AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

FLORIDA DISPATCHCO, LLC

&

LOCAL UNION 871 OF THE

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL

WORKERS, REPRESENTING

TRAIN DISPATCHERS, DISPATCHER

ASSISTANTS, & DISPATCHER TRAINEES

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REPRESENTING

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PREAMBLE

The parties to this agreement acknowledge that the fundamental objective of the business, its management, and its employees is to provide service to its customers in the most efficient manner. The parties agree that, in the implementation of this agreement, paramount emphasis shall be placed on providing efficient dispatch of freight and passenger trains.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (Organization), in the implementation of this agreement, has its rights as are specified herein, as well as rights granted by law. The Florida DispatchCo, LLC (Carrier) rights in the control and direction of its forces covered by this agreement are limited only to the extent provided by this agreement and law.

RULE 1 - SCOPE

(a) This agreement is intended to define the understanding between the Carrier and the Organization as it relates to the employee/employer relationship of the classifications outlined herein.

(b) Employees covered by this agreement will be furnished, at no expense to the employee, a copy of this Agreement and these rules shall govern rates of pay, rules, and working conditions of employees assigned by the Carrier to job classifications listed in paragraph (d).

(c) Employees shall have exclusive responsibility and rights to perform the dispatching of all freight and passenger train movements over the right-of-way commonly known as the Florida East Coast Railway (FECR) right-of-way between Jacksonville, FL and Miami, FL, as well as the Brightline Trains Right of Way between Cocoa Junction and Orlando Airport. Additionally, employees shall be responsible for dispatching any additional territory assigned by the Carrier. If, at any time within five (5) years from October 1, 2024, the conditions outlined above are not met, the employees listed in Attachment A shall be entitled to the remedy provided in Rule 46 - Penalty.

In addition, employees covered by this agreement shall perform any work assigned them by the Carrier, including work not normally performed by them in the job classifications to

which the Carrier has assigned them, provided that the Carrier shall not assign employees to perform work which they are not qualified to perform.

(d) In cases of emergency, Chief Dispatchers who are qualified train dispatchers may work as train dispatcher for up to two (2) hours. Should the Carrier believe the emergency will extend beyond this period, a rested train dispatcher will immediately called to service. This language is for verified emergencies and must not be used to substitute for cases where Management has failed to sufficiently staff the Dispatch Center. Should such cases occur, the General Chairman and the Highest Designated Officer (HDO) will meet to remedy the matter.

A scope employee who relieves a qualified Chief Dispatcher who worked as a train dispatcher will not be held responsible for errors that were committed by the Chief. This does not relieve the scope train dispatcher for errors that he may commit later in his shift of work.

Job classifications covered by this agreement are:

Dispatcher Assistant
Dispatcher Trainee
Train Dispatcher

The job classifications listed above may neither be eliminated, nor consolidated without a written agreement between the Carrier and the Organization.

RULE 2 - REPRESENTATION

(a) The Carrier recognizes the Organization as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent with respect to rates of pay, wages, hours, benefits, and all other working conditions of employment for all employees covered by this agreement.

(b) The term "employee" as used in this agreement shall mean all persons performing work within the scope of this Agreement.

(c) The Organization shall be granted reasonable access to the property of the Carrier for the purpose of investigating grievances with the appropriate supervisor or other Carrier officer, meeting with and representing employees in connection with hearings or investigations scheduled by the Carrier, and to confer with officials of the Carrier regarding changes to and the interpretation and/or application of this Agreement.

(d) Employee representatives, when called to attend to the affairs of their offices in the Organization, shall give twenty (20) hours' advance notice of their intent to be absent from their assignment for such purpose, but will not be required to have a leave of absence, unless the time required off shall exceed ten (10) days. Further reasonable time off will be granted upon written request to the appropriate supervisor.

(e) Employee representatives, who are employed by the Organization on a full time basis, will receive blanket leave of absence to cover the time so engaged and will retain their

seniority if they claim rights to a position in accordance with their seniority within thirty (30) days from the date released from such assignment.

(f) Employees shall be required to maintain membership in the Organization as set forth in Appendix 1, which is incorporated into the Agreement by reference. The Carrier will accept from employees, or the Organization, written authorizations for payroll deduction of union dues.

It is understood that such payroll deduction authorization is limited to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Payroll deductions will be made semimonthly in equal amounts, with payment to be made to the Organization by direct deposit on the last day of the month.

(g) A full time General Chairman who retains his seniority with the Carrier will, upon written request, be permitted to secure benefits the same as those provided by the Carrier's group plan for hospitalization as per Rule 41, provided such individual pays in advance each month the entire premium cost for himself and other family members involved.

(h) For vacation purposes, qualifying days for a General Chairman who has been granted a leave of absence for purposes of conducting union business will be based on whether or not he performed compensated service of one hundred (100) days the year preceding the year in which the leave of absence was taken. He may return to his former position or place himself on any position bulletined during the leave to which he would have been entitled by the exercise of seniority.

The Carrier will provide the General Chairman a list of employees who retire, die, resign, are promoted, hired or terminated, including such employees' home addresses and telephone numbers.

In the event a full time General Chairman returns to active service with the Carrier, he shall immediately be entitled to all benefits as if his service as an employee had been continuous.

RULE 3 - INTERPRETATIONS

Interpretations and rulings upon the application of the rules in this agreement will not be valid or recognized unless such interpretations have been mutually agreed upon in writing between the Carrier and the Organization, or have been established by the awards of the NRAB, public law boards, arbitrations, or court rulings, etc.

RULE 4 - TIME LIMITS

The time limits provided in this agreement may be extended by mutual agreement.

RULE 5 – SENIORITY

(a) Master seniority for new employees will be established as of the date of qualifying for train dispatcher.

(b) Groups of employees who are hired and qualify as train dispatcher on the same date establish master seniority in the following manner. There will be a blind drawing of numbers on ping-pong balls. The carrier will place ping-pong balls in a sack and each ping-pong ball will have a number. Two drawings will take place. The first drawing will establish order of draw and the second drawing will establish seniority order.

(c) Employees who have established seniority with FECR on the Agents, Clerical master seniority roster will be allowed to exercise this seniority with the understanding he may be held up to a one hundred and eighty (180) days, pending the Carrier qualifying a replacement. This time limit may be waived by the Carrier under certain circumstances. Should a named employee referred to in Rule 46 – Penalty and listed in Attachment A make decision to exercise his seniority and return to FECR under the Agents, Clerical, etc., CBA, he/she will no longer be eligible to claim compensation under Rule 46, should the terms of same be triggered.

Seniority date for dispatcher assistants will be established as of the date of successfully completing the dispatcher trainee requirements and qualifying for train dispatcher.

Seniority for dispatcher trainees will be established as of the first (1st) date of rendering compensated service as a dispatcher trainee. If two (2) or more dispatcher trainees initially perform compensated service on the same day, then the hour of starting work shall govern or, in the event more than one (1) person initially commences work at the same hour on the same date the ping pong ball method outlined in sub paragraph (b) above will govern.

(d) To qualify for a sub-classification seniority list, an employee must acquaint with the work and demonstrate his qualifications to the supervisory officer in charge.

(e) Sub-classification seniority lists covered by this agreement are as follows:

Train Dispatcher
Dispatcher Assistant
Dispatcher Trainee

(f) Nothing in these paragraphs is to be construed or interpreted to any way restrict or deny any employee from establishing seniority in any sub-classification of his choosing nor shall these paragraphs revise or restrict application or operation of the work rules as presently presented in this agreement.

(g) The term "promotion" as used in this agreement shall be understood to mean advancing an employee from one seniority class to a higher seniority class in which he does not hold seniority, but does not include excepted or official positions.

(h) An employee of the Carrier covered by this Agreement who is promoted to an excepted or official position with the Carrier or accepting such position with the Organization party hereto, will retain and continue to accrue his seniority rights and shall be so indicated on seniority lists.

(i) Any employee who holds seniority as train dispatcher or dispatcher assistant, and who is not now regularly assigned in another sub-classification or who in the future leaves the assignment he is currently holding in a sub-classification other than train dispatcher or train dispatcher assistant, either voluntarily, by displacement, or abolition of position, must return to the train dispatcher's or dispatcher assistant's sub-classification and will be given special seniority displacement rights by the terms of this agreement to effect seniority displacement as a train dispatcher or dispatcher assistant. Failing to so exercise his seniority, he will not be able to assert such rights to a train dispatcher or dispatcher assistant position for a period of one (1) year.

(j) It is understood that employees not holding a job or vacancy as train dispatcher or dispatcher assistant will be given the opportunity, in seniority order, to decline extra work as train dispatcher or dispatcher assistant so long as other qualified employees are available who desire to be called for the work.

An employee holding seniority as train dispatcher or dispatcher assistant who bids upon and is awarded a clerical vacancy or who applies for and is awarded an exempt position with the Carrier or as outlined below with FECR or BLF must remain on the train dispatcher's position until such time as another employee becomes qualified, for a period up six (6) months. This six month requirement may be waived by the Carrier at its discretion.

(k) Employees listed on the Seniority Roster as of January 22, 2018, may apply for and work in exempt positions at FECR while retaining their seniority on the FDC and FECR seniority rosters during their tenure in such positions. These employees may also hold exempt managerial positions with Brightline in Florida under the same terms, provided the roles are managerial in nature and do not involve work generally considered craft work (e.g., train service).

(l) If and when such employees referred to in sub-paragraph (k) then leave the service of FECR or BLF, he shall return to the service of FDC as a train dispatcher and continue to enjoy his FDC seniority date. Should this employee need familiarization and or retraining as a train dispatcher, he shall enter into formal training as a train dispatcher and must complete same within six (6) months of his return date. During this period, he will be compensated at the rate of Dispatcher Assistant.

RULE 6 - SENIORITY ROSTERS

(a) Seniority rosters will be published in January of each year with appropriate indices to reflect those sub-classifications, where applicable, in which each employee has established seniority.

(b) Seniority dates of all employees shown will be considered as permanently established, except as may be corrected upon presentation of proof of such error.

(c) Seniority rosters will be posted on bulletin boards accessible to all employees affected and copy of the list shall be furnished the Organization.

(d) Employees retiring on disability annuity under provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act, or those barred from active service account of physical disability, will continue on the seniority roster until they reach retirement age under the Act. When retirement age is reached, their names will be dropped from the roster.

(e) Employees on disability annuity who recover to the extent that the Railroad Retirement Board discontinues their annuity, or they are pronounced physically able to resume work after having been barred account of physical disability, will be permitted to exercise their seniority on positions held by junior employees.

RULE 7 - CONSOLIDATIONS AND DIVISIONS

(a) When, for any reason, offices or departments are consolidated or divided, employees affected shall have prior rights to corresponding positions in the consolidated or divided office or department. After such rights have been exercised, these rules will govern.

(b) Employees may follow their positions or work when same is transferred. The incumbents will have prior rights to the positions to be transferred if they elect to accompany same.

(c) This rule is not intended to supersede Rule 5.

RULE 8 - QUALIFYING

(a) New employees hired as a Dispatcher Trainee will be allowed one hundred and eighty (180) days in which to qualify as dispatcher assistant and train dispatcher. This time period may be extended in thirty (30) day increments by mutual agreement of the parties, but in no circumstances will the employee train beyond an additional thirty (30 days.

(b) When it is definitely determined that the employee cannot qualify, he may be removed before the expiration of one hundred eighty (180) working days or at any time during the extended training periods, if applicable.

An employee, disqualified from a position or class of work, will be barred from bidding upon or exercising his seniority rights to that position or class of work for a period of six (6) months from the date of disqualification.

(c) After an employee has been assigned to and performed actual service on a position in excess of one hundred eighty (180) working days, disqualification from the position may be effected only if a formal investigation is conducted under the provisions of Rule 12 and the evidence adduced thereby supports such action. The Carrier may choose to allow a disqualified employee an opportunity to retrain in the sub class in which he was disqualified for up to ninety (90) days, such training may be terminated at the discretion of the Carrier. Should the employee be successful in regaining qualification, he may only place himself on the Extra Board for a period

of ninety (90) days. Thereafter, the employee may bid upon vacancies in the usual and customary manner as outlined in the applicable rules.

