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## Presidential Documents

Executive Order 13654 of November 21, 2013

### **Establishing an Emergency Board To Investigate Disputes Between the Long Island Rail Road Company and Certain of Its Employees Represented by Certain Labor Organizations**

Disputes exist between the Long Island Rail Road Company (LIRR) and certain of its employees represented by certain labor organizations. The labor organizations involved in these disputes are designated on the attached list, which is made part of this order.

The disputes heretofore have not been adjusted under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, as amended, 45 U.S.C. 151–188 (RLA).

A party empowered by the RLA has requested that the President establish an emergency board pursuant to section 9A of the RLA (45 U.S.C. 159a).

Section 9A(c) of the RLA provides that the President, upon such request, shall appoint an emergency board to investigate and report on the disputes.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 9A of the RLA, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1. *Establishment of Emergency Board (Board).*** There is established, effective 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on November 22, 2013, a Board of three members to be appointed by the President to investigate and report on these disputes. No member shall be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in any organization of railroad employees or any 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 disputes within 30 days of its creation.

**Sec. 3. *Maintaining Conditions.*** As provided by section 9A(c) of the RLA, for 120 days from the date of the creation of the Board, no change in the conditions out of which the disputes arose shall be made by the parties to the controversy, except by agreement of the parties.

**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 section 2 of this order.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, consisting of a large 'B' followed by a circle and a horizontal line.

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*November 21, 2013.*

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen  
Independent Railway Supervisors Association International  
International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers  
National Conference of Firemen & Oilers/Service Employees  
International Union  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
Transportation Communications International Union  
International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and  
Transportation Workers

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