



NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

1301 K St NW, Suite 250E
Washington, DC, 20005

In the Matter of the
REPRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEES
of
WATCO
Dispatchers

52 NMB No. 26

CASE NO. R-7646

CERTIFICATION

February 27, 2025

The services of the National Mediation Board (Board) were invoked by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) on November 27, 2024, 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 and Engine Service Employees”, employees of Watco (Carrier).

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

The Board assigned Investigator Eileen M. Hennessey to investigate.

FINDINGS

The investigation disclosed that a dispute existed among the craft or class of Dispatchers, and by direction of the Board, the Investigator was instructed to conduct an election to determine the employees’ representation choice.

The following is the result of the election as reported by Investigator Eileen M. Hennessey.

Election Results for Dispatchers

Eligible Employees	20
Valid Votes	19
BLET	13
"No" Votes	6
Write-in Votes	0
Void Votes	0

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.

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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 Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) has been duly designated and authorized to represent for the purposes of the RLA, as amended, the craft or class of Dispatchers, employees of Watco, its successors and assigns.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.



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