Should a qualified train dispatcher or dispatcher assistant be disqualified after formal investigation and the Carrier does not wish to offer additional training or if the employee does not requalify, and there are no regular advertised Dispatcher Assistant jobs available, the employee will be dismissed from the service of the Carrier without benefit of an additional formal investigation.

(d) A Dispatcher trainee having six (6) months to qualify will be evaluated every thirty (30) days, within the six- (6) month period to determine if he is making adequate progress. If the employee fails to demonstrate that he is progressing, he will be disqualified prior to the six (6) month period.

(e) Employees who are disqualified under this rule may exercise seniority in keeping with Rule 5. In such cases, the one hundred and eighty day period will not apply.

(f) Employees who have seniority and are currently holding exempt positions with the Carrier or FECR, may find it necessary to return to a scope position under this agreement. Such employees will be familiarized/requalified in keeping with Rule 5(l) above. Upon qualification such employee may exercise his seniority rights provided he makes application within forty-eight (48) hours of requalification

RULE 9 - PROBATIONARY PERIOD

(a) An applicant for employment, who enters the service of the Company will be accepted or rejected within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date he first performs compensated service. If not notified to the contrary within the time stated, it will be understood his application has been accepted.

(b) An employee who has been accepted for employment in accordance with section (a) above, will not be terminated or disciplined by the Company for furnishing materially false information in connection with an application for employment or for withholding information therefrom unless the information involved was of such a nature that the employee would not have been hired if the Company had timely knowledge of it. In the event an employee is found to have provided materially false information, the 180 day time limit will not apply and the Company may effect termination without benefit of a formal investigation. Should this occur, the Company's highest designated officer (HDO) and the General Chairman will conference prior to the Company taking any adverse action against the employee.

RULE 10 - REDUCING FORCES

(a) When it becomes necessary to reduce expenses, the force at any point or in any department shall be reduced, seniority to govern.

(b) Forty-eight (48) hours' notice will be given, except, no such advance notice will be required under emergency conditions such as flood, snowstorm, hurricane, earthquake, fire, strike, or Acts of Providence, provided the Carrier's operations are suspended in whole or in part and, provided further, that because of such emergency, the work which would be performed by the incumbents of the positions to be abolished or the work which would be performed by the employees involved in the force reduction no longer exists or cannot be performed.

(c) Employees whose positions are abolished, or whose seniority rights entitle them to regular positions or vacancies, shall assert their seniority rights over junior employees or onto vacant positions within seven (7) calendar days; other employees affected may exercise their seniority rights in the same manner.

An employee in this situation must provide a minimum of twenty (20) hours' written notice to his supervisor of the position to which he desires to assert such displacement rights, provided further, however, that when such displacement is effective on the first (1st) workday of the workweek of the employee to be displaced, sufficient notice must be extended so that such employee may be notified prior to going off duty on the last day of his workweek.

(d) During such seven (7)-day period, however, an employee may, if he desires, displace junior employees holding short vacancies or fill open short vacancies and remain thereon for their duration or until displaced by a senior employee, provided that, upon release or displacement from the last short vacancy secured during such seven (7)-day period, he exercises displacement rights over any junior employee holding a permanent or temporary vacancy.

In the event such displacement rights are not exercised within such seven (7)-day period, an employee will be considered furloughed immediately and will be barred from again asserting displacement rights until return to service as herein provided.

(e) An employee will not be considered as having been displaced until the employee asserting displacement rights on his position has assumed the duties of the position.

(f) When two (2) or more positions are abolished on the same day, the employees affected will be given preference in exercising displacement rights in the order of their seniority.

(g) Employees who do not possess sufficient seniority to displace a junior employee or who do not assert their displacement rights to a vacant position within the prescribed time limit will be considered as furloughed.

(h) An employee desiring to protect his seniority rights and to avail himself of this rule must, within five (5) days from the date actually reduced to the furloughed list, file his name, address, and telephone number with his supervisor and the Organization, or forfeit his seniority rights and be terminated by the Carrier. The employee will be required to promptly advise his

supervisor of any changes in address or telephone number or forfeit all seniority rights and terminated by the Carrier.

(i) When forces are increased or vacancies occur, furloughed employees shall be returned, and required to return, to service in the order of their seniority rights.

(j) Furloughed employees will be called in qualification and seniority order as vacancies might develop. In the event all employees decline such vacancy, the junior qualified furloughed employee will be forced to the vacancy.

Any employee declining vacancies and, as a result, performing no service for the Carrier for a period of one (1) year, shall be considered as having forfeited his seniority with the Carrier and will be terminated by the Carrier. In this instance, "declining vacancies" is defined as failing to respond to advertisements for regular assignments and/or failing to work in an "extra board or relief work" capacity available to the employee.

(k) Furloughed employees failing to return to service within seven (7) calendar days after being notified by certified mail sent to the last address given, or give satisfactory reason for not doing so, will be considered as having forfeited their seniority.

(l) The Carrier shall have the right to use furloughed employees to perform extra work and relief work on regular positions during absence of regular occupants, provided such employees have signified in the manner provided in subparagraph (d) above their desire to be so used. This provision is not intended to supersede rules or practices which permit employees to place themselves on vacancies on preferred positions, it being understood under these circumstances that the furloughed employee will be used, if the vacancy is filled, on the last position that is to be filled. This does not supersede rules that require the filling of temporary vacancies. It is also understood that the Carrier retains the right to use the regular employee under pertinent rules of the agreement rather than call a furloughed employee.

Furloughed employees desiring to be considered available to perform such extra and relief work will notify Management in writing that they will be available and desire to be used for such work. A furloughed employee may withdraw his written notice of willingness to perform such work at any time before being called for such service by giving written notice to that effect to Management. If such employee should again desire to be considered available for such service, notice to that effect, as outlined hereinabove, must again be given in writing. Furloughed employees who are not at all times available for such service will not be considered available for extra and relief work under the provisions of this rule. Furloughed employees so used will not be subject to rules which require advance notice before reduction of force.

(m) Furloughed employees desiring to waive their right to return to service on positions or vacancies of less than thirty (30) days' duration may do so by filing written notice with his supervisor and, if other qualified employees are available, such furloughed employees will not be required to return to service on vacancies or positions of less than thirty days' duration, except as outlined in item (j) above.

Such notices may be cancelled or terminated by the employees in the same manner and, in the event it becomes necessary for the Carrier to cancel a waiver, it will be done in the reverse order of seniority, with the waiver of the junior qualified employee being the first to be cancelled.

Note 1: Employees who are on approved leave of absence will not be considered furloughed employees for purposes of this agreement.

Note 2: Furloughed employees shall in no manner be considered to have waived their rights to a regular assignment when opportunity therefor arises.

Note 3: Furloughed employees working short vacancies will have health care claims offset, month-by-month, for hours worked. Furloughed employees will be carried on the health care insurance for a thirty (30) day period from the date furloughed. Subsequently, if an employee works a minimum of sixty (60) hours per month, he will have medical coverage for that month. Should a furloughed employee not meet this criterion, he will not qualify for health care coverage.

RULE 11 - RE-ENTERING SERVICE

Employees voluntarily leaving the service will forfeit seniority and, if they re-enter, be considered as new employees. Employees who fail to formally leave the service without proper notice to the Carrier will be terminated. Employees referred to in Rule 46 – Penalty and listed in Attachment A who leave the service of the Carrier and subsequently re-enter the service will not be eligible for any compensation, etc. outlined in Rule 46. The only exception to this provision is limited to language outlined in Rule 5-Seniority, sub paragraphs (k) and (l).

RULE 12 - DISCIPLINE

(a) An employee will not be disciplined or dismissed without a fair and impartial hearing, except if such employee shall accept discipline in writing and waive formal hearing, after consultation with the Organization Discussion of the waiver shall not constitute an admission of guilt by the employee or prejudgment by the Carrier and may not be made part of the hearing record.

(b) In cases such as intoxication either on duty or reporting for duty, use of drugs either on duty or when reporting for duty, insubordination, or conduct in the performance of his job which endangers the safety of fellow employees or interferes with the operations of the Carrier, employees may be suspended pending final decision.

(c) If an employee is held out of service pending a hearing and decision and if discipline is assessed, the period so held from service shall be deemed to be included in any disciplinary period thereafter involved, exclusive of any time which may be involved as a consequence of delays incurred at the request of the employee.

(d) Notice of such hearing, stating the charge or charges, will be transmitted or sent certified mailed to the employee, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to such hearing. At this

time the employee will be furnished with a form which he must sign advising that he does or does not desire representation. If the employee signs acknowledging that he desires representation, the Company will provide appropriate documentation to the Organization, including the charge letter. If the employee initially signs advising that he does not desire representation, he will be given an additional opportunity for such representation at commencement of the investigation. Should the employee at that time elect to have representation, the investigation will be postponed in order that he may secure appropriate representation. Should the employee again state that he does not desire representation, he will be requested to again sign the form advising that he does not desire representation, copy of which will be sent to the Organization.

(e) Notice of the hearing to the employee shall be considered as being accomplished when a certified envelope is received by the employee and the five (5) day period will be counted from the time and date stamped by the U. S. Post Office.

(f) The Carrier shall furnish the Local Chairman or Committeeman copies of all documentation to be presented at the hearing at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the hearing upon written notification by the employee that the Organization is representing the individual. Carrier will also mail notice to General Chairman. When possible such documentation will be furnished to the charged employee and General Chairman electronically, via email address on file with Management.

(g) The employee, or his representative, will supply the Carrier with copy of all documents which he intends to use at the investigation/hearing a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours in advance. These documents may be furnished to Management electronically via email, to the address furnished to the Organization. Emails referred to in sub paragraphs (f) and (g) must be acknowledged as received by the receiving party. If the timing of such emails is such that non business days are involved, the Parties agree that the email confirming receipt will be sent on the next business day. Should a Party elect to send an email and the confirming email is not sent by the other Party, the originating Party should immediately contact the other by phone, advising an email was sent. In such cases, the sending Party should immediately send the documents by USPS or other such carriers.

(h) The hearing shall be held within twenty-one (21) days, if circumstances permit, from the time the Carrier has knowledge of the offense under investigation, unless it has been postponed by request either of the employee, the duly authorized representative, or the Carrier. Either party may postpone the hearing at their discretion with at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice, however, there will be no more than two (2) postponements by either party unless by mutual agreement.

If an employee is absent from duty on leave of absence or vacation and cannot be charged within the twenty-one (21)- day period, said period will be extended to cover the duration of his absence plus seven (7) calendar days after his return to active duty.

(i) If the hearing is not held within the specified time, no action will be taken by the Carrier on the charge and all references to the charge shall be deleted from the employee's record.

(j) The employee shall have reasonable opportunity to secure the presence of necessary witnesses and shall have the right to be represented by the duly authorized committee. The employee charged and the duly authorized representatives shall have the right to be present throughout the entire hearing and shall be permitted to examine and cross-examine all witnesses.

(k) The hearing will be held at the charged employee's headquartered city or the location where the alleged incident occurred, unless an alternative site is mutually agreeable to the hearing officer and the duly authorized representative.

(l) The hearing officer will not testify as a witness and his sole duty at the hearing will be to conduct the hearing in a fair and impartial manner.

(m) Except as to records which have been notarized, no oral testimony taken or furnished at any time or place other than during the investigation will be recorded in the transcript.

(n) True and correct audio recordings will be taken by the Carrier at all investigations held under this rule and shall be considered the official transcript. In the event a question arises concerning the transcript of testimony, the employee, or his representative, may make arrangements with management to review the recordings during normal business hours.

(o) Unless otherwise agreed by the parties to the proceeding, investigations will not be conducted for more than six (6) hours in a calendar day, exclusive of short recesses, which will be granted.

(p) The decision shall be rendered and transmitted in writing to the employee, with copy to the duly authorized representative, within fourteen (14) days after completion of the hearing. If a decision is not rendered within the specified time, no action will be taken by the Carrier and the employee's record will be cleared.

(q) An electronic transcript will be made of the hearing and a copy shall be furnished the duly authorized representative at the time a decision is rendered to the email address on file with Management.

(r) If discipline is not assessed, all correspondence and reference to the charges and formal hearing will be cleared from the employee's record.

