# International Brotherhood of Teamsters and

Standard Forwarding Freight, LLC

**Master Freight Agreement** 



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# STANDARD FORWARDING FREIGHT, LLC MASTER FREIGHT AGREEMENT

# For the Period of Upon Acquisition-through November 1, 2029

covering:

Operations in, between and over all of the states, territories and possessions of the United States, and operations into and out of all contiguous territory.

Standard Forwarding Freight, LLC. hereinafter referred to as the "Employer" or "Company" or "Standard Forwarding" and the TEAMSTERS NATIONAL FREIGHT INDUSTRY NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE representing Local Unions affiliated with the INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, and Local Union No.\_\_\_\_\_ which Local Union is an affiliate of the INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 1. PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

# **Section 1. Employers Covered**

The Employer is Standard Forwarding Freight, LLC. The Employer and Unions represent that they are duly authorized to enter into this Agreement and future Supplemental Agreements.

#### Section 2. Unions Covered

The Union consists of any Local Union which may become a party to this Agreement and any future Supplemental Agreement as hereinafter set forth. Such Local Unions are hereinafter designated as "Local Union." In addition to such Local Unions, the Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee representing Local Unions affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, hereinafter referred to as the "National Union Committee," is also a party to this Agreement and the agreements supplemental hereto.

#### **Section 3. Transfer of Company Title or Interest**

The Employer's obligations under this Agreement including Supplements shall be binding upon its successors, administrators, executors and assigns. The Employer agrees that the obligations of this Agreement shall be included in the agreement of sale, transfer or assignment of the business. In the event an entire active or inactive operation, or a portion thereof, or rights only, are sold, leased, transferred or taken over by sale, transfer, lease, assignment, receivership or bankruptcy proceedings, such operation or use of rights shall continue to be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement for the life thereof. Transactions covered by this provision include stock sales or exchanges, mergers, consolidations, spin-offs or any other method by which a business is transferred.

It is understood by this Section that the signator Employer shall not sell, lease or transfer such run or runs or rights to a third party to evade this Agreement. In the event the Employer fails to require the purchaser, transferee, or lessee to assume the obligations of this Agreement, as set forth above, the Employer (including partners thereof) shall be liable to the Local Union(s) and to the employees covered for all damages sustained as a result of such failure to require the assumption of the terms of this Agreement until its expiration date, but shall not be liable after the purchaser, the transferee or lessee has agreed to assume the obligations of this Agreement. The obligations set forth above shall not apply in the event of the sale, lease or transfer of a portion of the rights comprising less than all of the signator Employer's rights to a non-signator company unless the purpose is to evade this Agreement. Corporate reorganizations by a signatory Employer, occurring during the term of this Agreement, shall not relieve the signatory Employer or the re-organized Employer of the obligations of this Agreement during its term.

The Employer shall give notice of the existence of this Agreement to any purchaser, transferee, lessee, assignee, or other entity involved in the sale, merger, consolidation, acquisition, transfer, spin-off, lease or other transaction by which the operation covered by this Agreement or any part thereof, including rights only, may be transferred. Such notice shall be in writing, with a copy to the Local Union, at the time the seller, transferor or lessor makes the purchase and sale negotiation known to the public or executes a contract or transaction as herein described, whichever first occurs. The Local Union shall also be advised of the exact nature of the transaction, not including financial details.

The term rights shall include routes and runs.

# ARTICLE 2. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

#### **Section 1. Master Agreement**

The execution of this Standard Forwarding Freight, LLC Master Freight Agreement on the part of the Employer shall apply to all operations of the Employer which are covered by this Agreement and shall have application to the work performed within the classifications defined and set forth in the Agreements hereto.

#### **Section 2. Supplements to Master Agreement**

All such future Supplemental Agreements are subject to and controlled by the terms of this Master Agreement and are sometimes referred to herein as "Supplemental Agreements."

