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Wabtec Signs Additional Contracts To Provide Wireless Car Repair Billing

WILMERDING, Pa., Aug. 31, 2005 – Wabtec Global Services, a division of Wabtec Corporation (NYSE: WAB), was awarded two three-year, automatically renewing contracts by Kansas City Southern (KCS) and Norfolk Southern (NS) to implement wireless railcar maintenance and billing (CRB) systems this year. Under the terms of the agreements, Wabtec will provide and support all aspects of the handheld computers and wireless network design and hardware.

“We are pleased to provide our customers with Wabtec’s proprietary car repair billing solution, which dramatically improves and streamlines the complex process of recording and invoicing for repairs they conduct on freight cars owned by other railroads and leasing companies,” said Robert C. Bourg, vice president and general manager of Wabtec Global Services.

With CRB, maintenance personnel use a wireless, hand-held device to record inspection and repair work conducted on freight cars in off-site field locations, and to submit the information to a central network server. Repairs are validated in real time for completeness and compliance with Association of American Railroad (AAR) specifications. Maintenance staff can also retrieve car repair history information, access work orders, and print work orders and repair records to a network printer from the field. Built-in prompts, required fields and specified drop-down lists simplify decision-making and ensure repair information is entered correctly the first time. CRB is currently used by several Class I, short-line and regional railroads in North America.

John E. Foster, chief mechanical officer for KCS, said: "We were impressed with Wabtec's experience and flexibility to support our car repair operation. The CRB system has been installed on several other railroads so Wabtec has a deep experience base from which to draw. In addition, Wabtec provided the flexibility to make the system fit our processes, so we weren't forced into a cookie-cutter solution."

Wabtec Global Services provides comprehensive support for all aspects of railway vehicle repair and maintenance, such as software applications for freight, locomotive and intermodal repair and billing; inventory management solutions; component operation and maintenance training; and electronic, pneumatic and mechanical components repair. The company services customers in 10 strategic locations across the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Wabtec Corporation (www.wabtec.com) is one of North America’s largest providers of value-added, technology-based products and services for the rail industry.

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