(s) An employee dissatisfied with the decision of the charging officer shall have the right to appeal, either in person or through a duly authorized representative, provided written claim or grievance is presented directly to the Highest Designated Officer within sixty (60) days of date of receipt of action being appealed. If his decision is not satisfactory, the appeal will then be submitted to the highest officer of the Carrier designated to handle disputes under the Railway Labor Act within sixty (60) days from the date of receipt of the decision rendered. Other preliminary appeal steps are waived. Except as provided in this paragraph, the provisions of the applicable time limit on claims rules govern.

(t) Following appeal, if the final decision determines that the charge against an employee is not sustained or the discipline is excessive, the record shall be cleared or the discipline reduced or modified. If suspended or dismissed, the employee shall be reinstated promptly with

seniority rights, vacation and fringe benefits and rights unimpaired, and shall be made whole for all wage losses incurred during the time period of discipline is held to be improper or excessive.

(u) If by reason of such un-sustained charge the employee has been removed from the position he held, reinstatement will be made to his former position, provided a senior employee, because of force reductions or under his displacement rights, has not been awarded such former position in the interim, or it has not been abolished, and will be compensated for the net wage loss incurred during the time period of discipline, less any amount he may have earned in or out of the service of the Carrier during such time.

If the position has been abolished or if a senior employee, because of force reduction or under his displacement rights, has been awarded the position of the reinstated employee, the latter shall place himself in a position in accordance with his seniority rights in the same manner that he would have exercised such rights had he not been out of the service and will be compensated for the net wage loss incurred during the time period of discipline, less any amount he may have earned in or out of the service of the Carrier during such time.

The amount of wage loss as specified in paragraphs (t) and (u) above shall be determined by adding the total net wages for the three active employees immediately above and below the employee as he stands on the seniority roster and then obtaining an average of that sum.

(v) Discipline may take the form of written reprimand, suspension (which may be deferred), or dismissal from the service. The Carrier may also assess additional training classes or behavioral seminars (at Carrier expense) in lieu of or in addition to suspended days.

Any employee may examine his own record at Management's office during normal business hours, but the record will be open to none other, excepting the general officers of the Carrier.

RULE 13 - CLAIMS AND GRIEVANCES

(a) All claims or grievances must be presented in writing or electronically via email by the employee or by the Organization, on behalf of the employee involved, to the officer of the Company authorized to receive same within thirty (30) days from the date of the occurrence on which the claim or grievance is based.

Should any such claim or grievance be disallowed, the Company shall, within thirty (30) days from the date same is filed, notify whoever filed the claim or grievance (the employee or his representative) in writing of the reasons for such disallowance. The Organization is included in this correspondence provided the employee elected union representation as outlined in Rule 12. If not so notified, the claim or grievance shall be allowed as presented, but this shall not be considered as a precedent or waiver of the contentions of the Company as to other similar claims or grievances. The Company and the Organization agree to establish a set of procedures to electronically transmit claims and grievances.

(b) If a disallowed claim or grievance is to be appealed, such appeal must be in writing and must be taken within thirty (30) days from receipt of notice of disallowance and the representative of the Company shall be notified in writing within that time of the rejection of his decision. Failing to comply with the provision, the matter shall be considered closed, but this shall not be

considered as a precedent or waiver of the contentions of the employees as to other similar claims or grievances. It is understood, however, that the parties may, by agreement, at any stage of the handling of a claim or grievance on the property, extend the thirty (30) period for either a decision or appeal, up to and including the highest officer of the Company designated for that purpose.

(c) The requirements outlined in paragraphs (a) and (b) pertaining to appeal by the employee and decision by the Company shall govern in appeals taken to each succeeding officer, except in cases of appeal from the decision of the highest officer designated by the Company to handle such disputes. All claims or grievances involved in a decision by the highest designated officer shall be barred unless within nine (9) months from the date of said officer's decision proceedings are instituted by the employee or his duly authorized representative before the appropriate division of the National Railroad Adjustment Board, a special board of adjustment, or a system, group, or regional board of adjustment that has been agreed to by the parties hereto as provided in Section 3, Second, of the Railway Labor Act. It is understood, however, that the parties may by agreement in any particular case extend the nine- (9) month period herein referred to.

(d) A claim may be filed at any time for an alleged continuing violation of any agreement and all rights of the claimant or claimants involved thereby shall, under this rule, be fully protected by the filing of one (1) claim or grievance based thereon as long as such alleged violation, if found to be such, continues. However, no monetary claim shall be allowed retroactively for more than sixty (60) days prior to the filing thereof. With respect to claims and grievances involving an employee held out of service in discipline cases, the original notice of request for reinstatement with pay for time lost shall be sufficient.

(e) This rule recognizes the right of representatives of the Organization party hereto to file and prosecute claims and grievances for and on behalf of the employees represented.

(f) This agreement is not intended to deny the right of the employees to use any other lawful action for the settlement of claims or grievances, provided such action is instituted within nine (9) months of the date of the decision of the highest designated officer of the Carrier.

(g) This rule shall not apply to requests for leniency.

(h) All conferences between the local officials and the local committee will be held during regular working hours without loss of time to the committeemen.

(i) The Carrier will not in any way discriminate against employees, or any committee of employees, who are from time to time selected to represent their respective crafts.

(j) Prior to assertion of grievances as herein provided and while questions of grievances are pending, there will neither be a shutdown by the employer nor a suspension of work by the employees.

RULE 14 - WORKDAY AND WORKWEEK

(a) Basis of pay on all jobs or assignments will be on an hourly rate, eight (8) hours, excluding meal period where granted, constituting a day's work, except as otherwise specifically provided in this agreement.

Work in excess of eight (8) hours in one (1) tour of duty on each day or regular assignment, or in extra service, will be paid for at time and one-half rate.

(b) Regular assignments will be on a five (5) - or six (6) --day workweek basis in accordance with the requirements of the service. Rest days will be consecutive as conditions permit.

(c) The term "workweek" for regularly assigned employees shall mean a week beginning on the first (1st) day on which the assignment is bulletined to work.

(d) When conditions beyond the control of the Carrier prevent employees from performing their normal duties, only the hours between the beginning and release from duty, exclusive of meal period, shall be paid for, with a minimum of four (4) hours being allowed each employee who reports for duty.

(e) In all service, the time of employees covered by this agreement will commence at the time they are required to report for duty and shall continue until they are relieved from duty, except as specifically provided to the contrary herein.

(f) When employees are permitted to work less than eight (8) hours for their convenience or when, due to inclement weather or other causes, interruptions occur to regularly established work periods, preventing eight (8) hours' work, only the hours between the beginning and release from duty, exclusive of the meal period shall be paid for.

(g) Where service is intermittent, eight (8) hours' actual time on duty within a spread of twelve (12) hours shall constitute a day's work.

Employees filling such positions shall be paid overtime for all time actually on duty or held for duty in excess of eight (8) hours from the time required to report for duty to the time of release within twelve (12) consecutive hours and also for all time in excess of twelve (12) consecutive hours computed continuously from the time first required to report until final release.

Time shall be counted as continuous service in all cases where the interval of release from duty does not exceed one (1) hour.

Exceptions to the foregoing paragraph shall be made for individual positions when agreed to between the Carrier and the Organization. For such excepted positions, the foregoing paragraph shall not apply.

This rule shall not be construed as authorizing the working of split tricks where continuous service is required.

Intermittent service is understood to mean service of a character where during the hours of assignment there is no work to be performed for periods of more than one (1) hour's duration and service of the employees cannot otherwise be utilized.

Employees covered by this rule will be paid not less than eight (8) hours within a spread of twelve (12) consecutive hours.

RULE 15 - OVERTIME

(a) No overtime hours will be worked except by direction of proper authority, except in cases of emergency where advance authority is not obtainable.

(b) Time in excess of eight (8) hours, exclusive of the meal period, on any day (twenty-four [24] hour period), will be considered overtime and paid for on the actual minute basis at the rate of time and one-half.

(c) While it is the intent of the Carrier that, where practicable, employees will be relieved on their rest days, it is understood that an employee can be required to work on his rest days. Overtime work will be offered on a seniority basis and, if declined by senior men, junior employees will be required to work the overtime hours.

(d) Employees will be allowed time and one-half on minute basis for services performed continuously in advance of the regular working period, the advance period to be not more than one (1) hour.

(e) Employees notified or called to perform work not continuous with, before, or after the regular work period, on rest days, or specified holidays shall be allowed a minimum of three (3) hours at time and one-half rate for three (3) hours work or less and, if held on duty in excess of three (3) hours, time and one-half will be allowed for actual time so held. Each call to duty after being released shall be a separate call.

(f) Where work is required to be performed on a day which is not a part of any assignment, it may be performed by an available extra or furloughed employee who will otherwise not have forty (40) hours of work that week and in all other cases by the regular employee.

(g) When it becomes necessary for employees to work overtime, they shall not be laid off during regular working hours to equalize the time.

(h) There shall be no overtime on overtime; neither shall overtime hours paid for, other than hours not in excess of eight (8) paid for at overtime rates on holidays, be utilized in computing the forty (40) hours per week nor shall time paid for in the nature of arbitraries or special allowances, such as attending court, deadheading, etc., be utilized for this purpose, except when such payments apply during assigned working hours in lieu of pay for such hours.

RULE 16 - ADVERTISING JOBS OR VACANCIES

(a) Positions may be established or abolished at any time, consistent with the requirements of the service.

(b) New jobs and permanent vacancies will be promptly bulletined on bulletin boards accessible to all employees affected and will be advertised for a period of five (5) calendar days, including date of advertisement. Bulletin will show location, title and description of position, rate of pay, assigned hours of service, meal period and days off. If the position is temporary, the probable or expected duration shall be indicated.

(c) Except as provided in Rule 17, new positions or vacancies that are expected to exist thirty (30) or more calendar days will be bulletined as permanent within five (5) calendar days after the date the positions are created or vacancies occur.

(d) When the effective date of the job or permanent vacancy is known sufficiently in advance, advertisement will be issued, if practicable, so that bids may close prior to the effective date. When not advertised in advance, jobs or permanent vacancies, during the period of advertisement, will be filled by the senior furloughed employee desiring to work short vacancies.

(e) Bids shall be submitted in writing to the appropriate Carrier office within five (5) calendar days of date of posting of bulletin. Receipt of bids and applications shall close at midnight on the fifth (5th) day, including date of advertisement bulletin.

(f) Bids will be accepted only from those employees who have seniority in the craft in which the job or vacancy is classified, the bulletin to designate such craft, where required.

(g) An employee bidding on new positions or vacancies under this rule will not be permitted to withdraw his bid unless same is done prior to expiration of the five- (5) calendar-day period specified.

(h) Conversely, when conditions require the withdrawal of a bulletin, the withdrawal must be made prior to the expiration of the five- (5) calendar-day period and a bulletin posted to that effect.

(i) When more than one (1) vacancy or new position exists at the same time, employees shall have the right to bid on any or all, stating preference.

Nothing in this rule shall be construed to prevent employees bidding on all bulletined positions, irrespective of whether the position sought is of same, greater, or lesser remuneration.

(j) Employees declining promotion or declining to bid for a bulletined position shall not lose their seniority.

(k) Bulletin of assignment designating the successful applicant shall be posted on the sixth (6th) day at 12:01 P.M. and shall remain posted for a period of five (5) calendar days at all places where the position was bulletined.

In the event no bids are received, assignment shall be made in keeping with paragraph (m) herein.

If there are no employees on the furloughed list, the position will be re-advertised seven (7) calendar days from the date of closing of the first (1st) advertisement or declination by furloughed employees. If no bids are received, the position may then be filled by the Carrier.

(l) An employee awarded a bulletined position will be transferred to such assignment within seven (7) calendar days after issuance of assignment bulletin or effective date of the position, whichever is the earlier, or paid for all losses sustained, if Carrier's fault.

(m) In the event no bids are received, the senior furloughed employee, holding seniority in the craft involved, will be forced to the job or vacancy and will remain thereon until displaced through the exercise of seniority or by bidding upon and becoming assigned to another permanent job or vacancy.

(n) When an employee bids for and is awarded a permanent position, his former position will be declared vacant and bulletined.

