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## Gentlemen:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 11, of Appendix S, as amended August 22, 2005, quoted below, the travel allowance applied to employees assigned to System Production Gangs is to be recalculated annually.

## "Section 11 - Travel Allowance

CSXT Labor Agreement No. 12-81-97, Section 4 (Appendix H) is amended to be a flat weekly allowance set at \$155.00 per week beginning January 1, 2006. As of January 1, 2007, and each January 1st thereafter, the weekly rate will be adjusted by the percent in change in the IRS allowable mileage rate published in January of that year compared to the

rate published in January of the preceding year, which will be applied to the rate. At no time will the weekly rate fall below \$155.00."

Based on an IRS news releases, the rate on January 1, 2008 was \$.50.5 per mile for business miles driven, and the rate effective January 1, 2009 will be \$.55 per mile for business miles driven.

In connection with the above, calculations shown below, indicate that the SPG Travel Allowance will increase by \$15.67 per week.

IRS rate 1-Jan-09	55
IRS rate 1-Jan-08	50.5
Change	1.0891089
2008 allowance	<b>\$</b> 175.90
2009 allowance	\$191.57
Increase	\$15.67

Accordingly, I will be sending instruction to Payroll authorizing that the "TRV TRAVEL TIME SPG GANGS" be increased from the current rate of \$175.90 to the new rate of \$191.57 effective January 1, 2009.

As further information, and in accordance with our requirement in Section 9 of the Memorandum of Agreement, identified as CSXT Labor Agreement No. 12-043-07, the below table identifies adjustments that are to be made effective January 1, 2009, for the weekend travel allowances (FTV - TRAVEL TIME FLOATING GANGS) for District Gangs and SLWT Gangs.

	District	SLWT
2008 Travel allowance	\$67.68	\$93.71
Change in IRS rate	1.0891089	1.0891089
Increase or (Decrease)	\$6.03	\$8.35
2009 Travel Allowance	\$73.71	\$102.06

If you have any questions in connection with this matter you may contact Mr. Tolin of my office for assistance.

Very truly yours,

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