

RWU Resolution on Remote Control Operations (RCO) and Positive Train Control (PTC)

Whereas, the rail carriers have used both the threat, and the actual implementation of new technology, to put downward pressure on wages and benefits; and

Whereas, the rail carriers have eliminated thousands of union railroad jobs in North America through the implementation of new technology, often granting rail labor very little in return; and

Whereas, the rail carriers wish to expand the use of Remote Control Operations (RCO) and Positive Train Control (PTC) technology to eliminate thousands more jobs of the operating crafts;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that Railroad Workers United (RWU) at its Founding Convention in Dearborn, Michigan, April 11, 2008 declares its unequivocal opposition to RCO, including any expansion of its use to the line-of-road; and

Be in Further Resolved that RWU will vigorously organize mass opposition to any and all attempts by the carriers to eliminate the road conductor and operate with single employee train crews or attempts to operate via satellite with engineerless trains; and

Be it Finally Resolved that RWU mail a copy of this resolution to the international officers of all rail unions in North America.

The above Resolution was adopted by those members assembled at the RWU Convention, April 11, 2008.