



NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD
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In the Matter of the

REPRESENTATION OF
EMPLOYEES

of

PORTLAND & WESTERN
RAILROAD, INC.

Train and Engine Service
Employees

31 NMB No. 70

CASE NO. R-6966

CERTIFICATION

March 17, 2004

The services of the National Mediation Board (Board) were invoked by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) on September 5, 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 "Train and Engine Service Employees," employees of Portland & Western Railroad, Inc. (Carrier).

At the time this application was received, these employees were unrepresented.

The Board assigned Investigator Susanna Fisher to investigate.

FINDINGS

The investigation disclosed that a dispute existed among the craft or class of Train and Engine Service Employees, and by direction of the Board, the Investigator was instructed to conduct an election to determine the employees' representation choice.

The following is the result of the election as reported by Investigator Fisher.

Number of Employees Voting:

	<u>BLET</u>	<u>Number of Employees Eligible</u>
Train and Engine Service Employees	37	65

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; this Board has jurisdiction over the dispute involved herein, and; 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 upon its investigation pursuant thereto, the Board certifies that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen has been duly designated and authorized to represent for the purposes of the RLA, as amended, the craft or class of Train and Engine Service Employees, employees of Portland & Western Railroad, Inc., its successors and assigns.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.



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