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Breakthrough in National Railroad Negotiations – Tentative Agreements Reached by IBEW -IAM- TCU-TWU Coalition

July 17, 2007 – A coalition of four unions – the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the International Association of Machinists, the Transportation Communications Union, and the Transport Workers Union – today reached tentative national agreements with the railroad management’s negotiating group, the National Carriers’ Conference Committee.

The unions represent approximately 36,000 members, including approximately 6,000 electrical workers, on more than thirty railroads nationwide covered by the tentative agreements, including Burlington Northern Santa Fe, CSX, Kansas City Southern, Norfolk Southern, and Union Pacific.

The agreements cover four major crafts – Electrical Workers, Carmen, Clerks, and Machinists.

The details of the new agreements will be sent to involved members for their review and a ratification vote in the next several weeks. No details will be released to the public until the ratification process has begun.

This round of contract talks began in November 2004 when Section Six notices under the Railway Labor Act were served by both the unions and management.