Executive Order 13003 of May 15, 1996

Establishing an Emergency Board To Investigate Disputes Between Certain Railroads Represented by the National Carriers’ Conference Committee of the National Railway Labor Conference and Their Employees Represented by the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes

Disputes exist between certain railroads represented by the National Carriers’ Conference Committee of the National Railway Labor Conference, including Consolidated Rail Corporation (including the Clearfield Cluster), Burlington Northern Railroad Co., CSX Transportation Inc., Norfolk Southern Railway Co., Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co., Union Pacific Railroad, Chicago & North Western Railway Co., Kansas City Southern Railway Co., and their employees represented by the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes. The railroads involved in these disputes are designated on the attached list, which is made a part of this order.

The disputes have not heretofore been adjusted under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, as amended (45 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) (the “Act”).

In the judgment of the National Mediation Board, these disputes threaten substantially to interrupt interstate commerce to a degree that would deprive a section of the country of essential transportation service.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 10 of the Act (45 U.S.C. 160), it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Establishment of Emergency Board (“Board”). There is established effective May 15, 1996, a Board of three members to be appointed by the President to investigate any and all of the disputes raised in mediation. No member shall be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in any organization of railroad employees or any railroad carrier. The Board shall perform its functions subject to the availability of funds.

Sec. 2. Report. The Board shall report to the President with respect to the dispute within 30 days of its creation.

Sec. 3. Maintaining Conditions. As provided by section 10 of the Act, from the date of the creation of the Board and for 30 days after the Board has made its report to the President, no change, except by agreement of the parties shall be made by the railroads or the employees in the conditions out of which the disputes arose.

Sec. 4. Records Maintenance. The records and files of the Board are records of the Office of the President and upon the Board’s termination shall be maintained in the physical custody of the National Mediation Board.

Sec. 5. Expiration. The Board shall terminate upon the submission of the report provided for in sections 2 and 3 of this order.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
May 15, 1996.
RAILROADS
Alton & Southern Railroad
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company
Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company
Belt Railway Company of Chicago
Burlington Northern Railroad Company
Camas Prairie Railroad Company
Chicago and North Western Railway Company
Consolidated Rail Corporation (including the Clearfield Cluster)
CSX Transportation, Inc.
   The Baltimore and Ohio Chicago Terminal Company
   The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company (former)
   The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company (former) (Northern and Southern Regions)
   Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad Company (former)
   Clinchfield Railroad (former)
   Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company (former)
   Monon Railroad (former)
   Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway Company
   Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company (former)
   Toledo Terminal Railroad Company (former)
   Western Maryland Railway Company (former)
   Western Railway of Alabama
Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad
Houston Belt and Terminal Railway
The Kansas City Southern Railway Company
   CP-Kansas City Southern Joint Agency
   Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad Company
Longview, Portland & Northern Railway Company
Los Angeles Junction Railway
Manufacturers Railway Company
Meridian & Bigbee Railroad Company
Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad
   Oklahoma, Kansas & Texas Railroad
Missouri Pacific Railroad
New Orleans Public Belt Railroad
Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company
Norfolk Southern Railway Company
   The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company
   Atlantic & East Carolina Railway Company
   Central of Georgia Railroad Company
   The Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company
   Georgia Southern and Florida Railway Company
   Interstate Railroad Company
Norfolk & Western Railway Company
Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia Railway Company
Tennessee Railway Company
Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation
Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District
Peoria and Pekin Union Railway Company
The Pittsburgh, Chartiers & Youghiogheny Railway Company
Port Terminal Railroad Association
Portland Terminal Railroad Company
Spokane International Railroad
Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis
Union Pacific Railroad
Utah Railway Company
Western Pacific Railroad
Wichita Terminal Association