(o) An employee exercising his seniority under this rule will do so without expense to the Carrier; he will lose his right to the job left; and, if after a fair trial he fails to qualify in accordance with Rule 8, he will have to take whatever position may be open in his craft.

(p) If an employee not holding a regular assignment does not bid upon or if he bids upon and is the successful applicant but does not protect a vacancy or job for any reason, except for having been on authorized leave of absence, he will be barred from displacing the junior employee who bids in the assignment until such time as he has displacement rights from another regular assignment.

(q) If an employee is absent on authorized leave during the entire time a job or vacancy is advertised for assignment and, for that reason, did not apply therefore, upon reporting for service he may, if he holds seniority in the craft involved, displace a junior employee who has been assigned to such job or vacancy during his absence, provided he makes application within forty-eight (48) hours after reporting and then only if he does not otherwise exercise his seniority rights. A junior employee displaced as a result may then exercise his seniority in like manner.

RULE 17 - SHORT VACANCIES

(a) Temporary vacancies of less than thirty (30) calendar days' duration shall be considered short vacancies and will not be advertised. However, when there is reasonable evidence that such vacancies will extend beyond the thirty (30) day time limit, they shall be immediately bulletined in accordance with Rule 16.

(b) Short vacancies will be filled by the senior employee from the extra board lists, or senior furloughed employee desiring to work short vacancies, holding seniority in the sub-classification involved. Such extra board or furloughed employee will remain thereon until he is displaced through the exercise of seniority, or he bids upon and becomes assigned to another permanent job or vacancy, or the temporary assignment expires.

At the expiration of such temporary assignment, the incumbent extra board employee will be permitted to exercise seniority over any junior employee in the craft in which he holds seniority holding a job or vacancy, either permanent or temporary, which develops during the period he was on the temporary assignment.

(c) If there are no extra board or furloughed employees available, regularly assigned employees, on their rest days, will be used in seniority order, so long as use of the regularly assigned employee will not disturb his placement for his regularly assigned job or position.

An employee holding a regular assignment or regular relief assignment, who makes application to fill short vacancies and/or vacancies occasioned by the filling of positions pending close of bids through rearrangement of regular forces, will be permitted to fill such vacancies and will take the conditions of assignments in such vacancies, but will not be permitted to work more than five (5) straight time eight- (8) hour shifts in the workweek of the assignment which he had at the time he made application to fill the temporary vacancy, unless there are no qualified or extra employees who otherwise would not have forty (40) hours' work during the workweek of the furloughed or extra employee.

If there are no qualified extra or furloughed employees available, regularly assigned employees making application to fill short vacancies will be used in seniority order and will be compensated at the pro rata rate for service on the sixth (6th) day. In the application of this rule, the following conditions will govern.

(1) An assigned employee, who takes two (2) temporary vacancies in a workweek of the assignment he had when he made his choice, will not be permitted to work more than five (5) straight time eight- (8) hour shifts in the workweek or in any successive workweek.

(2) An employee displaced from a regular assignment, who takes a temporary vacancy prior to exercising his seniority on a regular assignment, will be treated the same as an extra or unassigned employee in the application of this provision.

(3) An employee displaced from a temporary vacancy who takes another temporary vacancy or an employee who moves from one temporary vacancy to another temporary vacancy by application without returning to his assignment will only be permitted to work five (5) straight time eight- (8) hour shifts in the workweek of the temporary vacancy from which he was displaced or the temporary vacancy he vacated.

In application of this "rearrangement of regular forces," a regular incumbent of a relief employee assignment or an employee filling a bulletined temporary vacancy in such an assignment will be considered a part of the "regular forces" in each office covered by this agreement and, similarly, a regular incumbent of a position in any office covered by a relief employee assignment or an employee filling a bulletined temporary vacancy in such position will be considered a part of the "regular forces" for the purpose of filling a short vacancy in such relief employee assignment or a vacancy therein occasioned by the filling of the assignment pending assignment by bulletin.

(d) In those instances in which an employee applies for leave of less than thirty (30) days' duration and then reapplies for extension of that initial leave which totals more than thirty (30) days, his position shall be immediately bulletined in accordance with Rule 16. If such vacancies later develop to be permanent, they will be re-bulletined as such.

RULE 18 - EXTRA BOARD EMPLOYEES

(a) Extra board lists for employees will be established at points designated by the Carrier and in the central dispatch work space.

(b) Extra board employees will be called in seniority order.

(c) Extra board employees will be governed by instructions promulgated by the Carrier as to registering for service, marking up on the extra boards, return from leave of absence or furlough, etc.

(d) The Carrier will be divided into a designated number of selective work districts for extra board employees, each extra board man to be permitted to elect the selective work district on which he desires to work, commensurate with his seniority standing and the requirements of the service, and will be called for the service in seniority order, except as otherwise provided in these working conditions, for service originating in that selective work district.

Procedural details will be promulgated and published by the Carrier. Prior to making a change, the Carrier will notify the General Chairman.

(e) When extra or furloughed employees are used to fill the assignment of a regular employee, their days off will be the regular days off of that assignment, but otherwise their days off need not be consecutive.

Extra or furloughed employees who will otherwise not have forty (40) hours of work that week may be used to perform relief work that cannot be taken care of by regular relief assignments and, when so used, they will take the starting time, duties, rate of pay, and work locations of the employee or employees whom they are relieving.

RULE 19 - CHANGING ASSIGNED STARTING TIME AND REST DAYS

(a) All assignments shall have a fixed starting time which shall be the same each day and a designated point for the beginning and ending of tour of duty and the regular starting time shall not be changed without at least forty-eight (48) hours' advance written notice to the employees affected.

When the established starting time of a regular assignment is changed thirty (30) minutes or more for more than five (5) consecutive days or either or both assigned rest days are changed, the employees affected may within ten (10) calendar days thereafter, upon twenty-four (24) hours' advance notice, exercise their seniority rights to any position held by a junior employee. Other employees affected may exercise their seniority in the same manner. ("...ten [10] calendar days

thereafter" refers back to starting time changed for more than five [5] consecutive days' and the conditions of this rule are met if the employee acts within ten (10) calendar days after the fifth [5th] consecutive day is completed.)

(b) When the established starting time of any shift of a regularly established relief assignment is changed one (1) hour or more or either or both assigned rest days are changed, employees affected may exercise seniority rights as outlined in paragraph (a).

Starting time of regularly established relief assignments will be the same as that of the positions relieved.

RULE 20 - CHANGING DUTIES

(a) When the duties of any position are so changed that the occupant cannot satisfactorily perform them, he shall, upon agreement between the Carrier and the Organization, be permitted to exercise his seniority rights to a position held by a junior employee.

An employee, whose physical condition becomes such that he can no longer perform his regular duties or who has become physically unable to continue in service in his present position, will be furnished employment, if available, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

(b) Where there is sufficient increase or decrease in the duties and responsibilities of a position or change in the character of the service required, the compensation for such position will be subject to adjustment, but established positions will not be discontinued and new ones created under the same or different titles covering relatively the same class or grade of work which will have the effect of reducing the rate of pay or evading the application of these rules.

RULE 21 - SERVICE

Employees who work in any class of service may be required to perform any other class of service in a day or trip, the highest rated service performed to be the applicable rate for the entire day.

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RULE 23 - HEADQUARTERS POINT

(a) Employees will be assigned a designated headquarters, which will be considered their home station.

(b) Except as provided in Rule 24, employee's time will begin and end at designated point at his home station.

(c) When a change is made in the location of an employee's headquarters, the position will be re-bulletined as a new position only when so requested by the Organization. Such request must be made in writing and within ten (10) days from date of change.

(d) Employees will be reimbursed for necessary expenses for meals and lodging incurred while away from their regular headquarters by direction of the Company. This rule shall not apply to employees traveling in exercise of their seniority rights or to employees doing relief work.

RULE 24 - TRAVEL TIME

(a) Hourly rated employees performing service during normal work periods requiring them to leave and return to home station the same day will be paid continuous time, exclusive of meal period, from time reporting for duty until released at home station; straight time for all straight time work; overtime for all overtime work; and straight time for all time traveling or waiting. "Return to home station the same day" means return before the usual starting time the following day.

(b) Employees performing service which requires them to leave their home station and who do not return to home station the same day will be paid straight time rate for time traveling or working during regularly assigned working hours and time and one-half rate for work during overtime hours.

Actual time at straight time rate will be paid for all time traveling between the end of the regular working hours of one day and the beginning of the regular working hours of the following day, except when at least eight (8) continuous hours of hotel accommodations are available to the employee, which it is permissible for him to use between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M.

When lodging accommodations are available at the point to which sent, no time will be allowed other than that consumed in traveling or time actually worked between the end of the regular hours of one day and the beginning of the regular working hours of the following day.

Per diem expenses will be allowed while away from home station under this rule.

(c) Employees traveling by Company vehicles shall be deemed to be at work while so traveling.

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RULE 26 - MEAL PERIOD

(a) For regular operations requiring continuous hours, eight (8) consecutive hours without meal period shall be assigned as constituting a day's work in which a meal period of twenty (20) minutes shall be allowed to eat, without deduction in pay.

(b) Where a meal period is allowed, it will be regularly assigned between the ending of the third (3rd) hour and the beginning of the sixth (6th) hour after starting work.

(c) Employees whose duties do not allow them to take an undisturbed meal period shall be paid an additional twenty (20) minutes at the current straight time rate in addition to all other earnings for the tour of duty.

RULE 27 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(a) Employees desiring to be absent ten (10) days or more must make advance written request for leave of absence.

(b) The Parties recognize that as of the date of this agreement, the Carrier does not meet the requirements of the Family Medical and Leave Act (FMLA). Given this, the Carrier does not offer FMLA to its employees.

(c) Should the Carrier ever meet federal requirements for FMLA, it will offer the provisions of FMLA to the employees. In the interim, the Company has published a "Company Leave of Absence Policy" after consultation with Organization representatives. The Carrier provides employees with a copy of this Policy.

(d) An employee absent on leave who engages in other employment will be considered to have forfeited his seniority unless special arrangements shall have been made with the officer granting the leave of absence and the Organization, except in cases of the medical examiner of the Carrier barring an employee for physical reasons.

(e) An employee who fails to report for duty at the expiration of leave of absence will forfeit his seniority rights.

(f) Employees returning to service after having laid off with permission or from leave of absence must notify the proper authority not less than twenty-four (24) hours before reporting time for their jobs, except as provided herein.

(g) Employees desiring to return from leave of absence before the expiration thereof will be permitted to do so upon forty-eight (48) hours' written advance notice to the immediate supervisory officer.

(h) An employee returning after leave of absence may return to his former position, providing it has not been abolished or senior employee has not exercised displacement rights over junior employees or, within forty-eight (48) hours after return, exercise seniority rights on any position bulletined during such absence.

(i) An employee displaced from his assignment while on vacation or leave of absence will be considered as having been on leave of absence for the duration of his vacation and leave, as a consequence of which he will have the privilege of exercising all rights accorded an employee displaced during leave of absence under this agreement.

(j) An employee relieved from temporary or official, subordinate official, or exempt position may return to his former position within ten (10) days, providing it has not been abolished or senior employee has not exercised displacement rights thereon. Said employee shall notify the proper authority no less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the date that he will assert his seniority rights on an identified position and must actively assume the duties of the position of his selection before he will be considered as having exercised or asserted his seniority rights under this agreement. In case of personal illness developing after the employee notifies the proper officer of the Carrier of the position of his choice, which prevents the employee from actively assuming the duties of the position, he will, upon advice to the proper officer of the Carrier, accompanied by request for leave of absence, be considered as having exercised or asserted his rights.

In the event an employee's former position has been abolished or a senior employee has exercised displacement rights thereon, the employee may exercise seniority rights on any position bulletined during such absence and will have the privilege of exercising seniority rights over junior employees, if such rights are exercised within forty-eight (48) hours after his return. Employees displaced by his return will be affected in the same manner.

It is mutually agreed that the phrase "or senior employee has not exercised displacement rights thereon" and the phrase "or senior employee has exercised displacement rights thereon" appearing in these paragraphs shall be interpreted to refer only to a senior employee exercising displacement rights in a reduction of forces or in abolishing positions and shall not refer to a senior employee bidding upon or applying for a vacancy.

