

# Railfax



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## CN conductors give strike notice

The United Transportation Union, representing 2800 conductors and yard-service employees at Canadian National Railway, have served notice that their members will take legal strike action at 0001 Saturday, February 10, 2007.

CN says there is "still time" to reach a settlement, but that in the event of a strike, it will "continue freight operations across Canada" using management personnel to do UTU-represented jobs.

The Canadian Auto Workers Union takes this opportunity to express its full support for the UTU and its members in their struggle to achieve a satisfactory collective agreement with Canadian National.

CAW members are of course legally required to work as usual. You are, however, legally entitled to refuse to perform any work normally done by UTU members. Likewise, in the event of possible picket lines, it is CN's obligation to ensure safe entry of our members to the workplace. If any problem or question arises in either respect, you are requested to immediately contact a full-time union representative for assistance: Your regional representative (Council 4000), regional vice-president (Local 100), or a CAW national representative. Let us deal with management on your behalf.

*There have been a number of phone calls dealing with a proposition by CN that it would bus our people through the picket lines if there is a dispute. This is unacceptable to the CAW and could very well inflame the situation if there is a dispute. CN has not contacted our office on this matter.*

We wish the UTU and its members every success in achieving their demands.

In Solidarity,

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