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TO: All Local Chairpersons & Reps - UTU

Re: Canadian National Railway v. United Transportation Union General Chairpersons Mr. Rex Beatty, Mr. Bryan Boechler, Mr. Raymond LeBel, and Ms, Sylvia LeBlanc and The United Transportation Union - Federal Court of Appeal

Greetings:

As you are all aware, the Company could not accept the fact that the Canadian Industrial Relations Board ruled that the 2007 Strike was conducted in a legal manner. All regulatory steps were met prior to and during the strike. As a result the company filed for a Judicial Review challenging the Board's decision. This has been hanging over everyone's head for the past year. The Judicial Review Hearing took place in Toronto on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. We are enclosing a letter dated March 31<sup>st</sup> from Michael Church. The contents, we feel, are self-explanatory.

This, hopefully, puts an end to this part of the strife that our Members have been faced with. Had the court ruled that the Strike was illegal then not only the named General Chairpersons, but the entire Membership, would have been on the hook for several million dollars. This decision has removed a very heavy burden from our shoulders. The diligence of Mr. Church and the law firm of Caley and Wray is certainly recognized and appreciated.

We will keep the Membership apprised of further developments regarding this matter. Should further clarification be required please do not hesitate to contact this Office.

In solidarity,

Robert S. Thompson  
General Chairperson  
U.T.U.

Enclosure

cc: Secretaries, UTU

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