



MEMORANDUM

TO: **Railroad Neutrals**

FROM: **Roland Watkins** *Roland Watkins*
Director, Arbitration Services

DATE: **April 1, 2011**

RE: **Status of Funding for Fiscal Year 2011**

At the present time, Congress has not passed an appropriation for the National Mediation Board (NMB) for Fiscal Year 2011. The NMB is presently operating under a continuing resolution which expires on April 8, 2011.

All arbitrators are notified that no funds will be authorized for travel for the month of April.

If the NMB is operating under a continuing resolution on April 9, 2011, the NMB will make every effort to authorize some days that may be utilized for decisions in accordance with the NMB's policy. However, these authorizations will be made with minimal advanced notice. These days may be used for hearing cases if no travel is involved (either because the parties travel to the neutral, or because the case is heard using the NMB's online technology).

The Agency will continue to update you on its appropriation status. Questions must be directed to Darrell Dancer at (202) 692-5055.

This memorandum does not apply to party pay boards or cases.