All such Supplemental Agreements are to be clearly limited to the specific classifications of work as enumerated or described in each individual Supplement.

- (a) The Employer and the Local Union, parties to this Agreement, may enter into a supplemental agreement whereby employees working under the Agreement have the opportunity to perform work covered by the Master Agreement, under conditions agreed upon.
- (b) The jurisdiction covered by the Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement and its potential future Supplements thereto includes, without limitation, stuffing, stripping, loading and discharging of cargo or containers as well as clerical units, pure dock work and mechanics. This does not include loading or discharging of cargo or containers to or from vessels except in those instances where such work is presently being performed. Existing practices, rules and understandings, between the

Employer and the Union, with respect to this work shall continue except to the extent modified by mutual agreement.

#### **Section 3. Non-covered Units**

This Agreement shall not be applicable to those operations of the Employer where the employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement with a Union not signatory to this Agreement, or to those employees who have not designated a signatory Union as their collective bargaining agent.

#### **Card Check**

(a) When a majority of the eligible employees performing work covered by an Agreement designated by the National Negotiating Committee to be Supplemental to the Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement execute a card authorizing a signatory Local Union to represent them as their collective bargaining agent at the terminal location, then, such employees shall automatically be covered by this Agreement and the applicable Supplemental Agreements. If the Employer refuses to recognize the Union as above set forth and the matter is submitted to the National Labor Relations Board or any mutually agreed upon process for determination and such determination results in certification or recognition of the Union, all benefits of this Agreement and applicable Supplements shall be retroactive to the date of demand for recognition. In such cases the parties may by mutual agreement negotiate wages and conditions, subject to Regional Joint Area Committee approval.

The parties agree that a constructive bargaining relationship is essential to efficient operations and sound employee relations. The parties recognize that organizational campaigns occur in bargaining relationships and that both parties are free to accurately state their respective positions concerning the organization of certain groups of employees. However, the parties also recognize that campaigns must be waged on the facts only. Accordingly, the parties will not engage in any personal attacks against Union or Company representatives or attacks against the Union or Company as an institution during the course of any such campaign.

#### **Additions to Operations: Master Agreement**

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, the provisions of the Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement shall be applied without evidence of union representation of the employees involved, to all subsequent additions to, and extensions of, current operations which adjoin and are controlled and utilized as a part of such current operation, and newly established terminals and consolidations of terminals which are controlled and utilized as a part of such current operation.

If the Employer refuses to recognize the Union as above set forth and the matter is submitted to the National Labor Relations Board or any mutually agreed-upon process for determination, and such determination results in certification or recognition of the Union, all benefits of this Agreement shall be retroactive to the date of demand for recognition.

The provisions of Article 32 - Subcontracting, shall apply to this paragraph. Extensions or additions to current operations, etc., which adjoin and are controlled and utilized as part of such current operation shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the appropriate Change of Operations Committee for the purpose of determining whether the provisions of Article 8, Section 6 - Change of Operations, apply and, if so, to what extent.

# Section 4. Single Bargaining Unit

The employees, Unions, and Employer covered under this Master Agreement and all Supplements thereto shall constitute one (1) bargaining unit and contract. It is understood that the printing of this Master Agreement and the aforesaid Supplements in separate Agreements is for convenience only and is not intended to create separate bargaining units.

This Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement applies to city and road operations, and other classifications of employment where applicable, participating in national collective bargaining. The common problems and interest, with respect to basic terms and conditions of employment, have resulted in the creation of the Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement and the respective Supplemental Agreements. Accordingly, the Unions and Employer acknowledge that this Agreement creates a single national collective bargaining unit.

# ARTICLE 3. RECOGNITION, UNION SHOP AND CHECKOFF

# Section 1. Recognition

(a) The Employer recognizes and acknowledges that the Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee and Local Unions affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters are the exclusive representatives of all employees in the classifications of work covered by this Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement, and those Supplements thereto approved by the Joint National Negotiating Committees for the purpose of collective bargaining as provided by the National Labor Relations Act.

