



NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

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In the Matter of the
REPRESENTATION OF
EMPLOYEES
of
LOUISIANA & NORTH WEST
RAILROAD COMPANY
Train and Engine Service
Employees

32 NMB No. 25
CASE NO. R-7036
CERTIFICATION
March 9, 2005

The services of the National Mediation Board (Board) were invoked by the United Transportation Union (UTU) on January 13, 2005, 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 "Train and Engine Service Employees," employees of Louisiana & North West Railroad Company (Carrier).

At the time this application was received, these employees were represented in part by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) and in part by the UTU.

The Board assigned Investigator Eileen M. Hennessey to investigate.

FINDINGS

The investigation disclosed that a dispute existed among the craft or class of Train and Engine Service 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 Hennessey.

Number of Employees Voting:

	<u>BLET</u>	<u>UTU</u>	Number of Employees <u>Eligible</u>
Train and Engine Service Employees	0	5	5

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.

CERTIFICATION

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 Train and Engine Service Employees, employees of Louisiana & North West Railroad Company, its successors and assigns.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.



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