



MEMORANDUM

TO: Railroad Neutrals

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

DATE: February 24, 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 March 4, 2011.

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

If the NMB is operating under a continuing resolution on March 5, 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.