



NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD
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In the Matter of the

REPRESENTATION OF
EMPLOYEES

of

PANHANDLE NORTHERN
RAILROAD

Train & Engine Service Employees

33 NMB No. 11

CASE NO. R-7063

CERTIFICATION

January 20, 2006

The services of the National Mediation Board (Board) were invoked by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) on November 16, 2005, 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 & Engine Service Employees," employees of Panhandle Northern Railroad (Carrier).

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

The Board assigned Investigators Norman L. Graber and Kendrah Davis to investigate.

FINDINGS

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

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

Number of Employees Voting:

	<u>BLET</u>	<u>Number of Employees Eligible</u>
Train & Engine Service Employees	13	14

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 BLET has been duly designated and authorized to represent for the purposes of the RLA, as amended, the craft or class of Train & Engine Service Employees, employees of the Panhandle Northern Railroad, its successors and assigns.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.



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