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**NLRB REACHES \$16.1 MILLION SETTLEMENT
WITH MIDWEST GENERATION, EME, LLC**

National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) General Counsel Ronald Meisburg announced today that Chief Administrative Law Judge Robert Giannasi has approved a settlement agreement in excess of \$16.1 million dollars between the Board's Regional Office in Chicago, IL (Region 13), Midwest Generation, EME, LLC, headquartered in Chicago, IL, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 15, AFL-CIO.

This settlement, negotiated by Region 13 Field Attorney Jeanette Schrand and Compliance Officer Thomas Porter, provides backpay and other remedies to nearly 1,200 employees at 16 locations, resolves allegations of unfair labor practices stemming from the collective-bargaining negotiations between Midwest Generation and the IBEW in 2001.

The global settlement not only provides backpay to employees locked-out during the 2001 negotiations, but provides backpay and other monies, including 401(k) contributions, for the employees to compensate them for potential losses they suffered as a result of less favorable terms and conditions of employment implemented in the 2001 collective-bargaining agreement.

In announcing the settlement, General Counsel Meisburg stated:

I am very pleased that this lengthy litigation has been resolved through a spirit of cooperation. This settlement closes a difficult chapter in the parties' history and will hopefully lead to continuously improving labor relations in the coming years.

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