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VIA UPS OVERNIGHT

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Re: Election Office Case No. Post-30-EOH

Gentlemen:

A post-election protest was filed pursuant to Article XIV, Section 3(a) of the *Rules for the 1995-1996 IBT International Union Delegate and Officer Election ("Rules")* by the Jim Hoffa-No Dues Increase-25 & Out Slate ("Hoffa slate") concerning the announced plan to interrupt the resolution of challenged ballots for a period of three weeks and to move the ballots to an undisclosed location. The Hoffa slate now advises the Election Office that it wishes to withdraw this protest.

The Election Officer, finding that the withdrawal effectuates the purpose of the *Rules*, permits the protest to be WITHDRAWN.

Any interested party not satisfied with this determination may request a hearing before the Election Appeals Master within three (3) days of receipt of this letter. The parties are reminded that, absent extraordinary circumstances, no party may rely upon evidence that was not presented to the Office of the Election Officer in any such appeal. Requests for a hearing shall be made in writing and shall be served on:

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Copies of the request for hearing must be served on the parties listed above as well as upon the Election Officer, 400 N. Capitol Street, Suite 855, Washington, DC 20001, Facsimile (202) 624-3525. A copy of the protest must accompany the request for a hearing.

Sincerely,

Barbara Zack Quindel Election Officer

cc: Kenneth Conboy, Election Appeals Master