Subject to Article 2, Section 3 - Non-covered Units, this provision shall apply to all present and subsequently acquired over-the-road and local cartage operations and terminals of the Employer.

This provision shall not apply to wholly-owned and wholly independently operated subsidiaries of the Employer, which are not under contract with local IBT unions. "Wholly independently operated" means, among other things, that there shall be no interchange of freight, equipment or personnel, or common use, in whole or in part, of equipment, terminals, property, personnel or rights.

#### **Union Shop**

(b) All present employees who are members of the Local Union on the effective date of this subsection or on the date of execution of this Agreement, whichever is the later, shall remain members of the Local Union as a condition of employment. Union membership for purposes of this Agreement, is required only to the extent that employees must pay either (i) the Union's initiation fees and periodic dues or (ii) service fees which in the case of a regular service fee payor shall be equal to the Union's initiation fees and periodic dues, and in the case of an objecting service fee payor shall be the proportion of the initiation fees and dues corresponding to the portion of the Union's total expenditures that support representational activities. All present employees who are not members of the Local Union and all employees who are hired hereafter shall become and remain members of the Local Union as a condition of employment on and after the thirty-first (31st) calendar day following the beginning of their employment or on and after the thirty-first (31st) calendar day following the effective date of this subsection or the date of this Agreement, whichever is the later. An employee who has failed to acquire, or thereafter maintain, membership in the Union as herein

provided, shall be terminated seventy-two (72) hours after Standard Forwarding has received written notice from an authorized representative of the Local Union, certifying that membership has been, and is continuing to be, offered to such employee on the same basis as all other members and, further, that the employee has had ten (10) days written notice from the Union (with a copy to the Employer) of the delinquency and opportunity to make all dues or initiation fee payments. This provision shall be made and become effective as of such time as it may be made and become effective under the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act, but not retroactively.

For purposes of this Article, "present employees" and "employees who are hired hereafter" shall include "casual employees" as defined in Article 3, Section 2 of this Agreement. Such "casual employees" will be required to join the Union on or before the thirty-first (31st) calendar day following their first (1st) day of employment.

# Hiring

When the Employer needs additional employees covered by this Agreement, it shall give the Local Union equal opportunity with all other sources to provide suitable applicants, but the Employer shall not be required to hire those referred by the Local Union. Upon a written request from the referring Local Union, the Employer shall inform the Local Union of whether an applicant is being hired or not hired, or whether no decision has been made. Violations of this subsection shall be subject to the Grievance Committee. It is recognized that the Employer legally is not permitted to share with the Local Union information regarding the reasons for a refusal to hire an applicant.

Any employment examination for applicants must test skills or physical abilities necessary for performance of the work in the job classification in which the applicant will be employed. Violations of this subsection shall be subject to the Grievance Committee.

#### **State Law**

(d) No provision of this Article shall apply in any state to the extent that it may be prohibited by state law. If under applicable state law additional requirements must be met before any such provisions may become effective, such additional requirements shall be first met.

#### **Agency Shop**

- (e) If any agency shop clause is permissible in any state where the provisions of this Article relating to the Union Shop cannot apply, the following Agency Clause shall prevail:
- (1) Membership in the Local Union is not compulsory. Employees have the right to join, not join, maintain, or drop their membership in the Local Union, as they see fit. Neither party shall exert any pressure on, or discriminate against, an employee as regards such matters.
- (2) Membership in the Local Union is separate, apart and distinct from the assumption by one of his/her equal obligation to the extent that he/she receives equal benefits. The Local Union is required under this Agreement to represent all of the employees in the bargaining unit fairly and equally without regard to whether or not an employee is a member of the Local Union. The terms of this Agreement have been made for all employees in the bargaining unit and not only for members in the Local Union, and this Agreement has been executed by the Employer after it has satisfied itself that the Local Union is the choice of a majority of the employees in the bargaining unit. Accordingly, it is fair that each employee in the bargaining unit pays his/her own way and assume his/her fair share of the obligations along with the grant of equal benefits contained in this

