



**NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD**  
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In the Matter of the  
REPRESENTATION OF  
EMPLOYEES  
of  
DEQUEEN & EASTERN  
RAILROAD COMPANY  
Maintenance of Way Employees

35 NMB No. 54  
CASE NO. R-7162  
CERTIFICATION  
June 27, 2008

The services of the National Mediation Board (Board) were invoked by the American Train Dispatchers Association (ATDA) on April 14, 2008, to investigate and determine who may represent for the purposes of the Railway Labor Act (RLA), as provided by Section 2, Ninth, thereof, personnel described as "Maintenance of Way Employees," employees of DeQueen & Eastern Railroad Company (Carrier).

At the time this application was received, these employees were unrepresented.

The Board assigned Investigator Susanna Parker to investigate.

FINDINGS

The investigation disclosed that a dispute existed among the craft or class of Maintenance of Way Employees, and by direction of the Board, the Investigator was instructed to conduct an election to determine the employees' representation choice.

The following is the result of the election as reported by Investigator Parker.

<u>Election Results for Maintenance of Way Employees</u>	
Eligible Employees	18
ATDA	10

The Board further finds that: the Carrier and employees in this case are, respectively, a Carrier and employees within the meaning of the RLA, as amended; this Board has jurisdiction over the dispute involved herein; and the interested parties, as well as the Carrier, were given due notice of the Board's investigation.

CERTIFICATION

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Section 2, Ninth, of the RLA, as amended, and based upon its investigation pursuant thereto, the Board certifies that the ATDA has been duly designated and authorized to represent for the purposes of the RLA, as amended, the craft or class of Maintenance of Way Employees, employees of DeQueen & Eastern Railroad Company, its successors and assigns.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.



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