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FMCS Statement on Labor Negotiations Between the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Musicians and Management

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) today announced it will provide mediation services to the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra musicians and management in their current labor dispute.

“In response to a joint request from the parties, the FMCS will provide mediation to the orchestra musicians and management with the goal of helping them reach a mutually acceptable resolution to the issues that divide them. FMCS Acting Director Allison Beck will lead the Agency’s effort.

“The FMCS has been and remains in contact with the parties. Federal mediators will begin meeting with the parties next week. No further information regarding meeting dates will be released at this time.

“Our mediators are aware of the public interest in the conduct of these discussions, but due to the sensitivity and complexity of these negotiations, the FMCS will have no further comment, as is the Agency’s policy.”

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The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, created in 1947, is an independent U.S. government agency whose mission is to preserve and promote labor-management peace and cooperation. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with 10 district offices and more than 60 field offices, the agency provides mediation and conflict resolution services to industry, government agencies and communities.