#### Agreement.

(3) In accordance with the policy set forth under subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this Section, all employees shall, as a condition of continued employment, pay to the Local Union, the employee's exclusive collective bargaining representative, an amount of money equal to that paid by other employees in the bargaining unit who are members of the Local Union, which shall be limited to an amount of money equal to the Local Union's regular and usual initiation fees, and its regular and usual dues. For present employees, such payments shall commence thirty-one (31) days following the effective date or on the date of execution of this Agreement, whichever is the later, and for new employees, the payment shall start thirty-one (31) days following the date of employment.

#### **Savings Clause**

(f) If any provision of this Article is invalid under the law of any state wherein this Agreement is executed, such provision shall be modified to comply with the requirements of state law or shall be renegotiated for the purpose of adequate replacement. If such negotiations shall not result in mutually satisfactory agreement, either party shall be permitted all legal or economic recourse.

#### **Employer Recommendation**

(g) In those instances where subsection (b) hereof may not be validly applied, the Employer agrees to recommend to all employees that they become members of the Local Union and maintain such membership during the life of this Agreement, to refer new employees to the Local Union representative, and to recommend to delinquent members that they pay their dues since they are receiving the benefits of this Agreement.

Business agents shall be permitted to attend new employee orientations in right-to-work states. The sole purpose of the business agent's attendance is to encourage employees to join the Union.

#### **Future Law**

(h) To the extent such amendment may become permissible under applicable federal and state law during the life of this Agreement as a result of legislative, administrative or judicial determination, all of the provisions of this Article shall be automatically amended to embody the greater Union security provisions contained in the 1947-1949 Central States Area Over-The-Road Motor Freight Agreement, or to apply or become effective in situations not now permitted by law.

#### No Violation of Law

(i) Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed so as to require the Employer to violate any applicable law.

#### Section 2. Probationary and Casual Employees

# (a) Probationary Employees

- (1) A probationary employee shall work under the provisions of this Agreement, but shall be employed on a trial basis as provided for in each Supplement. The Probationary Period will last no longer than forty-five (45) days.
- (2) During the probationary period, the employee may be terminated without further recourse; provided, however, that the Employer may not terminate the employee for the purpose of evading

this Agreement or discriminating against Union members. A probationary employee who is terminated by the Employer during the probationary period and is then worked again at any time during the next full twelve (12) months at any of that Employer's locations within the jurisdiction of the Local Union covering the terminal where he/she first worked, except in those jurisdictions where the Local Union maintains a hiring hall or referral system, shall be added to the regular seniority list with a seniority date as of the date that person is subsequently worked. The rules contained in subsection (a) (2) are subject to provisions in the Supplements to the contrary.

(3) Probationary employees shall be paid at the new hire rate of pay during the probationary period; however, if the employee is terminated by the Employer during such period, he/she shall be compensated at the full contract rate of pay for all hours worked retroactive to the first (1st) day worked in such period.

# (b) Casual Employees

- (1) A casual employee is an individual who is not on the regular seniority list and who is not serving a probationary period. A casual may be either a replacement casual or a supplemental casual as hereinafter provided. Casuals shall not have seniority status. Casuals shall not be discriminated against for future employment.
- (2) a. Replacement casuals may be utilized by the Employer to replace regular employees when such regular employees are off due to illness, vacation or other absence, except when an absence of a regular employee continues beyond three (3) consecutive months, a replacement casual shall not thereafter be used to fill such absence, unless the Employer and the Local Union mutually agree to the continued use of a replacement casual. If a CDL-qualified casual filling a position has been regularly employed for a period of six (6) months or more, he will not be required to go through a probationary period if hired into a full-time position.

