



# **SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 6**

**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS**

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General Chairman's Report – June, 2019

Brothers and Sisters:

Furloughs: On June 21, 2019, I filed furlough protection claims for all 66 members who have been affected by the Precision Railroading lay-offs. As of this submission, I have had no response from the Carrier. These Appendix M claims were based on consolidation of services, subcontracting, and technological advancements. Please submit any supporting documentation from your point to my office to help support our position.

Total Disability: When the RRB grants a retroactive total disability, they recoup the sickness benefit paid and replace it with the greater total disability payment. The member receives an adjustment to cover the greater amount. This retroactive reimbursement triggers language in the Aetna Supplemental Sickness policy that allows Aetna to recoup their payments to the member, even if the recoup is greater than the RRB total disability retroactive adjustment. Each case is different, but members need to be aware of this potential language in the policy.

Days 1 – 7: Assisted member with sickness benefits; LU 1863 member return to work issue; LU 312 member furlough issue; Labor Relations call; LU 1863 investigation research; LU 632 assisted member in appeal of health insurance coverage; LU 2273 member complaint over furloughs; LU 1047 president call; LU 2273 president call; Linwood supervisor call over job bulletin; LU 2273 president call, seniority issue; PLB 5332 filing; LU 632 member RRB issue

Days 8-14: LU 736 vacation coverage issue; SC6 financials; Norfolk Southern General Chairman Association meeting preparation; LU 2273 member claim record request; Research New York Dock, Washington Job Protection and 1964 Agreement protection; LU 1865 investigation research; LU 311 Communications Local Chairman call; LU 2273 call requesting proof of subcontracting; LU 1863 meeting; LU 813 member return to work issue; LU 813 additional member issue over return to work; LU 1863 member discipline statement; LU 513 SGL bump issue; LU 813 member insurance issue; Appendix M furlough claims

Days 15 – 21: Labor Relations conference over LU 813 return to work issues; LU 513 member non-enrollment issue; LU 1863 Communications member investigation research; LU 1863 member resignation handling; LU 532 contract language research; LU 2269 member discipline issue; Labor Relations call over LU 1863 discipline issue; Contacted Burns Harbor supervision over investigation; Appendix M claims completion and filing

Days 22 – 30: LU 2271 member return to work issue; LU 311 START issue; LU 513 member non-enrollment issue; LU 2273 return to work issue; LU 2273 member coverage issue; Sunday travel to NSGCA meeting; LU 2273 member total disability issue; LU 813 return to work claims; Insurance and attorney meetings at NSGCA

In Your Service,

Tom Owens  
General Chairman