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May 1, 2003

Ms. Benetta Mansfield
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National Mediation Board
1301 K Street, N.W., Suite 250E
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Dear Ms. Mansfield:

We are enclosing, in duplicate, an executed form NMB-2 and request the services of the National Mediation Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 5, First, of the Railway Labor Act, as amended, in a dispute between this organization and the National Railway Labor Conference as described below:

Organization Section 6 Notices served November 1, 1999.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers feels that due to the fact that absolutely no progress was made at our recent meetings held on April 29 and 30, 2003, impasse has been reached in the negotiations between the parties originating from the above-referenced Section 6 Notices. At the recent meetings, the BLE offered a comprehensive proposal to the National Carriers' Conference Committee in a sincere effort to resolve the current disputes involving wages, rules, working conditions and health and welfare issues. The NCCC offered a mere five-bullet point response to our comprehensive proposal, which contained no movement on the part of the carriers.

Therefore, it would be appreciated if the Board would assume jurisdiction of this dispute, giving it a docket number and assigning a mediator as soon as possible.

Please advise.

Very truly yours,

President

Enclosures

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Application for Mediation Services

TO THE NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD, Washington, D. C. 20572: A dispute has arisen between the parties shown below which has not been adjusted between them, and the services of the National Mediation Board under Section 5, First, of the Railway Labor Act, are hereby invoked on specific questions set forth below. The approximate number of employees involved is 20,000 in the craft(s) or class(es) of Locomotive Engineers

THE SPECIFIC ISSUE(S) IN DISPUTE (If necessary extend question on additional sheet or attach exhibit):

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| See Attachment |
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PARTIES TO DISPUTE

| Carrier | | Organization/Individual | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Carrier Name | National Carriers Conf. | Organization Name | Brotherhood of Loc. Eng. |
| L. R. Official/Title | Committee Robert Allen, Chairman | Organization Official/Title | Don Hahs, President |
| Address | 1901 L St., NW | Address | 1370 Ontario St. |
| City, State and Zip Code | Washington, DC 20036 | City, State and Zip Code | Cleveland, OH 44113 |
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WORKING AGREEMENT

If an agreement governing rates of pay, rules, or working conditions is in effect, give name of parties thereto and date thereof. If there is no such agreement, so state various agreements and dates.

COMPLIANCE WITH RAILWAY LABOR ACT

1. If this dispute involves change in the above-mentioned agreement, attach copy of the 30-day notice served by party desiring change and insert date of notice here See Exhibits 1,2, and 3 attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. If this dispute involves the negotiation of a new or supplemental agreement, attach copy of request made by party desiring same and insert date of request here See answer to question 1 above.
3. If there has been refusal to confer, so state and give reason; otherwise, give date of last conference here _____.

Signed at Cleveland, Ohio this 1 of May 2003
 (City and State) (Day) (Month)

| | Carrier Official | Organization Official |
|------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Name: | | Don M. Hahs |
| Title: | | International President - BLE |
| Signature: | | <i>Don M. Hahs</i> |

Filing Instructions: File this application in duplicate.

Additional Sheets: Use and attach additional sheets as needed.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Dispute growing out of Notices, identified with or similar to the samples attached hereto marked Exhibits 1. and 2. dated on or about November 1, 1999. These were served upon various railroads by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in its desire to revise and supplement existing agreements. Exhibit 3, dated November 1, 1999, are samples of proposals served by various railroads on the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for concurrent handling.