New employees shall be placed on the respective seniority lists on the first (1st) day of the following quarter unless there are employees in layoff status, in which case such new employees shall be placed on the respective seniority list at the time the laid-off employees are recalled from layoff status.

Employees shall first be added to the regular seniority list from the preferential list, if applicable.

#### (3) Employment Agency Fees

If employees are hired through an employment agency, the Employer is to pay the employment agency fee. However, if the Local Union was given equal opportunity to furnish employees under Article 3, Section (1) (c), and if the employee is retained through the probationary period, the fee need not be paid until the thirty-first (31st) day of employment.

#### Section 3. Checkoff

The Employer agrees to deduct from the pay of all employees covered by this Agreement the dues, initiation fees and/or uniform assessments of the Local Union having jurisdiction over such employees and agrees to remit to said Local Union all such deductions. Where laws require written authorization by the employee, the same is to be furnished in the form required. The Local Union shall certify to the Employer in writing each month a list of its members working for the Employer who have furnished to the Employer the required authorization, together with an itemized statement of dues, initiation fees (full or installment), or uniform assessments owed and to be deducted for

such month from the pay of such member. The Employer shall deduct such amount within two (2) weeks following receipt of the statement of certification of the member and remit to the Local Union in one (1) lump sum within three (3) weeks following receipt of the statement of certification. The Employer shall add to the list submitted by the Local Union the names and Social Security numbers of all regular new employees hired since the last list was submitted and delete the names of employees who are no longer employed. Checkoff shall be on a monthly or quarterly basis at the option of the Union. The Local Union and Employer may agree to an alternative option to deduct Union dues bi-monthly.

When the Employer actually makes a deduction for dues, initiation fees and assessments, in accordance with the statement of certification received from an appropriate Local Union, the Employer shall remit same no later than three (3) weeks following receipt of the statement of certification and in the event the Employer fails to do so, the Employer shall be assessed ten percent (10%) liquidated damages. All monies required to be checked off shall become the property of the entities for which it was intended at the time that such checkoff is required to be made. All monies required to be checked off and paid over to other entities under this Agreement shall become the property of those entities for which it was intended at the time that such payment or checkoff is required to be made.

Where an employee who is on checkoff is not on the payroll during the week in which the deduction is to be made, or has no earnings or insufficient earnings during that week, or is on leave of absence, the employee must make arrangements with the Local Union and/or the Employer to pay such dues in advance.

The Employer agrees to deduct from the paycheck of all employees covered by this Agreement voluntary contributions to DRIVE. DRIVE shall notify the Employer of the amounts designated by each contributing employee that are to be deducted from his/her paycheck on a weekly basis for all week worked. The phrase "weeks worked" excludes any week other than a week in which the employee earned a wage. The Employer shall transmit to DRIVE National Headquarters on a monthly basis, in one (1) check, the total amount deducted along with the name of each employee on whose behalf a deduction is made, the employee's social security number and the amount deducted from that employee's paycheck. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters shall reimburse the Employer annually for the Employer's actual cost for the expenses incurred in administering the weekly payroll deduction plan.

The Employer will recognize authorization for deductions from wages, if in compliance with state law, to be transmitted to Local Union or to such other organizations as the Union may request if mutually agreed to. No such authorization shall be recognized if in violation of state or federal law. No deduction shall be made which is prohibited by applicable law.

In the event that the Employer has been determined to be in violation of this Article by the decision of an appropriate grievance committee, and if such Employer subsequently is in violation thereof after receipt of seventy-two (72) hours' written notice of specific delinquencies, the Local Union may strike to enforce this Article. However, such strike shall be terminated upon the delivery thereof. Errors or inadvertent omissions relating to individual employees shall not constitute a violation.

The Employer hereby agrees to participate in the Teamsters National 401(k) Savings Plan (the "Plan") on behalf of all employees represented for purposes of collective bargaining under this agreement, and shall authorize the Plan to allow for participating employee, upon his request, to take loans on his contributions to the Plan.

