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April 29, 2013

Mr. Randy Stedman
Executive Director Labor Relations, TriMet
4012 SE 17th Avenue
Portland, Oregon

Telefaxed Only

Re: Scheduling of First Bargaining Session

Dear Mr. Stedman:

This letter responds to your email of April 28, 2013 regarding scheduling of bargaining sessions. Before I address the content of that email, I must request that you do not use email to communicate with the Union over bargaining issues. This is because we continue to experience problems with our email system. Sometimes we have hours-long delays. Other times we never receive the email at all.

The Union is available to bargain on the following dates: May 11, 16, 17, 28, 30, 31 and June 1, 4, 5, 14, 24-29th. The parties need to lock down as many dates as possible. The Union will undertake to find a location for the parties' initial bargaining session. To do so, we need your team's dates of availability. Please provide those at your earliest convenience.

Your email suggests that TriMet is conditioning its attendance at the first session on its prior receipt of the Union's initial proposals. We prefer to present our initial proposals in the actual bargaining session so that we can explain them before any misinterpretation can arise. This is the customary approach generally employed in collective bargaining and between the parties specifically. We note that conditioning attending bargaining on prior receipt of the other parties' proposals would be a violation of PECBA. Please see *Cascade Bargaining Council*, 19 PECBR 12, 19-21 (2001)

Finally, I note that the parties did agree on which specific media organizations could attend as press representatives pending the circuit court's ruling on the open meetings issue. Specifically, both parties agreed that representatives from the following media organizations could attend:

NW Labor Press	Portland Mercury	SW Connection	Hollywood Star	Portland Business Journal
Portland Afoot	Oregonian	Sellwood Bee	SE Examiner	Beaverton Valley Times
Asian Reporter	Portland Tribune	Willamette Week	Gresham Outlook	TV & Radio Stations
Portland Skanner	Portland Observer	NW Examiner	Hillsboro Tribune	

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It is my hope that you will honor that small point of agreement and join with the Union in inviting those media representatives to our first bargaining session.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to receiving your team's dates of availability in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce Hansen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bruce Hansen

President-Business Representative

Subject:

FW:

From: "Stedman, Randy" <StedmanR@tri-met.org>

Date: April 28, 2013, 4:02:22 PM PDT

To: Bruce Hansen <BruceH@atu757.org>

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Your press release indicates the ATU is ready to bargain, as are we. Once we have the union's proposals, and a reasonable opportunity to review them, we are willing to schedule substantive negotiations. Before then, we remain hopeful we can reach agreement to open otherwise closed negotiations to the mainstream press so they can attend and report on them in accordance with our last ground rule proposal # 1.

Randy Stedman