



# SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 6

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

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General Chairman's Report – July, 2022

Brothers and Sisters:

National Negotiations: Presidential Emergency Board 250 has been appointed by President Joe Biden. The PEB members are Ira F. Jaffe, Chairman; Barbara C. Deinhardt, Member; David P. Twomey, Member. The Board was announced July 15, 2022. July 24, 2022, the United Rail Unions, who are bargaining as part of the Coordinated Bargaining Coalition and the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way/SMART Mechanical Coalition, and the Carriers represented by the National Carriers Conference Committee (NCCC) began their presentations before the Presidential Emergency Board (PEB) appointed by President Biden. The hearings are scheduled to continue through Thursday, July 28, with Friday reserved for facilitation meetings with the parties and the PEB. At the end of the 30-day period, the PEB will release its recommendations. The recommendations will not be binding on either party. The release will trigger another 30-day window during which the two parties can negotiate further changes or accept the recommendations as a tentative agreement. A tentative agreement accepted by the IBEW historically been followed by ratification ballots being sent to the membership. Additionally, SC 6 was called upon to provide data regarding the impact of force reductions and forced overtime on the membership. This information was used to prepare presentations for the PEB. Thanks to all the locals who responded to the information request.

CSX embeds IT subcontractor: I have been notified by several CSX communication workers that Technology Field Operations (TFO) has started imbedding the subcontractor Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) at various locations. On July 25th, I contacted Labor Relations with our concerns regarding TCS possibly infringing upon IBEW work due to this imbedding. I was informed that LR had no knowledge of the situation but would investigate the matter. I received a verbal response today. LR has spoken to the department. They have stated that no operational changes or infringements are intended. TCS will only be performing those type of responsibilities as handled in the past by TFO. In the discussion, I have emphasized that I am looking for something more assuring than a verbal conversation. TFO will be purportedly issuing clarifying information addressing our concerns. I have requested that LR follow up with sufficient documentation to ensure that IBEW interests are being addressed.

Active Claims: 11 new NS cases were opened this month. Nine new CSXT cases were opened this month. In addition to normal calls and information requests, the Council is now currently handling 52 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.

Travel: Waterville, ME – shop tour, member meeting PanAm property; E. Deerfield, MA – shop tour member meeting PanAm property; NS/CSX GC Meeting, Pawley’s SC. VC Spotswood – 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting Columbus, OH; Norfolk, VA investigation; NS/CSX GC Meeting, Pawley’s SC

Pan Am Negotiations: virtual meetings were held for planning and two negotiation sessions with CSX. Negotiations for New York Dock protection are proceeding slowly. The Carrier’s intent is to break the existing Class 2 Pan Am into two smaller Class 3 railroads run by Springfield Terminal and Berkshire Eastern respectively. Their intention is to bring the Springfield Terminal section into the Class 1 CSX operation following this New York Dock handling.

NS Charlotte Roadway Shop: Discussions with Labor Relations regarding transfer of crafts within the shop and apprentice program.

Address Verifications: The International Railroad Department has requested that the SC 9 supply the most up-to-date information we possess for verifying addresses in anticipation of any future ratification ballots being mailed. We have supplied the information we possess. However, every member should be encouraged to make sure their address information is correct with their individual local and the IO.

In Your Service,

Tom Owens  
General Chairman