



MEMORANDUM

TO: Railroad Neutrals

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

DATE: December 6, 2010

RE: Status of Funding for Fiscal Year 2011

At the present time, the National Mediation Board (NMB) does not have an appropriation for Fiscal Year 2011. The NMB is presently operating under a continuing resolution which expires on December 18, 2010.

The NMB will 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.

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

The Anti-Deficiency Act precludes arbitrators from hearing cases for free. Since the continuing resolution expires on December 18, 2010, arbitrators do not have any authority to schedule cases past this date if the cases involve the expenditure of funds by the NMB.

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.