

**ABF Northern New England  
General Freight Supplemental Agreement**

**Applying to  
MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE & VERMONT**

**Local Unions:  
340, 597 and 633**

**For the Period of  
April 1, 2013 2008**

**Through**

**March 31, 2018 2013**

**NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND SUPPLEMENTAL  
FREIGHT AGREEMENT**

**ABF FREIGHT SYSTEM, INC.** hereinafter referred to as the EMPLOYER, (Company) and LOCAL UNION No. \_\_\_\_\_, affiliated with the INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, hereinafter referred to as the UNION; agree to be bound by the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

This Supplemental Agreement is supplemental to and becomes a part of the **ABF** Master Freight Agreement, hereinafter referred to as the "Master Agreement" for the period commencing April 1, 2013 2008, which Master Agreement shall prevail over the provisions of this Supplement in any case of conflict between the two, except as such Master Agreement may specifically permit. Questions arising out of alleged conflicts shall be submitted directly to the **ABF** National Grievance Committee.

**ARTICLE 40. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

**Section 1. Operations Covered – NO CHANGE**

**Section 2. Employees Covered**

(a) - NO CHANGE

(b) - NO CHANGE

**Section 3. Rigging Work – NO CHANGE**

**Section 4. Supervisory Personnel**

~~Supervisory personnel of the Employer shall be restricted from performing the work which is recognized as the work of employees covered by this Agreement except as otherwise provided in this Agreement.~~

**ADD: The Employer agrees that the function of a supervisor is the supervision of employees and not the work of the employees they supervise.**

## Section 5. Notice of Opening and Closing Terminals – NO CHANGE

### Section 6. ADD:

**However, where no local cartage employees are on the property, a supervisor can load an unscheduled customer pick-up on an occasional and incidental basis. It is understood that this provision is intended to only apply to unanticipated situations taking less than 30 minutes. The Company shall not intentionally schedule such pick-ups for times when the local cartage employees are not available.**

### Section 7. Hired or Leased Equipment

~~In all cases hired or leased equipment shall be operated by a bargaining unit employee of the Employer. The Employer expressly reserves the right to control the manner, means and details of, and by which the owner-operator performs his service, as well as the ends to be accomplished.~~ **Refer to Article 22 Owner-Operators of ABF National Agreement**

### Section 8. Subcontracting

~~(a) The signatory parties to this Agreement recognize that subcontracting is a very important contractual issue. Violations through intentional subterfuge for the purpose of defeating the Labor Agreement will not be permitted. It is further recognized that Employers may subcontract overflow freight in accordance with the terms and conditions listed below. Overflow freight is defined as freight that cannot be delivered due to overcapacity, to a subcontractor for delivery, generally on the day the subcontracting occurs. It is understood as stated below, that all regular employees have been offered a work opportunity on the day the subcontract occurs. It is understood that several factors, including absenteeism, contribute to a carrier's need to subcontract freight.~~

~~(b) Recognizing the significance of this issue, the parties agree to establish a New England Freight Supplemental Subcontracting Committee. This Committee shall be empowered to resolve disputes, which allege a violation of this section. New England Freight Supplement Subcontracting Committee shall be comprised of the Union and Employer Supplemental Chairmen, or their designees, of the New England Freight Supplement Negotiating Committee, two (2) Union panel members and two (2) Employer panel members. This Committee will meet on an expedited, as needed basis, to resolve alleged disputes of this Article. This Committee shall have full authority to issue decisions, remedies, and formulate guidelines for insuring complaints. This Committee will recognize that subterfuge by any party is a serious offense. Examples of subterfuge may include: (1) Tendering an amount of freight to a subcontractor on a given day that exceeds the capacity of that subcontractor; (2) Tendering freight to a subcontractor that knowingly will not be attempted for delivery on the day subcontracted; and (3) Failure to add employees to the seniority list.~~

~~The Supplemental Subcontracting Committee will additionally have authority to consider and weigh the ramifications of absenteeism and its effects on a subcontracting dispute.~~

~~The Supplemental Subcontracting Committee shall be committed to rendering fair and expedited decision in the spirit of preserving work and job opportunities for employees covered by this~~

~~Agreement. In the event this Committee fails to resolve a dispute, the matter shall be forwarded to the Eastern Region Joint Area Committee for resolution.~~

~~(c) For the purpose of: (1) Preserving work and job opportunities for the employees covered by this Agreement; (2) Protecting the standards of employment covered by this Agreement; and (3) Recapturing lost job opportunities; all to the maximum extent legally possible.~~

