at Washington, D.C. _____ **this** 6th **of** December 2016
 (City and State) (Day) (Month)

	Carrier Official	Organization Official
Name:	A. Kenneth Gradia	
Title:	Chairman, National Carriers' Conference Comm.	
Signature:	<i>A. Kenneth Gradia</i>	

Filing Instructions: File this application in duplicate.

Additional Sheets: Use and attach additional sheets as needed.

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