



SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 6

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

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General Chairman's Report – May, 2022

Brothers and Sisters:

National Negotiations: Negotiations have taken on a rapid pace with the National Meeting Board meeting frequently with the parties. Our coalition has requested to be released from negotiations to pursue the next steps in the process under the Railway Labor Act. Simultaneously with our meetings, the Rail Carriers have been testifying before the Surface Transportation Board regarding their role in the infrastructure problems in the country. The Committee has repeatedly and aggressively challenged the spin and misinformation attempts by the rail executives.

Active Claims: 17 new NS cases were opened this month. 12 new CSXT cases were opened this month. In addition to normal calls and information requests, the Council is now currently handling 76 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: Chicago IBEW International Convention. Toledo Docks shop tour and management meeting. Detroit NS investigation

Toledo Docks: Finalized negotiations on the agreement for our members at this location. This had been a long-standing open negotiation dating back to 2018. The agreement successfully maintains certain dock rules specific to working on a Great Lake as well as bringing the members under the 2003 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Conrail: I was successful in challenging a camera project at a Carrier auto facility for the communication workers. The Carrier intended a massive system upgrade with a subcontractor who would be using proprietary systems. This subcontractor, in turn, would be using secondary subcontractors at random for maintenance issues. Now, the communication workers will serve as the maintenance force for the system.

PLB 5332: VC Spotswood and I argued eight NS cases before the arbitrator. We are awaiting the written decisions in these cases.

In Your Service,

Tom Owens
General Chairman