~~(d) There shall be no subcontracting, transfer, lease, assignment or conveyance in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, of any of the work or services of the kind, nature or type covered by this Agreement, and presently performed or hereafter assigned to the collective bargaining unit; nor shall the Employer be part of, or permit, any other arrangement whereby such work or service may be performed by other than employees of the Employer in the collective bargaining unit covered by this Agreement;~~

~~(e) Provided, however, that the Employer may subcontract to an employer whose employees receive economic terms and conditions of employment as favorable to employees as those provided by this Agreement, solely in the event that all of the employees on the seniority list of the Employer are fully employed and there has been no significant reduction in the number of employees on said seniority list in the 3 month period prior to the proposed subcontract. Prior to any subcontract pursuant to this subsection, the Employer must give the Local Union ten (10) days advance notice in writing of the intent to subcontract and the full and specific details of the subcontract, including: the work involved; the duration of the subcontract; the identity of the subcontractor; the economic terms and conditions of the subcontractor's employees. If the Local Union notifies the Employer that it considers the proposed subcontract to be in violation of this Article, the matter may be submitted to the grievance machinery provided in this Agreement, for an expedited hearing, and the subcontract shall not be implemented unless and until it is determined not to be in violation of the agreement. There may be times when the seniority list is not completely employed. In this event, the Employer may subcontract freight of a minimum nature to an outlying area that is not being regularly served. The principle of each carrier's past practice shall be considered in applying this Article. The principle of "past practice" is intended to mean the specific subcontractor utilized. A subcontractor that has and is being utilized is covered by the term past practice. Any new subcontractor must be in compliance with the terms of this Article. The term "past practice" is not intended to define the scope of the operation.~~

~~**Refer to Article 32 Subcontracting ABF National Agreement**~~

**ARTICLE 41. STEWARDS - APPOINTMENTS AND DUTIES – NO CHANGE**

**ARTICLE 42. ABSENCE – NO CHANGE**

**ARTICLE 43. SENIORITY – NO CHANGE**

**ARTICLE 44. OTHER BUSINESS, ETC. - NO CHANGE**

**ARTICLE 45. GRIEVANCE MACHINERY COMMITTEE**  
**Section 1. ABF Northern New England Joint Area Committee**

**ABF Freight System, Inc.** and the Unions shall together create a permanent New England Joint Area Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Joint Area Committee, composed of the following Local Unions: 340, 597 and 633. The Joint Area Committee shall consist of an equal number appointed by Employer and Unions but no less than two (2) from each group. Each member may appoint an alternate in his place. The Joint Area Committee shall at its first meeting formulate rules of procedure to govern the conduct of its proceedings. The Joint Area Committee shall have jurisdiction over disputes and grievances involving Local Unions or complaints by Local Unions participating in such Committee. This Joint Area Committee shall meet at established times and at a mutually convenient location.

## **Section 2. ABF Eastern Region Joint Area Committee**

The Employer and the Unions shall together create a permanent **ABF Eastern Region Joint Area Committee** which shall consist of delegates from the Eastern Region Area. This **ABF Eastern Region Joint Area Committee** shall meet at established times and at a mutually convenient location.

**Note: See The ABF Eastern Region MOU on Grievance Handling.**

## **Section 3. Contiguous Territory**

If a dispute or grievance arising out of operations under this Agreement involves a Local Union situated in contiguous territory, such dispute or grievance shall be referred to the Joint Area Committee for handling by the Executive Secretary of the New England Joint Area Committee, and after such reference shall be handled under the usual procedure of that Joint Area Committee.

## **Section 4. Function of Committees**

It shall be the function of the various committees, above referred to, to settle disputes which cannot be settled between the Employer and Local Union in accordance with the procedures established herein. All committees established under this Article may act through subcommittees duly appointed by such committees.

## **Section 5. Change of Terminals, etc.**

Present terminals, breaking points, or domiciles shall not be transferred or changed without the Employer first having asked for and received approval from the appropriate Change of Operations Committee. This shall not apply within a twenty-five (25) mile radius, or within the jurisdiction of a Local Union. (Change of domicile for the purpose of having opposing labor and runs is not prohibited by this Section.)

## **Section 6. Attendance**

Meetings of all Committees above-referred-to must be attended by each member of such Committee or his alternates.

