



SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 6

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

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General Chairman's Report – December, 2021

Brothers and Sisters:

Covid Shot & Federal Mandate: A restraining order has been issued regarding the Executive Order placing requirements upon federal subcontractors to have their forces vaccinated. The point of the restraining order does not address vaccine efficacy or the government's authority to require vaccinations. The issue, to be worked out in the courts, is whether the office of the President can put this type of "after the fact" restriction on funding that has been approved by Congress. The opinion of the judge issuing the injunction appears to surmise that the President cannot put such a requirement on the funding.

National Negotiations: The next round of bargaining is set for the week of January 17, 2022. There is some question as to whether these meetings will be held in light of the Covid Omicron variant upswing.

Active Claims: 14 new NS cases were opened this month. 07 new CSXT cases were opened this month. In addition to normal calls and information requests, the Council is now currently handling 70 active cases. Any issue that involves disciplines/claims advanced to the Council, letter responses, medical delay documentation, RRB benefit issues, health insurance issues, etc., generate a case file with the Council.

LU 1863 Amalgamation: Due to non-filling of officer positions, LU 1863 has been disbanded and the members placed into LU 311 and LU 784. Thanks to all of the officers in all of these locals as we have worked with the International in this process.

LU 1984 Contracting Notice: I contested the CSX notice per the advisement of the local. While not successful in stopping the subcontracting of the pump station upgrade, I was able to obtain authorization for maintenance electricians to be involved in reviewing the installation to educate themselves for maintenance purposes.

LU 2273 Contracting Notice: Met with NS regarding notice to subcontract blower motors (traction & Ox gen). Carrier supplied reduced cost documentation justification per the 1964 Agreement.

Travel: Corbin, KY – attended LU 1625 meeting

Vacation: December 20 - 31

In Your Service,

Tom Owens
General Chairman