

Aviation Group Client Update

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NMB ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RLA

Today, the National Mediation Board (NMB) invited interested parties to attend an open public hearing to share views on the proposed rule changes related to the amendments to the Railway Labor Act (RLA) in the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (the "Act"). The hearing will be held on **June 19, 2012** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Washington, DC. A second hearing date may be scheduled, if necessary.

Last week, the NMB issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to amend its rules in response to amendments to the RLA contained in the Act. Specific amendments pertain to run-off elections, showing of interest for representation elections, and NMB's rulemaking proceedings. At the June 19 hearing, the NMB will solicit views from interested parties regarding the proposed changes.

Parties interested in attending the hearing must notify the NMB no later than 4 p.m. EDT on **June 1, 2012**. Requests to attend must include: (1) the attendee's full name; and (2) any organizational affiliation. The hearing will be limited to issues related to the NMB's proposed rule changes.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed rule changes or the public hearing, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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