NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

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In the Matter of the

REPRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEES

of

CN-WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.

Machinist/Mechanics

31 NMB No. 3

CASE NO. R-6968 (File No. CR-6799)

DISMISSAL-WITHDRAWN DURING INVESTIGATION

October 9, 2003

The services of the National Mediation Board (NMB or Board) were invoked by the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers, AFL-CIO (IAM) on September 9, 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 "Machinist/Mechanics," employees of CN-Wisconsin Central Ltd. (Carrier).

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

The Board assigned Investigator Susanna Pequignot to investigate.

Subsequently, R.T. Buffenbarger, International President, of the IAM filed a letter with the NMB which stated, "The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers hereby withdraws its application for representation of the Machinist/Mechanic employees at Wisconsin Central Limited, NMB Case No. 6799 submitted on September 9, 2003."

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On the basis of this letter of withdrawal referred to above, the Board hereby converts this matter to NMB Case No. R-6968 and dismisses the application.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.

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