(k) Employees in the service of the Carrier, called for duty under an act of Congress relating to compulsory training or service in the armed services of the United States, shall receive leave of absence to cover their term of service and shall have thirty (30) days after receiving honorable discharge in which to claim their rights to a position and may exercise their seniority over junior employees in their seniority subdivisions.

(l) Employees in the service voluntarily enlisting in any branch of the armed services of the United States shall receive leave of absence when proper request has been made in writing to the appropriate supervisor in keeping with the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act, as well as any other laws relative to military leaves of absences, and shall have thirty (30) days after receiving honorable discharge in which to claim their rights to position with the Carrier, same as accorded selectees in the preceding paragraph (k).

(m) An employee, who has returned to service under the above conditions of paragraphs (k) and (l) and is eligible for vocational rehabilitation or education and training under the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Benefits Act, as amended, and who makes application for leave of absence for the purpose of vocational rehabilitation or education and training under the Act, will be granted leave of absence for the period engaged in such vocational rehabilitation or education and training upon presentation of military orders to that effect.

(n) An employee, who has established seniority rights and who is now filling or may hereafter be appointed or elected to any federal, state, county, or municipal office, shall, upon written request, be granted leave of absence for such period of time as he holds or occupies such office or position and without impairment or prejudice of seniority rights or rank.

Upon expiration or termination of any such term of office or appointment to any federal, state, county, or municipal office or position, such employee shall, upon written notice to the proper authority and upon passing the customarily required physical and mental examination of employees re-entering the active service, may exercise his seniority over junior employees in his respective seniority subdivisions.

(o) Provisions for obtaining and granting leave of absence under this rule shall be deemed to have been complied with in case of an employee who is on leave at the time this agreement is adopted.

RULE 28 – ABSENTEEISM

(a) Ten (10) sick/personal days are granted each year. These sick/personal days must be taken each year.

Annual sick/personal days will be granted to each employee of the Carrier who renders compensated service as an employee in accordance with qualification requirements stipulated for vacation leave as set forth in Rule 30-1 (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e).

New employees hired after the date of this agreement who fail to qualify for any sick/personal days as outlined above will be handled during their first year of employment in the following manner.

(i) Employees who qualify for dispatcher, etc. between January 1 and June 30 will be awarded ten (10) sick/personal days to be utilized in the usual and customary manner.

(ii) Employees who qualify between July 1 and December 31 will be awarded five (5) sick personal days to be utilized in the usual and customary manner.

In the event the employee does not exhaust his ten (10) days during the calendar year, he may sell the unused days at a value of fifty (50) percent of the regularly assigned hourly rate last worked or carry the unused days forward to the next calendar year, subject only to the provision that he may have available no more than twenty (20) sick/personal days in any one (1) calendar year. Claim for payment of unused sick/personal days must be submitted in writing to the employee's supervisor between January 1 and January 15 of each year.

At the Carrier's sole discretion, employees may be permitted to donate Personal Days between themselves in case of emergency.

(b) Employees desiring to be absent from work for personal reasons must secure permission twenty-four (24) hours in advance from appropriate supervisor unless the employee has a bona fide documented emergency.

Employees requesting sick leave time must advise appropriate supervisor at the earliest possible time, and in any event no less than two (2) hours in advance of reporting time.

(c) Employees laying off without permission may be subject to discipline.

(d) In instances in which employees mark off due to illness, if period of mark-off exceeds three (3) days, doctor's certificate releasing employee for return to work will be required.

RULE 29 - HOLIDAYS

(a) Subject to the qualifying requirements applicable to regularly assigned employees contained in paragraph (c) below, each regularly assigned employee shall receive eight (8) hours' pay at the rate of the position last worked prior to the holiday for each of the following enumerated holidays:

New Year's Day
President's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day After Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
New Year's Eve

(b) Should service be performed on a designated holiday, the employee performing the service will be allowed pay at the time and one-half rate of the position on which service is performed, in addition to holiday pay.

(c) A regularly assigned employee shall qualify for holiday pay provided in paragraph (a) above if compensation paid him by the Carrier is credited to the workdays immediately preceding or following such holiday or if the employee is not assigned to work but is available for service on such days.

Regularly assigned employees actually performing compensated service will not qualify for holiday pay unless they perform compensated service for a minimum of five (5) hours on the workdays immediately preceding and following such holiday, except in case of emergency. It is understood that employee must furnish documentation supporting the reason he is unable to complete his assignment.

If the holiday falls on the last day of a regularly assigned employee's workweek, the first (1st) workday following his rest days shall be considered the workday immediately following.

If the holiday falls on the first (1st) workday of his workweek, the last workday of the preceding workweek shall be considered the workday immediately preceding the holiday.

A regularly assigned employee, meeting the qualifications set forth in the above paragraphs, will also be allowed to bracket any holiday or holiday period with vacation days only, however, the holiday shall still count as a vacation day. The employee shall then receive holiday pay in addition to vacation pay.

(d) Extra board employees working vacancies shall receive eight (8) hours' pay at the hourly rate of the position on which compensation last accrued to him for each of the above identified holidays if the holiday falls on a workday of the workweek, provided they work the days preceding and following the holiday.

For purposes of paragraph (a) above, the workweek for extra board employees shall be Monday to Friday, both days inclusive, except that such employees who are relieving regularly assigned employees on the same assignment on both the workday preceding and the workday following the holiday will have the workweek of the incumbent of the assigned position and will be subject to the same qualifying requirements respecting service and availability on the workdays preceding and following the holiday as apply to the employee who he is relieving.

(e) An employee, otherwise qualified for holiday pay who is confined to a hospital or unable to perform service at the direction of a Carrier doctor or produces medical documentation concerning an illness on the workday immediately preceding and following a specified holiday and who returns to work within five days following the holiday, will receive holiday pay allowance.

(f) Compensation paid under sick and/or personal leave rules or practices will not be considered as compensation for purposes of this rule.

(g) Holiday pay will be paid only on the actual day of the Holiday.

RULE 30 - VACATIONS

The vacation provided for in this agreement shall be considered to have been earned when the employee has qualified under Section 1 hereof, all vacations, unless stipulated otherwise, shall be granted on January 1st of each calendar year.

1. (a) Newly hired employees who have completed one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days of employment prior to October 1st of the year of hire, shall be granted an annual vacation of one (1) week with pay, upon such completion. This provision applies only to the first year of employment.

(b) An annual vacation of two (2) weeks with pay will be granted to each employee of the Company who renders compensated service as an employee of the Company on not less than one hundred and fifty-six (156) days during the preceding calendar year, with qualifying days being computed on the basis of one (1) day for each tour of duty of eight (8) hours.

(c) An annual vacation of three (3) weeks with pay will be granted to each employee of the Company who renders compensated service as an employee of the Company on not less than one hundred (156) days during the preceding calendar year and has rendered compensated service in each of the seven (7) years immediately preceding the year of vacation and has rendered compensated service on no less than one thousand ninety two (1092) days during said seven (7) year period, with qualifying days being computed on the basis of one (1) day for each tour of duty of eight (8) hours.

(d) An annual vacation of four (4) weeks with pay will be granted to each employee of the Company who renders compensated service as an employee of the Company on not less than one hundred (156) days during the preceding calendar year and has rendered compensated service in each of the fourteen (14) years immediately preceding the year of vacation and has rendered compensated service on no less than two thousand one hundred eighty four (2184) days during said fourteen (14) year period, with qualifying days being computed on the basis of one (1) day for each tour of duty of eight (8) hours.

It is understood that when an employee obtains sufficient service to earn an additional vacation week, such entitlement will occur at the beginning of said calendar year, without regard to his actual anniversary date.

Employees assigned to an extra board for a period of six (6) months or more prior to the awarding of annual vacation, shall be awarded their vacation as outlined in section 1(b),(c),(d), herein; however, they shall be subject to a one hundred twenty (120) day qualifying period in the preceding calendar year(s), in lieu of one hundred fifty six (156) day qualifying period, and such calculation shall also apply to preceding calendar years (e.g. eight hundred forty 840 days for three (3) weeks' vacation).

(e) Continuous employment is broken by voluntary resignation, discharge for cause, or any other voluntary separation from the service.

(f) Employees exercising their vacation privileges will be compensated under this agreement during their absence on vacation in accordance with Rule 31, retaining their other rights as if they had remained at work, such absences from duty not constituting "vacancies" in their positions under any agreement.

(g) In instances where employees have performed seven (7) months' service with the Carrier or have performed in a calendar year service sufficient to qualify them for a vacation in the following calendar year and subsequently called for duty relative to compulsory training or service in the armed forces of the United States, the time spent by such employees in the armed services will be credited as qualifying service in determining the length of vacations for which they may qualify upon their return to the service of the Carrier.

2. (a) The vacation period due in any one (1) year must be taken during that year, vacation periods being neither accumulative not transferable.

(b) Vacations may be taken from January 1 to December 31, and due regard consistent with requirements of the service shall be given to the desires and preferences of the employees, in seniority order, when fixing the dates for their vacations.

(c) The Carrier reserves the right to schedule the vacation period for each employee, as well as to generally administer the vacation plan, in accordance with the above provisions, with the understanding, of course, that vacation periods will be scheduled to the greatest extent possible, commensurate with the requirements of the service, on the seniority principle.

(d) Each employee who is entitled to vacation shall take same at the time assigned and, while it is intended that the vacation date designated will be adhered to so far as practicable, the

Carrier shall have the right to defer same, provided the employee so affected is given as much advance notice as possible; not less than ten (10) days' notice shall be given, except when emergency conditions prevent same.

(e) While the intention of this agreement is that the vacation period will be continuous, the vacation may, at the request of the employee, be given in installments if the Carrier consents thereto.

Employees qualified for two (2) weeks of vacation may, at their option, take one (1) week of that vacation in single day increments. Employees qualified for three (3) weeks of vacation may take up to two (2) weeks of that vacation in single day increments.

(f) It is further understood, in the event a scheduled vacation of an employee occurs during furlough or while he is in an unassigned or extra board status, the vacation will be allowed for the appropriate number of days on a consecutive basis without regard to workweeks and paid in accordance with Rule 31.

(g) If the Carrier finds that it cannot release an employee for a vacation during the calendar year because of the requirements of the service, then such employee shall be paid in lieu of vacation.

(h) To the extent that the Carrier can reasonably do so without detriment to its operations, an employee will be permitted to commence his vacation following completion of his assigned rest day or days.

3. (a) A holiday (New Year's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day After Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve or any day which by agreement has been substituted or is observed in place of any of the ten [10] holidays enumerated) which falls on any workday during a vacation period shall be counted a vacation day.

(b) An employee designated to fill an assignment of another employee on vacation will be paid the rate of such assignment or the rate of his own assignment, whichever is the greater; provided that, if the assignment is filled by a regularly assigned vacation relief employee, such employee shall receive the rate of the relief position.

(c) No employee shall be paid less than his own normal compensation for the hours of his own assignment because of vacations of other employees.

4. (a) Employees hired from FECR with seniority on the FECR train dispatcher, etc. master seniority roster will receive credit for all time worked as a Train dispatcher, etc. as it relates to vacation qualification.

RULE 31 - VACATION PAY

1. Employees who were working for FECR prior to their employment with the Carrier, and who worked under the Train dispatcher, etc. agreement at FECR prior to the end of calendar year 2013 shall be paid for vacation in the following manner:

(a) The amount of vacation pay for an employee qualified for one (1) week of vacation shall be the equivalent of forty (40) hours' pay at the rate of the last service performed, or one-fifty-second (1/52) of his prior year's earnings, whichever is the greater.

(b) The amount of vacation pay for an employee qualified for two (2) weeks of vacation shall be the equivalent of eighty (80) hours' pay at the rate of the last service performed prior to the beginning of the vacation period, or one-twenty-sixth (1/26) of his prior year's earnings, whichever is the greater.

(c) The amount of vacation pay for an employee qualified for three (3) weeks of vacation shall be the equivalent of one hundred and twenty (120) hours' pay at the rate of the last service performed prior to the beginning of the vacation period, or three-fifty-seconds (3/52) of his prior year's earnings, whichever is the greater.

