## NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

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In the Matter of the

REPRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEES

of

WISCONSIN CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION

Communications Technicians

30 NMB No. 36

CASE NO. R-6936 (File No. CR-6775)

CERTIFICATION

April 4, 2003

The services of the National Mediation Board (Board) were invoked by the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen (BRS) on January 22, 2003, to investigate and determine who may represent for the purposes of the Railway Labor Act (RLA), as provided by Section 2, Ninth, thereof, personnel described as "Communications Technicians," employees of Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation (Carrier).

At the time this application was received, these employees were not represented by any organization or individual.

The Board assigned Sean J. Rogers to investigate.

## **FINDINGS**

The investigation disclosed that a majority of eligible employees in the craft or class had signed authorization cards which authorize the BRS to represent them for the purposes of the RLA.

The investigation further disclosed that the Carrier did not object to representation of the craft or class by the BRS.

The following is the result of the Check of Validity of the employees' signatures as reported by Investigator Rogers.

## Number of Employees Signing Authorizations:

Craft or Class	Valid Authorizations	Eligible Employees
Communications		
Technicians	6	9

The Board further finds that the Carrier and employees in this case are, respectively, a Carrier and employees within the meaning of the RLA, as amended; that this Board has jurisdiction over the dispute involved herein; and that the interested parties, as well as the Carrier, were given due notice of the Board's investigation.

## **CERTIFICATION**

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Section 2, Ninth, of the RLA, as amended, and based on its investigation pursuant thereto, the Board converts NMB File No. CR-6775 to NMB Case No. R-6936 and certifies that the BRS has been duly designated and authorized to represent for the purposes of the RLA, as amended, the craft or class of Communications Technicians, employees of Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation, its successors and assigns.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.

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