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MAINTENANCE OF WAY WORKERS SUSPEND STRIKE AT CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY

Union Will Resume Negotiations with Rail Corporation Tomorrow

(Southfield, MI)—Members of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way removed their picket lines early today from Canadian National Railway (CN) on the former Grand Trunk Western, Detroit Toledo & Ironton, and Detroit Toledo & Shore Line properties. The union's move was based on CN's agreement to resume contract negotiations on Friday, July 21.

The move came after Canadian National unsuccessfully sought Wednesday to convince a federal judge to force BMWED members back to work. BMWED members have been working under an old agreement for 19 months.

"Canadian National is an extremely profitable company, earning millions of dollars a year because of our members' hard work and dedication to their jobs," said Fred Simpson, President of the BMWED. "The union's aim has always been to get a fair agreement. Both sides will benefit when we agree on a new contract. The meetings starting tomorrow are an important opportunity to reach that goal."

Members of the BMWED are a division of the Teamsters Rail Conference that represents more than 70,000 locomotive engineers, trainmen, and maintenance of way workers across the United States.