(d) The amount of vacation pay for an employee qualified for four (4) weeks of vacation shall be the equivalent of one hundred and sixty (160) hours' pay at the rate of the last service performed prior to the beginning of the vacation period, or one-thirteenth (1/13) of his prior year's earnings, whichever is the greater.

2. Employees who were working for FECR prior to their employment with the Carrier, and who joined FECR after December 31, 2013 are not eligible to receive vacation pay on the basis of fractions of their previous year's earnings, and will receive only the hours of pay referenced above, at the rate of last service performed prior to the beginning of the vacation period.

3. Employees, at their option, may submit time tickets covering authorized vacation allowances, said time tickets to be submitted two (2) weeks in advance of period of scheduled vacation in order that pay allowances might be available at the time vacation commences.

4. In the event employee does not opt to submit time slip two (2) weeks in advance of commencement of scheduled vacation period, the Carrier will only make payment in keeping with normal pay procedures.

5. If an employee's employment status is terminated for any reason whatsoever, including but not limited to retirement, resignation, discharge, or failure to return after furlough or leave, he shall at the time of such termination be granted full vacation pay earned up to the time he leaves the service, including pay for vacation earned in the preceding year or years and not yet granted, and the vacation for the succeeding year, if the employee has qualified therefore under Rule 27.

6. If an employee thus entitled to vacation or vacation pay shall die, the vacation pay earned and not received shall be paid to such beneficiary as may have been designated or, in the absence of such designation, the surviving spouse or children or his estate, in that order of preference.

7. Vacation pay referred to in this agreement is that pay earned by the employee who earned compensation while working in one of the sub classes outlined in Rule 5 – Seniority.

RULE 32 - ATTENDING COURT, INQUESTS, ETC.

(a) A regularly assigned employee attending court, inquests, investigations, or hearings under instructions from the Carrier, as witnesses for the Carrier, will be paid for each day so held, the equivalent of his regular assigned hours at the rate of the position on which service was last performed.

When such attendance occurs on rest days, regularly assigned employees will be allowed a minimum of four (4) hours and maximum of eight (8) hours at the overtime rate of the position on which service was last performed.

When it occurs before or after assigned hours on other than rest days, employees will be allowed actual time in attendance, with a minimum of four (4) hours and a maximum of eight (8) hours at the overtime rate of the position on which service was last performed.

(b) Unassigned or furloughed employees attending court, inquests, investigations, or hearings under instructions from the Carrier as witnesses for the Carrier, will be allowed a minimum day at the rate of the position on which service was last performed prior to such attendance for each calendar day used as a witness.

(c) Transportation to away-from-headquarters' point will be furnished on a per diem basis, but pay for deadheading will not be allowed.

(d) This rule has no application to an employee instructed by the Carrier to attend an investigation of charges against him.

(e) Any monies received by employees for travel expenses or pay for jury duty, inquests, or court procedures shall be retained by the employee involved, without deduction from any other monies to which he might be entitled to under the provisions of this agreement.

RULE 33 - JURY DUTY

(a) When a regularly assigned employee covered by this agreement is summoned for jury duty and is required to lose time from his assignment as a result of reporting for or for serving on a jury,, he shall be paid for actual time reporting for or serving on a jury, with a maximum of a basic day's pay at the straight time rate of the position on which service was last performed for each day lost, subject to the following qualification requirements and limitations.

(b) In order to receive compensation for reporting for or serving on a jury, an employee must furnish the Carrier with a statement from the court of the days on which jury duty was performed.

(c) The number of days for which jury duty pay shall be paid is limited to a maximum of ten (10) days in any calendar year, or as may be required in accordance with local ordinances.

(d) No jury duty pay will be allowed for any day as to which the employee is entitled to vacation or holiday pay.

(e) A regularly assigned employee summoned for grand jury will be paid a maximum of a basic day's pay at the straight time rate of the position on which he last performed service. The number of days for which an employee will be paid while serving on a federal and/or grand jury is limited to a maximum of thirty (30) days, within a three (3)- year period.

(f) When an employee is excused from railroad service account of jury duty, the Carrier shall have the option of determining whether or not the employee's regular position shall be blanked, notwithstanding the provisions of any other rules.

(g) If an employee is called for jury duty, he will be absent only that time actually required to report or serve on a jury. In other words, if an employee is released from jury duty on any day during the period of his scheduled work hours, he will return to work, provided another employee has not been called to fill the position.

(h) Any monies received by employees for travel expenses or pay for jury duty, inquests, or court procedures shall be retained by the employee involved, without deduction from any other monies to which he might be entitled under the provisions of this agreement.

RULE 34 - FUNERAL LEAVE

(a) In those instances in which an employee loses through death a mother, father, sister, brother, wife, husband, son, daughter, stepchild, mother- or father-in-law, stepmother or stepfather, grandchild, or grandparent, the day of attending the funeral will be compensated for at straight time rate for three (3) days. An employee will only be due compensation for one (1) day if the funeral is not attended.

(b) Employees losing through death a sister/brother-in-law, step-grandchild or grandparent of their current spouse will be compensated at straight time rate for the day of the funeral only. Employees divorced with no current spouse will not be entitled to this one (1) day of funeral leave.

The employee must attend the funeral to receive this one (1) day compensation.

RULE 35 - EXAMINATIONS

(a) Instructions of supervisory officers of the Carrier to employees to undergo physical examination to determine if he remains qualified for a position shall be promptly complied with, the Carrier to pay for any such examination made at its direction. The Carrier reserves the right to select its own medical examiner or physician.

(b) No compensation shall be due an employee for undergoing examination, unless such examination reveals that the employee is and was fit for service at the time of the examination. In that event, employee will be made whole for any time lost while undergoing the examination.

(c) Employees instructed to undergo physical examination not a part of job qualifications will be compensated for any time lost to undergo said examination. The Carrier will pay for any such examination made at its direction and reserves the right to select its own medical examiner or physician.

(d) In the case of any employee reporting, at the direction of the Carrier, for physical examination, the Carrier will reimburse him at the current rate per mile, via the most direct route, incurred as a result of this physical examination.

Employees entering or returning to service will be required to take such physical examination as the Carrier requires to determine their fitness to reasonably perform the service required in their craft or class.

(e) Employees resuming active service with the Carrier will be subject to prescribed physical examinations. In the event an employee is withheld from service because of this physical condition as a result of examination by the Carrier's physician, the employee or his Organization, upon presentation of a dissenting opinion as to the employee's condition by a competent physician, may make written request to his employing officer, within fifteen (15) calendar days of the date withheld, for a neutral medical authority to review the withheld employee's case.

Within fifteen (15) calendar days of the receipt of such request, the Carrier and the Organization or the employee's personal physician shall by mutual agreement appoint such neutral medical authority, which medical authority shall be expert on and specializing in the disability from which the employee is alleged to be suffering.

The neutral medical authority so selected will review the employee's case from medical records furnished by the parties hereto and, if it considers it necessary, will make an examination of the employee. Said medical authority shall then make a complete report of its findings in duplicate, one (1) copy to the Carrier and one (1) copy to the employee or the Organization setting forth the employee's condition and an opinion as to his fitness to continue service in his regular employment, which will be accepted as final.

The Carrier and the employee shall each pay one-half (1/2) of the fee and expenses of the neutral medical authority and any examination expenses which may be incurred, such as hospital, laboratory and X-ray services.

In the event the neutral medical authority concludes that the employee is fit to continue in service in his regular employment, such neutral medical authority shall also render a further opinion as to whether or not such fitness existed at the time the employee was withheld from service. If such further conclusion states that the employee possessed such fitness at the time withheld from service, the employee will be made whole for earnings lost during the period so withheld, and will be reimbursed for the monies he paid for the neutral medical authority.

In the event the neutral medical authority concludes that the employee is not fit to continue in service in his regular employment, the Organization may upon presentation of an opinion from a competent physician that the employee's condition has improved request re-examination by the Carrier's physician. Such request will not be made for the first ninety (90) calendar days thereafter, nor more often than once in any subsequent ninety- (90) day period.

RULE 36 - RATES OF PAY

(a) On the Effective Date of this agreement, hourly straight time rates of pay for each position falling within the scope of this agreement will be as follows:

Year	1/1/2024	1/1/2025	1/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028
Percent Increase	3.75%	4.50%	5.50%	4.50%	3.75%
Train Dispatcher	47.58	49.72	52.46	54.82	56.87
Dispatcher Assistant	33.29	34.79	36.71	38.36	39.80
Dispatcher Trainee	31.33	32.74	34.54	36.10	37.45

(b) Train dispatchers coming on duty will be paid fifteen (15) minutes at the current straight time rate for receiving turnover from the outgoing train dispatcher.

(c) All straight time and overtime rates will be rounded off to the nearest whole cent.

(d) New employees, upon establishing seniority in accordance with Rule 5 will be paid Dispatcher Trainee rate. New scope train dispatchers will receive eighty-five (85) percent of the train dispatcher rate for the six (6) month period following achievement of their qualification as train dispatcher. A newly qualified dispatcher who works as a Dispatcher Assistant will receive 100% of the Dispatcher Assistant rate.

(e) Whenever an employee, except as covered by the conditions of paragraph (d) above, is required to fill the place of another employee receiving a higher rate of pay, he shall receive the higher rate for the entire day. If required to fill the place of an employee receiving a lower rate of pay, his rate shall not be changed.

(f) Established rates of pay or positions shall not be discontinued or abolished and new ones created covering relatively the same class of work which will have the effect of reducing rates of pay or evading the application of this rule.

(g) Except when changes in rates result from negotiations for adjustments of a general character, changing of a rate of a specified position shall constitute a new position.

(h) The rates for new positions shall be in conformity with rates for positions of a similar kind or class.

(i) Employees will be paid a one (1) hour arbitrary at the straight time rate for training new employees as qualified train dispatchers.

Employees will receive this same arbitrary when assigned to train certain Carrier exempt employees as qualified train dispatchers. Such training and qualification does not in any manner convey scope seniority to such exempt employees who are not on the Seniority Roster as of January 22, 2018.

(j) It is understood that the general wage increase for 2024 will be effective and paid retroactive to January 1, 2024, within forty-five days of the effective date of this agreement. It is understood that the retroactive portion of the general wage increase shall be applied only to employees who have an employment relationship with the Carrier on the date of this agreement or who retired or died on or after January 1, 2024.

(k) The first CBA between these parties was effective on January 22, 2018. It remains a premise to this Agreement that the Carrier is subject to the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act and will, as a matter of law, be able to make all appropriate contributions and deductions required by such Acts with respect to the employees who are subject to this Agreement. In the event the Carrier may for any reason remain subject to such Acts and therefore cannot, as a matter of law, make such contributions and deductions, the Carrier will discontinue the train dispatching function to which this Agreement is intended to apply and this Agreement will have no application.

RULE 37 - TIME CHECKS

(a) Employees will be paid semimonthly during the day shift and, when possible, on the fifteenth (15th) and last day of each month. All compensation due employees will be posted via "direct deposit" into the employee's bank account.

(b) When there is a shortage equal to one (1) day's pay or more, the employee will receive a separate check to cover the shortage, on request. Lesser due monies will be payable on the next regular pay day.

(c) Employees leaving the service will receive their pay checks within ninety-six (96) hours, if possible, unless they leave of their own accord prior to their first regular pay day.

(d) Pay periods will be divided into two (2) segments per month, closing on the fifteenth (15th) and last day of the month. Time tickets or pay sheets must be submitted within two (2) days to the appropriate supervisor after close of the current pay period in order to be included in the next time check. Any time ticket or pay sheet received after that time will not be paid until the succeeding pay period.

RULE 38 - EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, AND SUPPLIES

(a) Wherever and whenever the Carrier requires an employee to use typewriters, mechanical devices, and/or other office equipment and supplies in the performance of service for the Carrier, said articles shall be furnished and maintained by the Carrier without expense to the employees.

(b) Employees will be required to reimburse the Carrier for the cost of Carrier furnished tools or equipment that are lost, damaged, or stolen through negligence of the employees.

RULE 39 - BULLETIN BOARDS

(a) At points where bulletins are posted where one (1) or more employees covered by this agreement regularly report for duty, a place will be provided where proper notices of interest to employees may be posted on Shannon file or clipboard, it being understood that such notices cover matters pertaining to the interests of the crafts concerned.

