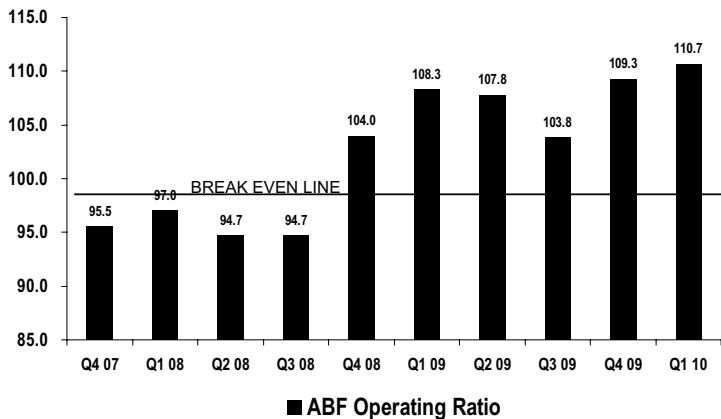


# ABF Reports Record Quarterly Operating Loss of \$35.7 Million

## ABF Operating Ratio: Last 10 Quarters



Source: ABC Quarterly Reports

Break even line leaves room for certain non-operating expenses to be paid

The Teamsters' belief that ABF's current financial woes require immediate and meaningful economic relief was further validated by the record quarterly operating loss of \$35.7 million, which translated into an operating ratio of 110.7, the company reported Friday, April 23.

ABF's parent, Arkansas Best Corp., reported a net loss of 85 cents per share, or \$21.4 million, compared with \$18.2 million, or 73 cents a share, a year ago. Analysts were expecting a loss of 63 cents a share, according to Thomson Reuters.

The company's First Quarter financials mark the sixth consecutive quarter that ABF has posted negative operat-

ing results and clearly show the less-than-truckload (LTL) sector of the freight industry has not emerged from the worst recession since the Great Depression. While some of the loss is attributable to the severe weather experienced in the eastern United States, our economists contend this is further proof that trucking's most diversified sector, LTL, is still in a recession. With the greatest exposure to a weakened retail and industrial economy, ABF and its peers will likely be the last to see a turnaround in the trucking industry.

## Results Validated

In response to the requests of Teamster Local Unions and ABF members, the union verified both the recent and historical financial results reported by Arkansas Best Corporation over the past month. Glanzer and Company was hired to assist the parties in determining the extent of the company's needs and its current financial state as well as future prospects. The Glanzer report found no irregularities in ABF's financial reporting and substantiated the losses the company and parent have reported to date.

In addition, the Glanzer report and its conclusions support those of our in-house trucking industry experts who visited the company's headquarters during 2009. The only conclusion one can draw from these independent findings is that the problems at ABF are very real and, with no end in sight for a freight recession currently in its third year, the time to act is now.

