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**THIRD QUARTER REPORT, 2009
SYSTEM COUNCIL NO 16 OF THE
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS**

Brothers and Sisters:

In the previous two (2) quarterly reports, the Locals were requested to provide input for their Section Six proposals. Those proposals were submitted to the Railroad Department and earlier this month, the System Council General Chairmen and Director of the Railroad Department met to formulate the notices. The Health and Welfare will be formulated in connection with the Cooperating Rail labor Organization (CRL0) and we may also serve on individual Carriers for specific Local issues.

President Hill is looking for the railroads involvement and our Local Unions in the Code of Excellence program. I have attached an overview of the "Code of Excellence" program. This particular draft was for use in the utility industry and is being formatted for the rail industry. If any Local has an interest in moving forward with this program, please advise.

We continue to hear from various locations that Carrier traffic is slow and there are rumors of further force reductions. As of this writing, the Carriers have not provided any indication of further force reductions.

On July 13th, 14th, and 15th, the annual Rail Department meeting was held in Chicago. I urge all Locals to attend this meeting for a chance to address issues with the Railroad Department, insurance providers, the Railroad Retirement Board and others.

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On September 24th and 25th, 2009, Vice General Chairman Heyland and the undersigned attended the annual National Association of Railroad Referees (NARR) meeting in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting provides all attendees with valuable and up to date information on railroad arbitration issues.

This office has for some time sent letters to the Local Presidents and Financial Secretaries when the per capita reporting is submitted and errors are found. I would like your input as to whether or not this action is beneficial or worthwhile.

This past quarter, in connection with representatives of the Sixth District, officer training has been conducted for the following Locals: 1475.

This past quarter the Council staff has conducted business or obtained information relative to the following Carrier's affecting Local members as follows:

Canadian National IC-CCP-WC-DMIR-DWP-EJE

There have been a few claims settled, either through arbitration or on the property handling. The claimants and Locals have been notified of the resolutions.

There have been two (2) Letters of Understanding negotiated on the DM&I and EJE properties. The letters have been signed and forwarded to all concerned.

We have been working with Local representatives on the DM&I on an agreement for an updated "Mechanic in Charge" (MIC) classification at the Duluth and Two Harbors Docks.

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There are currently two (2) positions open on the Escanaba Ore Docks for Electricians. If anyone is interested, please contact this office for further information.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation and sincere thanks to Woodcrest Shop Committeeman Mike Ciger who recently resigned the position. I have worked with Brother Ciger since the amalgamation of system Council 10 into this office.

The Woodcrest Mechanical and IC Telecommunication rosters, as amended, as a result of the EJ&E acquisition were posted for several weeks and no exceptions presented to this office. The Carrier was notified to post the 2010 rosters accordingly. The Locals have been provided a copy of all correspondence concerning this matter.

Canadian Pacific/Soo

As of this writing, all of the furloughed Electricians and/or Apprentices at the St. Paul Shop have been recalled to service.

We are currently investigating, as are other Organizations, an issue with what the Carrier is calling "Regulatory Blood Testing". Counsel has been contacted.

A claims conference was conducted on September 17, 2009. Claimants and Locals were provided updates on the status of outstanding issues.

Information has been conveyed to the undersigned that the issues with the Fiber Optic Agreement have been addressed and resolved.

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Gary Railroad

No news to report.

Belt Railway of Chicago

No news to report.

Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District

No news to report.

Evansville and Western Railroad Company

No news to report.

Lake Superior and Ishpeming Railroad Company

No news to report.

Paducah and Louisville Railway Company

On July 16, 2009, I met with the members of this Organization employed on the property.

Section Six notices were served on the Carrier with the initial meeting scheduled for November 10, 2009 in Paducah.

A claim has been filed as a result of the Carrier vacating a position on the property.

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Montana Rail Link

In August, Assistant General Chairman Klecka and other non-operating Chairmen met with employees at various locations on the property to listen to concerns and requests for the upcoming round of bargaining.

A claim has been initiated as a result of contractors on the property performing work of our members.

BNSF Railway Company

There are currently a number of issues being investigated and/or addressed as follows:

1. Locomotive electrical inspections at Birmingham, Alabama.
2. A subcontracting notice for maintenance work at the Memphis Intermodal Facility that should be performed by System Electricians.
3. Lunch expense for roadwork. We believe at this juncture this issue may be resolved.
4. This office has assisted several Locals with disciplinary hearings at several locations.
5. We believe at this juncture the seniority issue at the Havelock Car Shop has been corrected and all issues as a result thereof resolved.
6. The Ballard Bridge seniority issue remains unresolved; however, we may have all the facts necessary to move forward.

