



Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

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PRESIDENTIAL EMERGENCY BOARD 243 HEARINGS SET TO BEGIN OCTOBER 13, 2011

Southfield, MI – The hearings before Presidential Emergency Board (PEB) 243 will commence with opening arguments on Thursday, October 13, 2011. The hearings will be held in Washington, DC, and the formal proceedings are scheduled to continue through October 20, 2011.

PEB 243 will issue a report and non-binding recommendations for a settlement by November 7, 2011. Following release of the PEB report, the parties will be subject to another 30 day cooling off period before the BMWED or the other unions could strike.

The BMWED and ten other rail unions were released from Mediation by the National Mediation Board on September 6, 2011, and pursuant to Section 5 of the Railway Labor Act, placed under a mandatory 30 day cooling off period. In order to avert a national rail strike, or lock-out, President Obama appointed the five member panel Presidential Emergency Board on October 6, 2011.

The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters represent the men and women who build, construct, inspect and maintain the nation's railroad tracks, bridges, buildings and equipment.