## **Section 7. Examination of Records**

The Local Union or the Joint Area Committee and Eastern Region Joint Area Committee shall have the right to examine time sheets and any other records pertaining to the computation of compensation of any individual or individuals whose pay is in dispute.

## **ARTICLE 46. GRIEVANCE MACHINERY AND UNION LIABILITY**

### **Section 1.**

The Union and the Employer agree that there shall be no strike, lockout, tie-up, or legal proceedings without first using all possible means of a settlement, as provided for in this Agreement, of any controversy which might arise. Disputes shall first be taken up between the Employer and the Local Union involved. Failing adjustment by these parties, the following procedure shall then apply:

(a) All grievances involving the provisions of the **ABF Northern New England Supplemental Freight Agreement** shall be heard by the **ABF Northern New England Joint Area Committee**. Where the **ABF Northern New England Joint Area Committee**, by a majority vote, settles a dispute, no appeal may be taken to the **ABF Eastern Region Joint Area Committee**. Such a decision will be final and binding on both parties.

(b) Where the **ABF Northern New England Joint Area Committee** is unable to agree or come to a decision on a case, it shall be submitted or appealed to the **ABF Eastern Region Joint Area Committee** at the next regular constituted session, at the request of the Employer or Union involved, except as otherwise provided in (d) below. Where the **ABF Eastern Region Joint Area Committee**, by a majority vote, settles a dispute, such decision shall be final and binding on both parties with no further appeal. Minutes of the **ABF Northern New England Joint Area Committee** shall set forth the position and facts relied on by each party, but each party may supplement such minutes at the hearing before the **ABF Eastern Region Joint Area Committee**.

Cases deadlocked by the **ABF Eastern Region Joint Area Committee** shall be referred to the **ABF National Grievance Committee** unless otherwise provided for by Articles 7 and 8 of the **ABF National Master Freight Agreement**. Otherwise, either party shall be permitted all legal or economic recourse.

(c) It is agreed that all matters pertaining to the interpretation of any provision of the **ABF Northern New England Supplemental Freight Agreement** may be referred by the Area Secretary for the Union and/or the Area Secretary for the Employer at the request of either the Employer or the Union, parties to the issue, with notice to the other Secretary, to the **ABF Northern New England Supplemental Freight Agreement Negotiating Committee** for final interpretation.

(d) Deadlocked cases other than discharge cases may be submitted to umpire handling if a majority of the **ABF Northern New England Joint Area Committee** determines to submit such matter to an umpire for decision. Before any strike or stoppage of work takes place over a grievance or interpretation arising out of this contract that cannot be settled in accordance with the grievance machinery as set out in this Agreement, there must be approval by the Director of the Eastern Region of Teamsters or his designee with notice of such approval to be given to the Employer in writing. The granting of such approval by the Director of the Eastern Region of Teamsters or his designee shall not impose any liability on said Region. If a discharge case is deadlocked at the **ABF Northern New England Joint Area** level, it shall be submitted to an impartial umpire for handling. The Joint Area Committee shall attempt to agree on such umpire. If the Joint Area Committee cannot agree within ten (10) days after the deadlock, such umpire shall be selected from a panel of three submitted by the presiding judge of the Federal District Court. Selection of the umpire shall be made by the alternate striking of names within seventy-two (72) hours after the names are submitted to the parties. Hearing shall be held within ten (10) days thereafter. The decision of the umpire shall be final and binding. The fees and cost of the umpire shall be divided equally between the Employer and the Union involved.

(e) Failure of the Joint Committee to meet without fault of the complaining side, refusal of either party to submit to or appear at the grievance procedure at any stage, or failure to comply with any final decision withdraws the benefits of this Article.

(f) In the event of strikes, work-stoppages, or other activities which are permitted in case of deadlock, default, or failure to comply with majority decisions, no interpretation of this Agreement by any tribunal shall be binding upon the Union or affect the legality or lawfulness of the strike unless the Union stipulates to be bound by such interpretation, it being the intention of the parties to resolve all questions of interpretation by mutual agreement. Nothing herein shall prevent legal proceedings by the Employer where the strike is in violation of this Agreement.

(g) The procedures set forth herein may be invoked only by the authorized Union representative or the Employer.

