

RAILROAD DIVISION

MEMORANDUM



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TO: TWU Railroad Division Presidents

RE: National Freight Negotiations

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The TWU National Negotiating Team along with the rest of rail labor leaders that are participating in the Coordinated Bargaining Coalition (CBC) for this round of national freight rail negotiations, participated in a Zoom conference meeting with NRLC Chairman Brendan Branon and participating Carrier representatives on Tuesday July 28, 2020. This meeting was held for the sole purpose of reviewing powerpoint presentations relative to each sides respective positions on issues contained within their Section 6 Notices. While there were no negotiations during the Zoom meeting yesterday, it was beneficial to both sides in an effort to keep the process moving forward in a good faith effort to achieve a voluntary agreement.

The first formal negotiation meeting took place, in person, earlier this year on February 26th and 27th with the second meeting scheduled for March 31, 2020. This never happened due to the COVID-19 pandemic and all subsequent scheduled meetings were also cancelled. This was the first time the parties had convened in any manner since February.

We will keep everyone updated with any new developments on your contract negotiations as they transpire.