



Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen

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All Active Amtrak BLET Members

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Please be advised, at the close of business today, the General Committee of Adjustment was duly notified by the National Division that the Tentative Agreement between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen (BLET) and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), dated February 19, 2008, properly passed ratification by the rank and file Membership pursuant to internal Brotherhood Law. A specific breakdown of the ballots returned and final count will be provided to the Local Division's and posted on the GCA website once that information has been assimilated into document form.

More exacting details concerning the terms and conditions of the new Agreement; specifically, the effective dates of: new general wage increases (GWI's), payment of retroactive wage recovery, and employee benefit contribution deductions, will also be provided as soon as those issues are resolved with Amtrak during the course of business next week.

To say the very least, the past eight years of protracted negotiations and associated issues has challenged our Membership and Union Leadership in countless ways. And, although this battle is still far from being completely over, we are finally on the road to bringing long overdue closure to this issue, and to delivering many of the rights and benefits our Membership has so properly deserved for so long. The GCA Executive Committee extends sincere thanks to the active members who took the time and initiative to participate in this all important ratification process.

Fraternally yours,

Mark B. Kenny
General Chairman