



Amalgamated Transit Union Canada

April 11, 2017

Via email:

Re: Letter from Paul Thorp to Barry Thorsteinson

Dear Brother Thorsteinson,

This is in response to your April 6 and 7 emails, following President Yussuff's April 5 letter referring Unifor's Art. 4.7 complaint to you. Suddenly, you are proposing an accelerated process for both the Unifor complaint and our own made much earlier under Art. 4.8.

We have written President Yussuff separately to register our objections to his taking such a step and made it clear that we have no intention in participating in the flawed process he has put in place.

As noted in that letter, you should be aware that Unifor's President Dias is also pursuing a lawsuit for defamation in the civil courts against President Hanley, ATU Canada, ATU and myself. Commenced March 3, 2017, the claim focuses on my March 1 letter to Unifor locals that is also part of the complaint he has made under Art. 4.7. In addition, he has delivered libel notices complaining of other publications that may well lead to further lawsuits.

We believe this litigation is in clear violation of Art. 4.3b, as we have pointed out to President Yussuff. However, we must defend ourselves, and inevitably, this will mean that the same issues and facts will arise in the litigation as in your current proposed investigation. This puts us in an impossible position, as you can appreciate.

For all these reasons, we will not participate, and you will not receive any submissions from us in respect of either of the complaints you are purporting to investigate.

Respectfully and in solidarity,

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