The Employer will make or cause to be made payroll deductions from participating employee's wages, in accordance with each employee's salary deferral election subject to compliance with ERISA and the relevant tax code provisions. The Employer will forward withheld sum to Prudential or its successor at such time, in such form and manner as required pursuant to the Plan and Declaration of Trust (the "Trust").

The Employer will execute a Participation Agreement with TNFINC and the Trustees of the Plan evidencing Employer participation in the Plan effective prior to any employee deferral being received by the Plan.

# **Section 4. Work Assignment**

The Employers agree to respect the jurisdictional rules of the Union and shall not direct or require its employees or persons other than the employees in the bargaining units here involved, to perform work which is recognized as the work of the employees in said units. This is not to interfere with bona fide contracts with bona fide unions.

Dock Pick-up:

This provision supercedes any other related article contained in the Agreement.

The employer agrees that the function of the supervisor is the supervision of employees and not the work of the employees they supervise. 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 thirty (30) minutes. The company shall not intentionally schedule such pick-ups for times when the local cartage employees are not available.

#### Section 5.

The term "Local Union" as used herein refers to the IBT Local Union which represents the employees of the Employer for the purpose of collective bargaining at the particular place or places of business to which this Agreement and the Supplements thereto are applicable, unless by agreement of the Local Union involved, or a Change of Operations Committee, or a jurisdictional award under Article 30 herein, jurisdiction over such employees, or any number of them, has been transferred to some other Local Union, in which case the term Local Union as used herein shall refer to such other Local Unions. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to alter the single employer, multi-union unit or single contract status of this Agreement.

#### Section 6. Electronic Funds Transfer

(Direct Deposit)

Where not prohibited by State Law, all employees hired after the date of ratification are required to use electronic deposit of their paychecks. If the employee is enrolled on Direct Deposit and the employee's pay is not deposited to their bank account on payday due to employer error, the employee's pay will be deposited to the employee's account by means of Electronic Funds Transfer or the employee will be paid by alternate method that same day.

If an employee hired after the date of ratification is unable to obtain a bank account, he/she will be

paid electronically using a pay card/debit card. If for reasons beyond the Employer's control, such as weather delays, express mail failure, etc. an employee's "paycheck" or debit card does not arrive at the employee's facility by payday, a replacement alternate method of payment will be issued at the General Office and mailed to the employee's facility by the end of that business day.

The Employer shall furnish an itemized statement of earnings and deductions with all paychecks, this may be done via electronic method.

# Section 7. Road Utility Employee

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# **ARTICLE 4. STEWARDS**

The Employer shall give one (1) job steward, during his regular working hours or if outside his regular working hours his/her designated alternate, an opportunity to participate in the Employer's orientation of new employees, or the right to meet with new employees during their workday to inform them of the benefits of Union representation without loss of time or pay.

The Employer shall have the sole right to schedule the time and place for such participation so as not to interfere with the Employer's operation.

The Employer recognizes the right of the Local Union to designate job stewards and alternates from the Employer's seniority list. The authority of job stewards and alternates so designated by the Local Union shall be limited to, and shall not exceed, the following duties and activities:

- (a) The investigation and presentation of grievances with his/her Employer or the designated company representative in accordance with the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement;
- (b) The collection of dues when authorized by appropriate Local Union action;
- (c) The transmission of such messages and information, which shall originate with and are authorized by the Local Union or its officers, provided such message and information;
- (1) have been reduced to writing; or,
- (2) if not reduced to writing, are of a routine nature and do not involve work stoppages, slowdowns, refusal to handle goods, or any other interference with the Employer's business.

Unless waived in writing, there shall be a steward or available bargaining unit member of the employee's choice present whenever the Employer meets with the employee about grievances or discipline or to conduct investigatory interviews. If a steward is unavailable, the employee may designate a bargaining unit member who is available at the terminal at the time of the meeting to represent him/her. Meetings or interviews shall not begin until the steward or designated bargaining unit member is present. An employee who does not want a Union steward or available bargaining unit member present at any meeting or interview where the employee has a right to Union representation must waive Union representation in writing. If the Union requests a copy of the waiver, the Employer shall promptly furnish it.