(h) Complaints must be in writing to the Secretary of the Area Board with a copy to the employer and in such form as prescribed by the Board. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement and except for the payment for improper hourly or mileage rates, the Union on behalf of its members must file any claim for alleged violation of this Agreement not later than thirty (30) days after the alleged violations were made known to the employee. The Employer must file any claim for alleged violation of this Agreement not later than thirty (30) days after the alleged violation was made known to the Employer

## **Section 2.**

It is further mutually agreed that the Local Union will, within two weeks of the date of the signing of this Agreement, serve upon the Company a written notice, which notice will list the Union's authorized representatives who will deal with the Company, make commitments for the Union generally, and in particular have the sole authority to act for the Union in calling or

instituting strikes or any stoppages of work, and the Union shall not be liable for any activities unless so authorized. It is further agreed that in all cases of an unauthorized strike, slowdown, walk-out, or any unauthorized cessation of work in violation of this Agreement, the Union shall not be liable for damages resulting from such unauthorized acts of its members. While the Union shall undertake every reasonable means to induce such employees to return to their jobs during any such period of unauthorized stoppage of work mentioned above, it is specifically understood and agreed that the Company during the first twenty four (24) hour period of such unauthorized work stoppage shall have the sole and complete right of reasonable discipline short of discharge, and such Union members shall not be entitled to or have any recourse to any other provisions of this Agreement.

After the first twenty-four (24) hour period of such stoppage and if such stoppage continues, however, the company shall have the sole and complete right to immediately discharge any Union member participating in any unauthorized strike, slowdown, walk-out, or any other cessation of work, and such Union members shall not be entitled to or have any recourse to any other provision of this Agreement. It is further agreed and understood that the Unions shall not be liable for any strike, breach or default in violation of this Agreement unless the act is expressly authorized by its Executive Board. A properly designated officer of the Unions shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after request is made to the Executive Secretary of the Unions declare and advise the party making such request, by telegram, whether the Union has authorized any strike or stoppage of work. The Union shall make immediate effort to terminate any strike or stoppage of work which is not authorized by it without assuming liability therefore.

It is understood and agreed that failure of the Union to authorize a strike by a Local Union shall not relieve such Local Union of liability for a strike authorized by it and which is in violation of this Agreement.

### **Section 3.**

Notwithstanding anything herein contained, it is agreed that in the event any Employer is delinquent at the end of a period in the payment of his contribution to the Health and Welfare or Pension Fund or Funds, created under this Agreement in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Trustees of such Funds, after the proper official of the Local Union has given seventy-two (72) hours' notice to the Employer of such delinquency in Health and Welfare or Pension payments, the employees or their representatives shall have the right to take such action as may be necessary until such delinquent payments are made, and it is further agreed that in the event such action is taken, the Employer shall be responsible to the employees for losses resulting therefrom.

### **Section 4. ABF National Grievance Committee**

Grievances and questions of interpretation which are subject to handling under the provision of Article 8 of the ABF National Agreement shall be promptly referred to the ABF National Grievance Committee in accordance with such Article 8.

**ARTICLE 47. PAYROLL PERIOD - NO CHANGE**

**ARTICLE 48. SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS - NO CHANGE**

**ARTICLE 49. VACATIONS – NO CHANGE LANGUAGE (See Bold)**

**The vacation eligibility schedule in effect from the previous labor agreement shall be reduced by one (1) week.**

**Employees will not lose vacation for vacation anniversary years that began accruing prior to April 1, 2013. Vacation accrual for vacation anniversary years beginning on or after April 1, 2013 will be reduced by one (1) week.**

**ARTICLE 50. MISCELLANEOUS –NO CHANGE**

**Section 1. Examinations – No change**

**Section 2. Personal Identification – No change**

**Section 3. Funeral Leave – No change**

**Section 4. Court appearances – No change**

**Section 5. Safety Violations – No change**

**Section 6. Bonds – No change**

**Section 7. Access to Premises – No change**

**Section 8. Injury on the Job – No change**

**Section 9. Other Equipment**

~~(b) The Employer will not hire outside trucks except to supplement its own equipment when such equipment is in full use. When hired trucks are required, the men required to operate and work on them, irrespective of ownership shall be paid as employees of the Employer and shall be governed by the terms of this Agreement while so employed.~~

