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Dear TVS/CNN Members,

Here's the latest on the National Labor Relations Board's Unfair Labor Practice case against CNN and Team Video Services. On February 17, 2009 lawyers representing CNN filed with the labor board its exceptions to Administrative Law Judge Arthur Amchan's November 2008 decision. Lawyers representing the General Counsel of the NLRB and lawyers representing NABET-CWA Locals 11 and 31 are currently preparing their cross-exceptions to the Judge's November 2008 decision, their deadline to do so is April 2, 2009. In addition, lawyers for the NLRB General Counsel and Union locals are reading through CNN's exceptions and will respond with their own answering briefs, the deadline to do this is May 18, 2009. CNN will also be given time to read through and respond to the cross-exception briefs filed by the NLRB General Counsel and the Union locals. So as you can see, there is still quite a bit of legal jockeying ahead of us before the labor board actually gets to work sifting through the trial record containing 81 days of witness testimony and thousands of pages of evidence, as well as the two sides' numerous briefs, in order to decide whether or not to adopt, in whole or in part, the judge's November 2008 decision.

There's another related development to report. On February 13, 2009 the labor board adopted the findings and recommendations of Special Master Paul Buxbaum's December 1, 2008 report. The labor board concluded that it would not impose an undue burden on CNN to produce documents requested in the revised subpoenas for inspection by Judge Amchan. A copy of the board's ruling is attached to this update. It can also be found at this link -

[http://www.nlr.gov/shared\\_files/Board%20Decisions/353/v35394.pdf](http://www.nlr.gov/shared_files/Board%20Decisions/353/v35394.pdf) (pages 1-5 are the board's decision, pages 6-14 are a copy of the Special Master's Dec 2008 Report). Because additional information from CNN may be obtained, the labor board recognized that the General Counsel and the Unions have a right to request reopening of the record to offer additional evidence in further support of their position.

The NABET-CWA Local 11 TVS/CNN Mobilization Committee