



SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 6

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

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General Chairman's Report – July, 2019

Brothers and Sisters:

Furloughs: On July 24, 2019, the Carrier posted a furlough notice at Williamson, WV impacting 2 electricians. On July 30, 2019, the Carrier posted additional notices at Allentown, PA – 1 (student); Asheville, NC – 2; Edgemoor, DE – 1; Jacksonville, FL – 1; Knoxville, TN – 1; Watkins Yard, (Columbus, OH) – 1; Youngstown, OH – 1. The total impacted membership during July was 10 electricians. Total directly affected membership now totals 76 members. Appendix M claims will be filed on behalf of the membership by the System Council 6. Please submit any supporting documentation from your point to my office to help support our position.

Appendix M: The governing provisions for the furlough situation are found in Appendix M Employee Protection which is taken from the 1964 Shop Craft Agreement which in turn takes its protective benefits from the 1936 Washington Job Protection Act. The provisions of the New York Dock are only triggered by the transactions listed pursuant to 49 u.s.c. 11343 which are not applicable in this instance due the triggers being transactions essentially between two carriers (mergers/acquisitions).

System Council 6 Executive Board: July 11, 2019 meeting. Officers participating – Dan Dorsch, Will Horvath, David Frost, Bill Hemrich, Sandra Day, Gareth Mills, Jason Johnson, Chuck Howe, Rod Cain, Bob Hollifield, Tom Owens GC, Shannon Spotswood VGC. The Executive Board held open discussion regarding Precision Railroading, council expenses & representational travel, and future potential expenses. After thorough discussion, Dan Dorsch made a motion to hold in abeyance the July 2019 Council dues increase until such a time finances dictated necessity. Second was made by Bob Hollifield. Motion was approved unanimously. David Frost made motion to adjourn with Chuck Howe providing the second.

Board Cases: Final Preparation is ongoing in anticipation of the National Mediation Board releasing funds for cases in the last half of 2019. While no funding has occurred yet, the following cases are listed and awaiting hearing: LU 1142 Jones – injury with conflicting statements; LU 2273 Snyder – medical delay in return to work; LU 1142 et al – linetending subcontracting; LU 311 Brown – sleeping dismissal; LU 813 Slusser – verbal threat; LU 2172 Trautwein – insubordinate, failure to follow instructions; LU 2269 Clements – inappropriate bulletin board posting, false statement; LU 1142 Wilson – wrongful termination

Days 1 – 7: LU 1865 Communication worker waiver request; LU 2273 member claim medical held out of service; Labor Relation call regarding LU 2172 dispute over personal leave day cancellation; Railroad Department call over Aetna Supplemental Sickness recoup of payments due to RRB retroactive total disability award; LU 311 member call regarding line of road electrician; LU 2172 resolved Personal Leave Day versus single day vacation issue; Travel to McDonough, GA; Student Class; Travel to Knoxville, TN; Holiday

Days 8-14: Travel to Chicago, IL; LU 1865 Communication investigation; Travel to Knoxville, TN; LU 736 assisted Local Chairman in claim preparation; LU 2271 shift start time issue; Executive Board conference call; LU 513 member upgrade to Journeyman (prior BNSF Journeyman experience); Railroad Department call; System Council financial reviews;

Days 15 – 21: LU 2273 member certified letter of claim; LU 632 member medical issue; LU 632 member FMLA issue; Case reviews; LU 311 Communication claim over BRS performing IBEW work; Convention planning meeting Sevierville, TN; Insurance vendor conference call; LU 736 information request; LU 2273 member call regarding medical delay; member call overtime concern

Days 22 – 31: Single day vacation; PLB Case review and update for National Mediation Board; Williamson furlough; LU 2273 President call; Communication member call; Furloughed members' issue returning from Maintenance of Way back to furlough status; Multiple point furlough; multiple furlough related calls

In Your Service,

Tom Owens
General Chairman