(b) Posting of notices on other than regular bulletin boards will not be allowed.

(c) The Organization will be authorized to install bulletin boards at the workplace which shall be maintained by the Organization.

(d) The Carrier's Management office will be furnished copies of all documents posted by the Organization.

(e) Materials posted on the bulletin boards are to be only of the type which would not be objectionable from the standpoint of the Company. In the event objectionable material should be posted, the Organization will be notified and appropriate action taken.

(f) Violations of the requirements set forth herein will constitute basis for immediate cancellation of this permission by the Company for posting of bulletin boards by the Organization.

RULE 40 - HEALTH AND SAFETY

(a) The health and safety of employees shall be reasonably protected while in the service. Similarly, the employees will be expected and required to perform work in a safe manner and in full compliance with safety and working rules issued for their government.

(b) The Carrier, with the cooperation of the employees, will keep work areas in a clean and safe condition and machinery and tools in a safe working condition.

RULE 41 – HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

(a) The Company shall provide a heath care plan for employees covered by this Agreement. The health care plan(s) may be changed from time to time, but any changes must affect all employees in the same manner. Information outlining the coverage will be made available to employees. Employees must meet the qualifying criteria described in the plan before they become eligible to receive benefits. Employees should refer to the plan documents for the exact details of insurance benefits. This insurance is effective as long as the employee is eligible for insurance and becomes and remains insured as provided in the policy.

The employee premium for the core healthcare plan is the same for all employees, without regard to their status (e.g., Employee, Employee plus one, or Family). The employee premium for the core healthcare plan is as follows:

2024:	$ 276. per month
2025:	$ 306. per month
2026:	$ 336. per month
2027:	$ 366. per month
2028:	$ 396. per month

The Company reserves the right to offer more than one plan at its discretion. Employee premiums for additional plans shall be set annually by the Carrier.

(b) Additionally, it was agreed that active employees who are union representatives and therefore required to perform part time union service will not be declared ineligible for health care benefits in the event such union work results in failure to meet the hourly work threshold for such benefits. If the Carrier believes this provision is being abused, the matter will be immediately brought to the attention of the General Chairman for resolution.

(c) Each employee covered by this agreement will receive Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) of life insurance coverage at no cost to the employee.

(d) It is understood that this in no way detracts from or duplicates those benefits available under COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act).

RULE 42 - EYEGLASSES

(a) Any employee wearing prescription eyeglasses, who damages those glasses as a consequence of working conditions involved on his position, will be allowed the cost of replacement eyeglasses.

1. To be eligible for such eyeglass reimbursement, the cause of the incident creating the damage must be reported by the individual involved to his supervisor before the end of the tour of duty during which the damage occurred.

2. Reimbursement will not include the cost of eye examination.

(d) The cost of frames will be included in the replacement allowance if the frames are damaged at the time of the involved incident and reported accordingly to the supervisor in the manner set forth herein above.

RULE 43 - SERVICE LETTERS

Employees whose applications are approved and who have been in the service one hundred and twenty (120) days or longer will, upon request if they leave the service of the Carrier, be

furnished with a service letter showing length of service, capacity in which employed, and cause for leaving.

RULE 44 - SALARY DEFERRAL PLAN

(a) An employee salary deferral plan shall be established to allow employees to contribute to a tax-deferred plan up to ten (10) percent of their compensation.

(b) This plan shall continue for as long as the collective bargaining agreement between the Organization and the Carrier remains in effect, unless otherwise modified or terminated by mutual agreement between the Carrier and the Organization, or until prohibited by law.

(c) The plan shall be administered by the Carrier, or an administrator as may be selected by the Carrier, who shall have authority to amend, interpret, and implement the plan in accordance with its terms and conditions and all applicable laws and regulations.

(d) It is understood that this plan is intended to qualify as a tax-deferred plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code and that the administrative costs of the plan will be assumed by the Carrier.

(e) The Carrier will provide matching funds at the rate of $.20 for each $1.00 of deferred income employees designate to their 401K, up to a maximum of $200.00 for each year of this agreement.

RULE 45 – LOCATION OF DISPATCH CENTER

The location of the Dispatch Center is currently 7150 Philips Highway, Jacksonville, FL. The Dispatch Center may not be moved more than fifty (50) miles from this location for a period of five (5) years from October 1, 2024. Failure to abide by this provision will entitle the named employees in Attachment "A" to the remedy provided in Rule 46 - Penalty

RULE 46 – PENALTY

This Agreement contemplates in Rule 1 – Scope that the named employees shown on Attachment "A" shall have exclusive responsibility and rights to perform the dispatching of all freight and passenger train movements over the right-of-way commonly known as the Florida East Coast Railway (FECR) right-of-way between Jacksonville, FL and Miami, FL, as well as the Brightline Trains Right of Way between Cocoa Junction and Orlando Airport, for a period of five (5) years from October 1, 2024. Additionally, Rule 45 – Location of Dispatch Center provides that the Dispatch Center may not be moved more than fifty (50) miles from its location, for a period of five (5) years from October 1, 2024.

Should the rights of dispatching the freight and passenger trains over the right-of-way commonly known as the Florida East Coast Railway right-of-way between Jacksonville, FL and Miami, FL, as well as the Brightline Trains Right of Way between Cocoa Junction and Orlando Airport for any reason, except as outlined below, be removed from the employees covered by this agreement or transferred, assigned, etc. to other persons, and/or should the location of the Dispatch center be moved more than 50 miles from its location within a period of five (5) years from October

1, 2024, the employees named in Attachment “A” will receive the relief set forth in Attachment “A”. Employees hired after the effective date of this Agreement are not entitled to the relief set forth in Attachment “A”.

The Parties expressly agree that if the work specified in Rule 1 of this Agreement is no longer performed by the Carrier (Florida DispatchCo) and is instead transferred to Florida East Coast Railway, and if the active employees listed in Attachment "A" are included in this transition, the Penalty provisions related to Rule 1 shall not apply. However, the Penalty related to the location of the dispatch center shall remain in effect for the duration of the term under Rule 45. This provision supersedes any conflicting terms within this Agreement. Additionally, the abandonment of any route or portion thereof shall not trigger the Penalty.

The Parties agree that emergencies occur from time to time that could result in others, including contractors, having to perform commonly recognized train dispatcher work, and that in these cases it is understood the rights of dispatch and the location of the Dispatch Center are not changed, and that the terms and compensation outlined in Attachment A are not triggered. An example of such an emergency includes, but is not limited to, a loss of capability in the dispatch control system to set up a signal for a main line train, therefore making it necessary for a signal maintainer to set up the signal.

DATE EFFECTIVE AND CHANGES

This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the Parties and shall continue in effect until changed as provided herein or in accordance with the Railway Labor Act, as amended.

(a) Either party to this agreement may serve thirty days’ written advance notice containing of its desire to revise or modify these rules after July 1, 2028, and conference shall be held within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice, unless another date is mutually agreed upon.

(b) It is further understood and agreed by the parties of this agreement that no notice or work rules proposal which would have the effect of increasing rates of pay or increasing cost of operation of the Carrier will be submitted contemplating an effective date prior to January 1, 2029.

(c) This Rule will not bar management and union committees from agreeing upon any subject of mutual interest.

SIGNED at Jacksonville, Florida, this 12th day of November 2024.

FOR THE ORGANIZATION:	FOR THE COMPANY:
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	Florida DispatchCo., LLC
Mark Price **General Chairman, Local Union 871** **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers**	**Kenneth Hall** **General Manager** **Florida Dispatch Co., LLC**

APPENDIX 1

UNION SHOP AGREEMENT

Section 1.

In accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, all employees of the Carrier now or hereafter subject to the rules and working conditions Agreement between the parties hereto shall, as a condition of their continued employment subject to such agreements, become members of the Organization party to this Agreement within sixty (60) calendar days of the date they first perform compensated service as such employees after the effective date of this Agreement, and thereafter shall maintain membership in good standing in such Organization; except that such membership shall not be required of any individual until he has performed thirty (30) days of such compensated service within a period of twelve (12) consecutive calendar months. Nothing in this Agreement shall alter, enlarge or otherwise change the coverage of the present or future rules and working conditions agreement.

Section 2.

(a) Employees who have secured seniority under the rules and working conditions Agreement and who are subsequently regularly assigned or transferred to full time employment not covered by such agreement or are furloughed on account of force reduction will not be required to maintain membership as provided in Section 1 of this Agreement so long as they remain in such other employment or furloughed as herein provided, but they may do so at their option. Should such employees return to any service covered by the said rules and working conditions Agreement they shall, as a condition of their continued employment subject to such Agreement, be required to become and remain members in good standing in the Organization within thirty (30) days from date of their return to such service.

(b) The seniority status and rights of employees granted leave of absence to serve in the Armed Forces shall not be terminated by reason of any of the provisions of this Agreement but such employees shall, upon resumption of employment, be governed by Section 1 of this Agreement.

Section 3.

Nothing in this Agreement shall require an employee to become or to remain a member of the organization if such membership is not available to such employee upon the same terms and conditions as are generally applicable to any other member, or if the membership of such employee is denied or terminated for any reason other than the failure of the employee to tender the periodic dues, initiation fees, and assessments (not including fines and penalties) uniformly required as a condition of acquiring or retaining membership. For purposes of this Agreement, dues, fees, and assessments, shall be deemed to be "uniformly required" if they are required of all employees in the same status at the same time in the same organizational unit.

Section 4.

(a) Each employee covered by the provisions of this Agreement shall be considered by a Carrier to have met the requirements of the Agreement unless and until the Carrier is advised to the contrary in writing by the organization. The organization will notify the Carrier in writing of

any employee who by reason of failure to comply with the terms of this agreement is not entitled to continue in employment. Upon receipt of such notice, the Carrier will, as promptly as possible but within ten (10) calendar days of such receipt, so notify the employee concerned in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal delivery evidenced by receipt. Copy of such notice shall be given the Organization. An employee so notified who disputes the fact that he has failed to comply with the terms of this Agreement, shall, within a period of ten (10) calendar days from the date of such notice, request the Carrier in writing to accord him a hearing which shall be held as soon as possible and within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of request therefore. Notice of the date set for hearing shall be promptly given the employee in writing with copy to the organization, by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal delivery evidenced by receipt. Copy of notice of such hearing shall be given to the Organization and the Organization shall attend and participate in the hearing. The receipt by the Carrier of a request for a hearing shall operate to stay action on the termination of employment until the hearing is held and the decision of the Carrier is rendered.

In the event the employee concerned fails to request a hearing as provided herein, the Carrier shall proceed to terminate his seniority and employment not later than thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of the above described notice from the Organization, unless the Carrier and the Organization agree otherwise in writing.

(b) The Carrier shall determine on the basis of the evidence produced at the hearing whether or not the employee has complied with the terms of this Agreement and shall render a decision accordingly. Such decision shall be rendered within ten (10) calendar days of the hearing date and the employee and the Organization shall be promptly advised thereof.

If the decision is that the employee has not complied with the terms of this Agreement, his seniority and employment shall be terminated within ten (10) calendar days of the date of said decision, unless the Carrier and the Organization agree otherwise in writing.

If the decision of the Carrier is not satisfactory to the employee or to the Organization, it may be appealed directly to the highest officer of the Carrier designated to handle such appeals. Such appeals shall be taken within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the decision appealed from, and if taken, shall operate to stay action on the termination of employment, until the decision on appeal is rendered. The Carrier shall promptly notify the other party in writing of any such appeal. The decision on such appeal shall be rendered within ten (10) calendar days of the date the appeal is taken, and the employee and the Organization shall be promptly advised thereof.

If the decision on such appeal is that the employee has not complied with the terms of this Agreement, his seniority and employment shall be terminated within ten (10) calendar days of the date of said decision unless the Carrier and the Organization agree otherwise in writing. Such decision on appeal shall be final and binding unless within ten (10) calendar days thereof the Organization or the employee involved requests the selection of a neutral person as provided in Section 4(c) below. Any request for selection of a neutral person as provided in Section 4(c) below shall operate to stay action on the termination of seniority and employment until not more than ten (10) calendar days from the date decision is rendered by the neutral person.

