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NLRB REPORTS ON CASE PRODUCTION IN FY 2005

The National Labor Relations Board issued 508 decisions during fiscal year 2005, which ended September 30. Of this total, 348 were unfair labor practice (C) cases, and 160 were representation (R) cases. In the previous fiscal year, the Board issued 576 decisions (381 C, 195 R), and in FY 2003, the Board decided 543 cases (387 C, 156 R).

While production declined slightly, the inventory of pending cases was reduced for the third consecutive fiscal year (from 559 at the beginning of the fiscal year to 484 at the end of the fiscal year).

In a statement, Chairman Robert J. Battista and Board Members Wilma B. Liebman and Peter C. Schaumber, said:

Case production in FY 2005 was hampered by operating with three Members for 9-1/2 months of the year rather than the full complement of five Members. Notwithstanding these challenges, we are pleased that for the third consecutive year we have issued over 500 cases and we have reduced our case inventory from a high of 621 to 484 cases. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our staffs for their hard work and dedication to the mission of the agency.

Although the Board was successful in the foregoing respects, it did not—due to the fact that the Board was reduced to three members from December 16, 2004—fully accomplish its FY 2005 goal under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). The Board's goal was to issue 90% of C cases that, if not issued by September 30, 2005, would then have been pending for more than 17 months; and 90% of R cases, that if not issued by September 30, 2005, would then have been pending for more than 12 months. In other words, C cases assigned on or before April 30, 2004 and R cases assigned on or before September 30, 2004. The Board began FY 2005 with 347 GPRA C cases and 147 GPRA R cases. The Board closed 134 GPRA C cases (39%) and 84 GPRA R cases (57%) by the close of FY 2005.

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