

ISSUE IN FOCUS



Teamsters Canada Rail Conference & International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Strike

Background:

On May 26, 2018, the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) announced they had issued strike notice to Canadian Pacific (CP) regarding their plan to strike on May 29, 2018.

Issue:

As a landlocked province, Saskatchewan relies heavily upon rail to move oil, grain, potash, machinery, and other products to international markets. Due to ongoing logistical and capacity issues, there is already significant concern about rail access in this province and a looming strike by CP only adds more uncertainty.

Recommendations:

1. To restore predictability to Saskatchewan's rail services for businesses operating in this province and across the country, the SCC strongly urges the Government of Canada to use all reasonable tools at their disposal to prevent this strike.

History:

Letter to Federal Employment, Workforce Development, and Labour 2018