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**Brothers & Sisters,**

**On Monday November 12, 2007 the ratification vote count for the tentative BMWED-NJTRO Agreement took place at the offices of the American Arbitration Association in New York City.**

**360 Ballots were mailed out on October 26, 2007, with 285 returned by the closing date. The final tally was:**

**173 yes  
111 no  
1 voided**

**At 1pm that afternoon, I declared the vote official and the contract ratified. Terms will go into effect as per the agreement.**

**My appreciation to those of you who took the time to vote on this most important issue. The time to move ahead is now . Please become involved and come to union meetings, for 2008 and 2009 are election years for the Commuter Railroad System Division. The start of negotiations are only three years away. Now is the time to make plans on a new agreement.**

**In Solidarity,**

**William L. Capik  
General Chairman**