Job stewards and alternates have no authority to take strike action, or any other action interrupting the Employer's business, except as authorized by official action of the Local Union. The Employer recognizes these limitations upon the authority of job stewards and their alternates, and shall not hold the Local Union liable for any unauthorized acts. The Employer in so recognizing such limitations shall have the authority to impose proper discipline, including discharge, in the event the job steward or his/her designated alternate has taken unauthorized strike action, slowdown or work stoppage in violation of this Agreement.

The job steward, or his/her designated alternate, shall be permitted reasonable time to investigate, present and process grievances on the company property without loss of time or pay during his/her regular working hours without interruption of the Employer's operation by calling group meetings; and where mutually agreed to by the Local Union and the Employer, off the property or other than during his/her regular schedule without loss of time or pay. Such time spent in handling grievances during the job steward's or his/her designated alternate's regular working hours shall be considered working hours in computing daily and/or weekly overtime if within the regular schedule of the "job steward."

The job steward, or his/her designated alternate, shall be permitted reasonable time off without pay to attend Union meetings called by the Local Union. The Employer shall be given twenty-four (24) hours' prior notice by the Local Union.

# ARTICLE 5.

# **Section 1. Seniority Rights**

- (a) Upon ratification, seniority shall be established according to Exhibit and thereafter, for new hires in addition to Exhibit A by date of employment.
- (b) Seniority shall be broken only by discharge, voluntary quit, retirement, refusal and/or failure to return to recall within seven (7) days, engagement of other employment while on leave of absence, or more than a five (5) year layoff.
- (c) This Section shall apply to all Supplemental Agreements.

# **Section 2. Mergers of Companies-General**

The below provisions listed in Section 2 are in addition to the provisions set forth in Article I, Section 3 and applies in all covered transactions in which the company or pre-transaction successor thereto is the surviving entity. In all such transactions the operations of the merging company shall be covered by the terms of this Master Agreement.

(a) In the event the Employer is a party to a merger of lines, seniority of the employees who are affected thereby shall be determined by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Local Unions involved.

In the application of this Section, it is immaterial whether the transaction is called a merger, purchase, acquisition, sale, etc. Further, it is also immaterial whether the transaction involves merely the purchase of stock of one (1) corporation by another, with two (2) separate corporations continuing in existence.

(b) If such merger of companies results in the combination of terminals or over-the-road operations, a change of operations shall be submitted to the Co-Chairmen of the National Grievance Committee for assignment to an appropriate Change of Operations Committee established pursuant to Article 8, Section 6. The Change of Operations Committee shall retain jurisdiction for one (1) year after the effective date of the Committee decision and shall have the authority to amend its decision in the event of a substantial change in the amount of work to be performed at the terminals or over-the-road operations which were combined.

#### Combining of Terminals or Operations as a Result of Merger

(c) In the application of this Section, when terminals or operations of two (2) or more companies are combined, as referred to above, the following general rules shall be applied by the Employer and the Local Unions, which general rules are subject to modification pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of this Article:

#### **Active Seniority List**

(1) The active employee seniority rosters (excluding those employees on letter of layoff) shall be "dovetailed" by appropriate classification (i.e., road or city) in the order of each employee's full continuous classification (road or city) seniority date that the employee is currently exercising. (The term "continuous classification seniority" as used herein is defined as that seniority which the employee is currently exercising and has not been broken in the manner provided in Section 1 of this Article or by voluntary changes in domicile not directed, approved or ordered by a Change of Operations Committee.) The active "dovetailed" seniority roster shall be utilized first and until exhausted to provide employment at such combined terminal or operational location.

