## **Jack Sullivan**

From: Pesaturo, Joe [JPesaturo@MBTA.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 2:03 PM

To: Jack Sullivan

Subject: RE: follow-up questions

I don't know what you are talking about. I believe you have received responses to your questions.

From: Jack Sullivan [mailto:jsullivan@MassINC.org]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2009 2:01 PM

To: Pesaturo, Joe

Subject: RE: follow-up questions

Well, I still have to wonder why you're turning this into such a fight? I can't say you or the T have always been forthcoming in all the years I've dealt with you at the Globe and Herald but at least you've been fairly cordial. This issue is bringing out the worst in you guys. What gives?

From: Pesaturo, Joe [mailto:JPesaturo@MBTA.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2009 1:57 PM

To: Jack Sullivan

Subject: RE: follow-up questions

OK- so the answer to the first part of your question is 'no,' and I just gave you the answer to the 2nd part of your question

**From:** Jack Sullivan [mailto:jsullivan@MassINC.org]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2009 1:53 PM

To: Pesaturo, Joe

Subject: RE: follow-up questions

No, Joe, you're wrong. It's not even a matter of semantics. This is the question that was sent and we both have copies:

7) Are there currently any slow orders in effect and have there been any slow orders issued on any section of tracks where defective ties are?

Why is this becoming such a battle? I really don't grasp your adversarial attitude and approach to this.

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From: Pesaturo, Joe [mailto:JPesaturo@MBTA.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2009 1:43 PM

To: Jack Sullivan

**Subject:** follow-up questions

Your previous question was "ARE there any slow orders related to the ties".... and the answer to that question remains "no," there currently are no such orders in place. There have been a few isolated speed restrictions in the past to maintain compliance with MBTA maintenance standards while crews addressed any tie issues. These restrictions were removed as soon as the tie conditions were addressed. Railroads throughout the world place speed restrictions on tracks for many reasons and many times each day to address a multitude of issues ranging from high temperature, rough track, high water, strong winds, rail defects, etc. In each instance, crews are dispatched to begin corrective actions and once the corrective actions have been completed, the speed restriction is removed.

From: Jack Sullivan [mailto:jsullivan@MassINC.org]

Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 10:54 AM

**To:** Pesaturo, Joe **Cc:** Durrant, Colin (EOT)

**Subject:** follow-up questions

Joe,

- 1) Amtrack, MTA/LIRR, Chicago and other lines have decided to replace all ties bought from Rocla during the time frame that produced the defective ties. Since the 150,000 the MBTA purchased form Rocla came from the same plant and produced in the same time frame, why are those not being replaced rather than just the 4,000 identified so far?
- 2) Amtrak is designating \$50 million in ARRA/stimulus funds to replace 80,000 defective ties in the New England Division. Is the T planning on using stimulus money for the replacement/installation?
- 3) You said there have been no slow orders relating to the defective ties but P.C. Chaput of BLE 57 said there have been slow orders from inspectors. Have there been slow orders that were not passed onto engineers or is he wrong?

Thank you,

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