



# Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen

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## Memorandum

To: Ron Seanez, Vice Local Chairman, Jordy Coleman, Division 60, President  
From: M. B. Kenny, General Chairman  
Cc: S. J. Tuck, VGC, D. P. Estes, S/T, All CS-2 Bulletin Boards  
Re: TASI Service Assumption  
Date: May 24, 2012

Dear Brothers:

I'm pleased to report that the unanticipated problems that surfaced and were discussed yesterday afternoon concerning the May 20<sup>th</sup> Abolishment Notice issued by CMS, the related displacement period issue, and the entitlement to the \$2,500 Amtrak Incentive package have all been resolved satisfactorily. Based on discussions late yesterday afternoon with Joe Boardman's office and D. J. Sadler, VP Operations, a conference call was conducted this morning for that purpose and the following has been agreed upon by all concerned parties.

CMS has issued a Notice, dated May 24, 2012, rescinding the Abolishment Notice, dated May 20, 2012. A copy of said Notice is attached to this email for your review and records. A new Abolishment Notice, dated May 25, 2012, will be issued tomorrow. The effective time and date of the actual job abolishment(s) will be, 12:01 A.M., May 26, 2012. Consistent with applicable Agreement rules, the five (5) day displacement period will commence at that time and run until 11:59 P.M., May 30, 2012. All affected Passenger Engineers **must** exercise their displacement right within that 5 day period or they will forfeit that right. To make certain there is no misunderstanding in this regard, Passenger Engineers who have already made their displacement intention known **must** notify CMS **again** to insure the proper execution of the displacement right being made.

As previously explained and discussed, those members who have elected to remain with Amtrak and exercise their system seniority will be paid to qualify the on physical characteristics in the territory in which they displace consistent with applicable Agreement rules. Members who have elected to accept TASI employment will be expected to return all Amtrak issued equipment upon completion of the tour of duty on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Provisions are being made for that equipment, if any, to be collected by Amtrak supervision in order for it to be re-issued by TASI supervision. Management officials for both Amtrak and TASI are scheduled to be on the property for that purpose. Amtrak has also agreed to treat the bridging requirement for the Memorial Day Holiday as being properly met under the Agreement for those members remaining with Amtrak, and to make reasonable accommodations (i.e., allowing vacation and personal days) to minimize personal diffi-

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culty to the best extent possible for those of our members exercising seniority and displacing throughout the system over the next few days.

Finally, as in typically similar situations of this nature, past experience has shown that there are always additional “start-up” and “growing pain” issues associated with any service assumption. Despite the best laid plans and intentions, certain unforeseen problems are bound to surface. For those of our members who will be going to work for TASI the next few weeks will, in all likelihood, have some additional burdens to bear until the dust settles and things calm down. However, the GCA is thoroughly committed to working through those issues to insure this transition is as painless as possible for all concerned. And, most importantly, we respectfully ask all our members to be particularly diligent, focused and safe as they execute their duties during this trying and understandably stressful period.

As always, please call if you have any questions or concerns relative to any of these matters. Thank you for your time and attention.

Fraternally yours,

M. B. Kenny