



MEMORANDUM

TO: Railroad Neutrals
Rail Carriers
Rail Labor Organizations

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

DATE: July 18, 2012

RE: Status of Funding and Pending Caseload for Fiscal Year 2012

Pursuant to its fiscal authority under the Railway Labor Act, the National Mediation Board (NMB) will exercise its discretion to prioritize funding to ensure that there is an efficient use of the remaining funds in accordance with the applicable laws governing expenditures.

In accordance with decisions by the General Accounting Office and the NMB's outside audit firm, the NMB must have the funding to cover all cases which have been assigned to arbitrators. At the present time, the NMB has obligated funds to cover all pending cases assigned to arbitrators. For funding reasons, the NMB will not accept any new cases for assignment to arbitrators. Arbitrators can, however, hear and write decisions on cases currently assigned with my approval using the Arbitrators' Work Space.

Questions must be directed to Darrell Dancer at (202) 692-5055.

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