

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 8

May 5, 2006

TO ALL LOCAL CHAIRPERSONS:

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

As an on-going process in the General Chairman's office, we send out Circular Letters as circumstances dictate in regard to issues that are of importance to all of our Membership. We are requesting that you read these documents at your Union Meetings for the Membership's benefit and also place them on bulletin boards for those Members who cannot attend the Union Meeting. Incorporated below are issues of importance for our Membership.

ES **Union Pacific Loses Employee Personal Information:**

The Union Pacific has announced that it has lost personal information covering all train, engine and yard service employees as well as non-agreement employees. On April 29, 2006, a personal computer was stolen from a Union Pacific employee which contained a report listing the names, Social Security numbers, and birth dates of an undisclosed number of employees. The computer has not been recovered.

The Union Pacific has purchased Equifax Credit Watch monitoring services for each employee whose information was stored on the stolen computer. Instructions for enrolling in the credit service will be included in a letter to be mailed to the home of each employee whose information was stored in the computer. In addition, employees are encouraged to place a "fraud alert" on their credit file. Toll free telephone numbers and web addresses are listed on the attached UPONLINE article concerning the information theft.

This is the second such incident involving the loss of identity information of railroad employees in a month. On April 6, 2006, the Long Island Railroad announced the theft of information regarding 17,000 current and former employees. The loss of this information raises security concerns as well as the specter of identity theft. Advise your members to take appropriate measures to protect themselves.

Trusting this information will aid you in keeping our Membership informed of issues confronting us and with best personal wishes, I remain

Fraternal ly yours,



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