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7. Seniority and overtime issues at the Corwith Facility have been addressed and hopefully resolved.
8. There were several issues arbitrated with Awards rendered. Locals and Claimants notified of the decisions rendered with more to come.

I would like to gather a list of all members who would like to attend training on Electronic Air brakes (troubleshooting and repair) to present to the Carrier. If anyone is interested, please contact your Local representative who will in turn notify this office.

The Carrier has presented a proposal for traction motor work, which this office is unable to accept the terms as presented.

Attached, please find the third quarter travel, vacation and financial reports. There is a significant amount of news regularly posted on our web site that is of an interest to all of our members.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

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General Chairman

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Attachments

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Dale Doyle's Travel Third Quarter, 2009:

July 12th through 15, 2009 - Chicago, Illinois - Railroad Department conference

July 16th and 17th, 2009 - Paducah, Kentucky - Meeting with Local Union 1475 members employed on P&L Railroad

August 5th and 6th, 2009 Vancouver, Washington - Local Union 1782 meeting with members - Discipline hearing

August 12th and 13th - Chicago, Illinois - Meeting with CN - Telecommunications Department Agreement negotiations

August 16th through 21st, 2009 - Alliance, Nebraska - Local Union 1517 - Issues meeting with shop superintendent and Human Resources - Local Union 1517 meeting - Local Union 708 - Denver, Colorado Local meeting

August 31, 2009 - Washington, DC - Meeting with Railroad Director Bohne and Attorney Cohen

September 2nd and 3rd, 2009 - Meeting with Rail Bargaining Coalition and RRCC Attorney Mike Wolly

September 16, 2009 - Bloomington, Minnesota - BNSF GCA meeting

September 24th and 25th, 2009 - Chicago, Illinois - NARR meeting

Dale Doyle's Vacation Used Third Quarter of 2009:

July 31, 2009 1 day

August 11, 2009 1 day

August 14, 2009 1 day

Rick Heyland's Travel Third Quarter, 2009:

July 29th and 30th, 2009 - Mount Vernon, Illinois - Local Union 1475 officer training

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August 4th through 6th, 2009 - Fort Worth, Texas - BNSF SACP meeting

August 10th through 12th, 2009 - Kansas City, Kansas - RCL committee meeting

August 17th and 18th, 2009 - Lincoln, Nebraska - Investigation

September 10th and 11th, 2009 - Chicago, Illinois NRAB Second Division Hearing

September 15th through 17, 2009 - Minneapolis, Minnesota - BNSF General Chairmen's meeting

September 23rd through 25th, 2009 - Chicago, Illinois - NARR Arbitrators' meeting

Rick Heyland's Vacation Used Third Quarter of 2009:

July 1st through 3rd, 2009 3 days

July 16, 2009 1 day

July 20, 2009 1 day

Mark Klecka's Travel Third Quarter, 2009:

July 12th through 15, 2009 - Chicago, Illinois - Rail Progress meeting

July 28th through 30th, 2009 - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - Seventh District Progress Meeting

August 11th through 13th, 2009 - Chicago, Illinois - CN Labor Relations meetings and Agreement update

August 22nd and 23rd, 2009 - Havre, Montana - Investigation

August 24th through 27, 2009 - Various locations in Montana - Montana Rail Link Section 6 member meetings

August 28th and 29th, 2009 - Glendive, Montana - Investigation

September 9th and 10th, 2009 - Chicago, Illinois - Investigation

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September 15th through 17th, 2009 - Minneapolis, Minnesota - BNSF
General Chairmen Association meeting

September 30th through October 2nd, 2009 - Chicago, Illinois -
Sixth District Progress Meeting

Mark Klecka's Vacation Used Third Quarter of 2009:

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| July 3, 2009 | 1 day |
| July 17, 2009 | 1 day |
| July 20, 2009 | 1 day |
| July 27, 2009 | 1 day |
| August 31, 2009 | 1 day |
| September 1, 2009 | 1 day |
| September 2, 2009 | 1 day |
| September 3, 2009 | 1 day |
| September 4, 2009 | 1 day |

Jeff Burk's Travel Third Quarter, 2009:

July 13th through 15th, 2009 - Chicago, Illinois - IBEW Railroad
Progress Meeting

July 28th through 30th, 2009 - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - Seventh
District Progress Meeting

August 4 through 6th, 2009 - Fort Worth, Texas - BNSF SACP meetings

August 12th through 13th, 2009 - Homewood, Illinois - CN/IC
Telecom meetings

September 4, 2009 - Commerce, California - BNSF Telecom
investigation

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September 23rd, 2009 Minneapolis, Minnesota - Labor Law and
Arbitration seminar

Jeff Burk's Vacation Used Third Quarter of 2009:

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| July 1, 2009 | 1 day |
| September 8 th through 11th, 2009 | 4 days |