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**To All Amtrak BLET Members:**

As detailed in the GCA website message of April 17<sup>th</sup>, the implementation schedule for the new employee healthcare contributions were supposed to commence the first pay period in May, following the implementation of the new General Wage Increases May 1<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately, the significance of that Agreement provision was apparently lost on Amtrak's Payroll Department. Consequently, my office was informed late this afternoon by Amtrak's Director of Labor Relations that an error was made by Payroll, and the first half of the employee contribution was improperly deducted from tomorrow's May 2<sup>nd</sup> paycheck. That means the deduction was actually made from April wages earned prior to the new GWI application.

In turn, Labor Relations has been informed by this office, in no uncertain terms, that such action is clearly contradictory to the provisions of the new Agreement and the monies deducted will have to be paid back to employees in next week's paycheck. That will be done, and specific information on this issue will be forwarded to the Local Chairmen and posted on the GCA website after a more detailed explanation is obtained from Amtrak Payroll tomorrow.

**Fraternally yours,**

**Mark B. Kenny  
General Chairman**