(c) If within ten (10) calendar days after the date of a decision on appeal by the highest officer of the Carrier designated to handle appeals under this Agreement the Organization or the

employee involved requests such highest officer in writing that a neutral be appointed to decide the dispute, a neutral person to act as sole arbitrator to decide the dispute shall be selected by the highest officer of the Carrier designated to handle appeals under this Agreement or his designated representative, and the employee involved or his representative. If they are unable to agree upon the selection of a neutral person, any one of them may request the Chairman of the National Mediation Board in writing to appoint such neutral. The Carrier, the Organization and the employee involved shall have the right to appear and present evidence at a hearing before such neutral arbitrator. Any decision by such neutral arbitrator shall be made within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt of the request for his appointment and shall be final and binding upon the parties. The Carrier, the employee, and the Organization shall be promptly advised thereof in writing. If the position of the employee is sustained, the fees, salary and expenses of the neutral arbitrator shall be borne in equal shares by the Carrier and the Organization; if the employee's position is not sustained, such fees, salary and expenses shall be borne in equal shares by the Carrier, the Organization and the employee.

(d) The time periods specified in this section may be extended in individual cases by written agreement of the Carrier and the Organization.

(e) The Organization shall notify the Carrier in writing of the title(s) and address(es) of its representatives who are authorized to serve and receive the notices described in this Section. The Carrier shall notify the Organization of the title(s) and address(es) of its officers representatives who are authorized to receive the notices described in this Section.

Section 5.

The Carrier shall not be required to terminate the employment of an employee until such time as a qualified replacement is available. The determination of whether a qualified replacement is available shall be made jointly by the designated representative of the Carrier and the designated representative of the Organization. The Carrier may not, however, retain such employee in service under the provisions of this paragraph for a period in excess of ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the Organization's original notice or sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the last decision rendered in accordance with Section 4 above. Employees whose service is extended under the provisions of this Section shall not, during such extension, retain or acquire any seniority rights.

Section 6.

An employee whose seniority and employment is terminated pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement shall have no time or money claims by reason thereof.

Section 7. In the event that seniority and employment under the rules and working conditions Agreement is terminated by the Carrier under the provisions of this Agreement, and such termination of seniority and employment is subsequently determined to be improper, unlawful, or unenforceable, the Organization shall indemnify and save harmless the Carrier against any and all liability arising as the result of such improper, unlawful, or unenforceable termination of seniority and employment; provided, however, that this sentence shall not apply to any case in which the Carrier is the plaintiff or the moving party in the action which the aforesaid determination is made or in which case the Carrier acts in collusion with any employee; provided further, that the aforementioned liability shall not extend to the expense to the Carrier in defending suits by

employees whose seniority and employment are terminated by the Carrier under the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 8.

Subject to terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the Carrier will deduct from the wages of employees, membership dues and/or assessments (excluding fines, initiation fees and penalties) whenever applicable each month, all of which as may be uniformly required as a condition of the employees acquiring or retaining membership in the Organization and upon their written and unrevoked authorization on the form (Individual Authorization Form) agreed upon by the parties hereto.

The designated representative of the Organization shall promptly notify in writing the Officer or Officers designated by the Carrier of any special assessments or changes in amounts of fees or dues, and shall also furnish to such designated Officer or Officers of the Carrier, the individual authorization forms as provided for herein.

Section 9.

(a) Individual authorizations to be effective for a particular month must be in the possession of the Carrier not later than the twentieth (20^{th}) day of the month preceding the month in which such deductions are to be made.

(b) The designated representative of the Organization shall furnish to the Carrier an initial statement, in alphabetical order showing deductions to be made from each employee, such statement to be furnished together with individual authorization forms to cover, not later than the fifth (5^{th}) day of the month in which the deductions become effective. Subsequent monthly deductions will be based on the initial statement, plus a monthly statement showing additions or deletions, furnished in the same manner as the initial statement required hereby.

Section 10.

Said deductions will be made only from wages earned each month and shall be remitted by check to the officer designated by the Organization not later than the end of the month in which deductions are made, accompanied by a list in alphabetical order showing the names of the employees for whom deductions were made, the amount of the deductions and the total amount of money deducted. If the earnings of the employees are insufficient in the month to permit the full amount of the deduction, no deduction will be made for that month. In the event of any excess or shortage in said deductions for an individual employee, said excess or shortage will be subject to adjustment by the Organization and the individual employee.

Section 11.

The following payroll deductions will have priority over the deductions covered by this Agreement:

Federal, state and local taxes.
Other deductions required by law and court orders.

Amounts due Carrier

Section 12.

The deductions provided for herein shall not be effective with respect to any individual employee until the Carrier has been furnished with written authorization of assignment of wages of such monthly membership dues, initiation fees, reinstatement fees, and assessments. Such assignment shall be revocable in writing after the expiration of one year, or upon termination of this Agreement.

Section 13.

Responsibility of the Carrier under this arrangement shall be limited to remitting to the Organization the amount actually deducted from wages of employees pursuant hereto and the Carrier shall not be responsible financially or otherwise for failure to make deductions or for improper or inaccurate deductions. Any question arising as to the correctness of the amount deducted shall be handled between the employee involved and the Organization, and any complaints against the Carrier in connection therewith shall be handled by the Organization on behalf of the employee concerned.

Section 14.

The Organization shall indemnify and save harmless the Carrier from and against any and all claims, demands, liability, losses or damage resulting from the entering into this Agreement or arising or growing out of any dispute or litigation from any deductions made by the Carrier pursuant to this Agreement, except for remitting to the Organization the monies deducted pursuant to this Agreement; provided, however, that this sentence shall not apply to any case in which the Carrier is the plaintiff or the moving party in the action or in which the Carrier acts in collusion with any employee; provided further, that the aforementioned liability shall not extend to the expense of the Carrier in defending suits by employees as a result of the Carrier's action under this Agreement.

Section 15.

In the event of a change in representation of employees now represented by the Organization, this Agreement shall be automatically terminated as of the date official notification is received from the National Mediation Board of such change in representation.

ATTACHMENT A

If events cause enactment of Rule 46-Penalty, the following procedures shall govern:

1. If the Carrier or Carrier successors anticipate a triggering event under Rule 46 –Penalty, it will notify the employees and the General Chairman as soon as possible. Only named employees specified herein shall be eligible for the benefits outlined in Rule 46.

2. The named Employees affected by a triggering event in Rule 46 – Penalty are eligible to make a choice (Decision) of "following the work", return to any clerical seniority they may have at FECR, or receiving the compensation outlined herein.

3. Employees who elect to follow the work will receive the following:

    a. Two (2) lump sum payments:

        i. $30,000.00 upon notice of their decision to follow the work to the new location.

        ii. $30,000.00 after six months of service at the new location.

    b. Five (5) paid days off:

        i. These days may be used either intermittently or consecutively in whole-day increments to facilitate the move.
        ii. Each day off will be valued at eight (8) hours of pay, calculated at the rate of the employee's last performed service or their regular assignment, whichever is applicable.

        iii. The Carrier reserves the right to schedule these days based on service requirements. If these days are not used within six (6) months of the move date, they shall be forfeited.

4. Employees who elect not to follow the work and instead leave the service shall receive one (1) lump sum payment as follows:

    a. $60,000.00 upon their final paycheck with the Carrier, provided the employee continues to perform compensated service as an employee of the Carrier until the work has been satisfactorily transferred to the new location.

    If for any reason the Carrier or Carrier successors prohibit the employees from following the work, the employees will receive the compensation outlined above.

5. An employee may only benefit from either paragraph 3 (following the work) or paragraph 4 (choosing not to follow the work and leaving the service) above, but not both.

Excepted employees listed herein are not eligible for such compensation unless they resign from their excepted position, return to the craft, and provide notice under the same terms outlined in paragraph 7 below.

6. The Carrier may request Employees who choose to leave the service to protect the work at the new location on a temporary basis. Employees who agree to do so will receive their current rate of pay, or the rate of pay of similar employees performing similar work at that location, whichever is higher. The Carrier will pay all living expenses for these employees while they work in this capacity.

7. The Carrier will provide appropriate notice and best estimate of the date of any triggering event. Employees must advise the Carrier of their Decision in a timely fashion but in no case less than six (6) weeks after the Carrier provides notice of the triggering date. Thereafter, the Carrier and the employee who chooses to leave the service may agree of the exact timing of the employee's release/resignation. The Carrier reserves its right to terminate the service of the employee who chooses the compensation, at any time.

8. Any employee who leaves the service of the Carrier for any reason will no longer be eligible for any compensation or right to work as train dispatcher, should the work no longer be protected under this CBA, as outlined in Rule 1- Scope and Rule 45 –Location of Dispatch Center. Should that happen, the parties specifically agree the compensation assigned to such employees is forfeited and will not be distributed to other employees on the list. The only exception to this paragraph is outlined in Rule 5 (k) and (l) above.

NAME	**SENIORITY DATE**
R. J. Stewart	**09/18/95**
C. H. Poirier	**10/01/96**
R. S. Tantorno	**12/21/99**
D. L. Steiner	**05/11/01**
G. K. Platt	**01/23/06**
D. T. Hall	**07/08/15**
R. J. Bullock	**07/08/15**
K. H. Harley	**07/08/15**
F. J. Carrera	**07/29/16**
L. G. Mack	**07/29/16**
B. D. Sheerin	**07/29/16**
J. W. Pettyjohn	**04/28/17**

T. R. Fillinger	**04/28/17**
S. L. Allen-Kassab	**02/01/19**
R. A. Jungers	**04/16/21**
C. C. Sinsel	**11/04/21**
B. G. Hammons	**11/04/21**
J. A. Dominguez	**12/11/22**
B. Herringdine	**07/01/23**
R. Williams	**08/15/23**
S. L. Blanchard	**08/31/23**
K. M. Singlemann	**05/01/24**

SIDE LETTER NO. 1

November 12, 2024

Mr. Mark Price
General Chairman, IBEW Local Union 871

Reference: Gender & Discrimination

Dear Mr. Price:

The parties to this collective bargaining agreement between them intend to continue complying with all laws and regulations governing unlawful discrimination, such as discrimination on account of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, handicap, or status as a disabled veteran and/or a veteran of the Vietnam era.

Additionally, wherever in this agreement the masculine gender is used, it shall be deemed to include the feminine gender.

Yours truly,

Kenneth Hall
General Manager
Florida DispatchCo

I agree:

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General Chairman IBEW Local 871

SIDE LETTER NO. 2

November 12, 2024

Mr. Mark Price
General Chairman, IBEW Local Union 871

Reference: Service Recognition Bonus

Dear Mr. Price:

During our negotiations we discussed a Service Recognition Bonus (SRB) for employees covered by the Train Dispatcher etc., collective bargaining agreement. The following sets forth the terms of the SRB:

Under the five-year SRB plan, employees are eligible for a lump sum payment of $2,500 for each year they meet the criteria from 2024 through 2028, with payments made no later than December 31 of each plan year. To qualify, employees must have performed at least eight (8) hours of compensated service per day on a minimum of 190 calendar days between January 1 and November 30 of each respective year. Paid time off under the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) will count towards the compensated service days. Time spent as a probationary employee or trainee does not count towards the compensated service days. The maximum benefit of $12,500 is available if the employee earns the SRB payment for each of the five years.

Employees must be listed on the seniority roster before the effective date of this letter to be eligible and must maintain an active employment relationship with the Carrier as of December 1 of each plan year to receive the payment. Employees who retire and have accumulated the requisite number of days in the calendar year will receive the payment for that year. If an employee retires before completing all five years, they will forfeit benefits for the years not completed and will not receive advance payments or prorated amounts for the remaining years.

The SRB is offered as a special benefit to facilitate the amicable resolution of on-property negotiations under Section 6 of the Railway Labor Act, without resorting to third-party intervention. Its application is unique to the current dispute and does not set a precedent for future agreements or benefits. The Union agrees that the SRB will not be referenced in future negotiations with the Carrier or its affiliates. While the SRB will be provided over a five-year period, once the final payment is made, the terms of this SRB plan shall be deemed null and void, except as required to resolve any disputes arising under this SRB.

If the above accurately reflects our agreement, please sign in the space provided below.

Yours truly,

Kenneth Hall
General Manager
Florida DispatchCo

I agree:

General Chairman IBEW Local 871