**NOTE: See ABF National MOU on Purchased Transportation.**

**Section 10. Protective Apparel – No change**

**Section 11. C.B. Radios – No change**

**Section 12. No change**

**Section 13. No change**

**Section 14. Credit Union Payroll Deduction – No change**

**Section 15. Cell Phones – No change**

**ARTICLE 51. CLASSIFICATIONS – NO CHANGE**

**ARTICLE 52. HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME – NO CHANGE**



**ARTICLE 53. WAGES AND ALLOWANCES**

**\*\*\*SEE NATIONAL ECONOMIC SETTLEMENT IN THE ABF MASTER AGREEMENT\*\*\***

**ARTICLE 54. CLASSIFICATION – ROAD DRIVERS**

**\*\*\*SEE NATIONAL ECONOMIC SETTLEMENT IN THE ABF MASTER AGREEMENT\*\*\***

**ARTICLE 55. RELIEF PAY & EXPENSES**

**\*\*\*SEE NATIONAL ECONOMIC SETTLEMENT IN THE MASTER AGREEMENT\*\*\***

**ARTICLE 56. TWO MAN OPERATION –NO CHANGE  
SEE NATIONAL ECONOMIC SETTLEMENT IN THE MASTER AGREEMENT.**

**ARTICLE 57. OVERHEAD OPERATIONS – NO CHANGE  
SEE NATIONAL ECONOMIC SETTLEMENT IN THE MASTER AGREEMENT.**

**ARTICLE 58. – HEALTH & WELFARE FUND  
SEE NATIONAL ECONOMIC SETTLEMENT IN MASTER AGREEMENT.**

**ARTICLE 59. PENSION FUND  
SEE NATIONAL ECONOMIC SETTLEMENT IN THE MASTER AGREEMENT.**

**ARTICLE 60. PIGGYBACK OR OTHER SUBSTITUTE METHODS OF OPERATION  
HOLD FOR NATIONAL LANGUAGE**

**ARTICLE 61. RETROACTIVE PAY – NO CHANGE**

**ARTICLE 62 BREAK BULK – NO CHANGE**

**ARTICLE 63. TERMINATION CLAUSE**

The term of this Supplemental Agreement shall be from **April 1, 2013** 2008 to **March 31, 2018** 2013.

**NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE**

*For the Local Unions:*

TEAMSTERS NATIONAL FREIGHT INDUSTRY  
NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND TEAMSTERS  
NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE  
David W. Laughton, Chairman

*For the Employers:*

~~NEW ENGLAND EMPLOYERS  
NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE  
Chairman~~

## Memorandum of Understanding

The undersigned parties have reached agreement with regards to Grievance Handling procedures within the Eastern Region geographical area and this memorandum of understanding.

The following Joint Area Committees shall meet on a quarterly basis at a location agreed to by the Company, TMI/Transport Employers (TEA) and the IBT Eastern Region Freight Coordinator.

Northern New England

New England

New York State

New Jersey/New York

New Jersey/New York 701

Philadelphia & Vicinity

Central Pennsylvania

Maryland/DC

Virginia Freight Council

West Virginia

Additionally the Committee may be required to meet at a Supplemental location for a “special hearing” of out of service cases, no later than thirty (30) days after the request is received by TMI/TEA. In such event, any unresolved cases from that same Supplement may also be heard at this session, if mutually agreed to by the Committee Chairmen, TMI/TEA, and the parties and notification has been given to the same no less than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled hearing.

The Committee shall be made up of Local Union representatives from the Supplement involved and ABF Industrial Relations personnel or their designees. It is agreed that in order for a Committee to hear a case there shall be an equal number of TMI/TEA Committee members and Union Committee members sitting, not to exceed three (3) each and not less than two (2). It is further agreed that local Union representatives who are appearing as presenters or witnesses for the Local Union involved in a proceeding before a Panel, will be ineligible to act as a member of that Panel. In addition, a member of a Local Union shall not sit on the Panel to hear cases docketed by their own Local Union. The Company Panel for cases to be heard at any level shall consist of not less than two (2) TMI/TEA Committee members (contractors).

In the event a grievance matter is deadlocked at the Joint Area Committee level, it shall be referred to the ABF/TNFINC Eastern Region Committee for handling. If not resolved at this level it shall be referred to the ABF/TNFINC Review Committee or to the ABF/TNFINC National Grievance Committee.

It is incumbent on the Supplemental Committees and the Eastern Region Committee to modify grievance machinery language and/or Committee Rules of Procedure accordingly to comply with this MOU. The intent of this MOU is to modify hearing dates and locations to be uniform and facilitate the grievance process. It is not the intent of this MOU to modify any provision of a Supplement or Committee Rules of Procedures except as contained herein.

Committee expenses shall be financed by the fees established in the rules of procedure of each Supplement.

Tentatively Agreed to:

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Union: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael S. Scalzo

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Senior Director Industrial Relations

Eastern Region Freight Coordinator