



# SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 6

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

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General Chairman's Report – February, 2022

Brothers and Sisters:

Covid Shot & Federal Mandate: The Executive Order is still progressing in the judicial system. “While appeals from these decisions have been taken by the federal government to the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and Eleventh Circuits, none of the appellate courts has granted the government’s requests for expedited review. At this time, it seems unlikely that any of these cases will be argued any earlier than April, with decisions not following for, perhaps, months. Therefore, even if the challenges to the federal contractor mandates ultimately fail, barring some new development, it seems unlikely that federal contractors will be required to comply with the mandates until much later this year. As to whether the challenges will ultimately succeed or fail cannot be predicted. However, it is noteworthy that all of the lower courts that have so far reviewed the issue have found that the challengers are likely to ultimately prevail. Littler.com”

National Negotiations: After more than two years of bargaining with the major U.S. Class 1 railroads, discussions completely stalled in January. Accordingly, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Railway Labor Act, top leaders of 10 rail unions applied to the National Mediation Board (NMB) for the assignment of a federal mediator to assist in our negotiations. The next meeting schedule has yet to be announced.

Active Claims: 12 new NS cases were opened this month. 20 new CSXT cases were opened this month. 1 new CONRAIL case was opened. In addition to normal calls and information requests, the Council is now currently handling 92 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.

Toledo Docks Negotiation: Negotiations continue based on requests made by the membership. I have submitted a counter-proposal that CSX is reviewing. Extended temporary agreement for use of the supervisory electrician.

LU 2273 Contracting Notice: This issue will have to be advanced to arbitration.

Travel: Chattanooga – conducted financial training with SC 6 officers (3 days); Linwood – VC Spotswood represented 312 member at investigation (2 day); Harrisburg – VC Spotswood shop tour/officer meeting

Seniority Roster protests – I have submitted all received appeals from the membership regarding roster information.

In Your Service,

Tom Owens  
General Chairman