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## Consolidated General Committee of Adjustment

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via email only

Mr Lance Fritz  
Chairman President & CEO  
1400 Douglas St  
Omaha, NE 68179

Dear Sir:

This letter is in reference to Carrier officer Jason Pinder's testimony during a public hearing on July 17, 2023, against a proposed Kansas Rule (K.A.R. 36-43-1) that would require two-person crews in the state of Kansas. While testifying on behalf of Union Pacific, Mr. Pinder outlined plans the Carrier has to implement a "pilot program" and stated, "It will be a conductor in a truck or train person craft that responds to trains, plural, not a single train".

As you are aware, the recent Crew Consist Agreement for the Eastern District and Pacific Northwest territories maintains the Conductor/Foreman position in all classes of service and did not give Union Pacific the right to redeploy Conductors as Mr. Pinder alleges in his testimony. The Agreement does expand the utility position so it may assist yard and road crews, within and outside of switching limits. Utility positions are not Conductor or Foreman assignments, nor do they replace/supplant those positions. The Utility assignment may only assist Conductors and Foreman with their duties.

This office has not agreed to a "pilot program" for redeploying Conductors as Mr. Pinder alleges in his testimony. As Chairman and CEO of Union Pacific, I would hope your expectations for honesty and clarity in public forums such as this would be held in the highest regard. Immediate action should be taken to clarify and correct the misleading statements made during the July 17, 2023, hearing.

Sincerely,



Luke Edington  
General Chairman