# **Layoff Seniority list**

(2) In addition, the inactive seniority rosters (employees who are on letter of layoff) shall be similarly "dovetailed" by appropriate classification. If additional employees are required after the active list is exhausted, they shall be recalled from such inactive seniority roster and after recall such employees shall be "dovetailed" into the active seniority roster with their continuous classification (road or city) seniority dates they are currently exercising which shall then be exercised for all purposes. Seniority rosters previously combining job classifications shall be continued unless otherwise agreed.

# **Temporary Authority**

(d) Where only temporary authority is granted in connection with any of the transactions described above, then separate seniority lists shall continue only when terminals or operations are not merged, unless otherwise agreed. The Employer which is to survive will assume the obligations of both collective bargaining agreements during the period of the temporary authority.

In the event of temporary merger of operations which are contingent upon approval by regulatory agencies or on other stated conditions, the seniority of the involved employees shall continue to accrue with their original Employer during the period of temporary merger, so that if there is no final consummation of the merger, the seniority of such employees shall be continued with their respective employers. However, if, on the failure of final consummation and dissolution of the merger, one of the parties to the proposed merger discontinues the operations which were subject to such merger, the employees of such Employer shall be granted seniority rights for all purposes with the other Employer only for the period of time they were employed in such temporary merged operations.

# **Purchase of Rights**

(e) If a merger, purchase, acquisition, sale, etc., constitutes merely the acquisition of permits or rights, without the purchase or acquisition of equipment or terminals, and/or without the consolidation of terminals or operations, or in the event of the purchase of rights during bankruptcy proceedings, the following shall apply:

Where the purchasing company has a terminal operation at the domicile of the employees of the seller, the employees of the selling company shall be placed on a master seniority list, and the purchasing company or companies shall hire, after recall of the purchasing company's employees from layoff, such employees as needed for regular employment within the first twelve (12) calendar months after purchase or acquisition of permits and/or rights, and they shall be dovetailed with full seniority. If an employee refuses a bona fide offer of regular work opportunity with any of the purchasing companies, his/her name shall be removed from the list. No employee hired under this provision shall be required to serve a probationary period. After the expiration of the aforementioned twelve (12) calendar month period, the purchaser shall have no further obligation to the employees of the seller.

However, if the purchasing or acquiring company does not have and/or continue a terminal or operation at the domicile of the employees of the seller, resulting in their layoff, such Employer shall place the laid-off employees on a master seniority list and such Employer shall, if and when additional regular employees are required, within a twelve (12) - calendar month period after purchase or acquisition, and providing its employees on layoff have been recalled, offer employment to such laid-off employees at the terminal locations or operations to which the work has been transferred. Any such laid-off employees accepting transfer shall be dovetailed in accordance with their terminal seniority for work purposes, including layoff, and holding company seniority for all fringes. If an employee refuses a bona fide offer of regular work opportunity with any of the purchasing companies, his/her name shall be removed from the list. No employee hired under this provision shall be required to serve a probationary period. After the expiration date of the aforementioned twelve (12) - calendar month period, the purchaser shall have no further obligation to the employees of the seller. The transferring employee shall be responsible for lodging and moving expenses.

#### **Exclusive Cartage Operations**

(f) If in connection with the transactions described in these rules the successor Employer determines to discontinue the use of a local cartage company, the employees of that local cartage company who have worked exclusively on the pickup and delivery service which is retained by the successor Employer shall be given the opportunity to continue to perform such service as an employee of such successor Employer, and shall have their seniority "dovetailed" as described in the above rules.

# **Posting Seniority List**

(g) The Employer shall give the Local Union a seniority list at least every six (6) months. The Employer shall also post a seniority list at least once every six (6) months and shall maintain a current seniority roster at the terminal. Protest of any employee's seniority date or position on such list must be made in writing to the Employer within thirty (30) days after such seniority date or position first appears, and if no protests are timely made, the dates and positions posted shall be deemed correct. Any such protest which is timely made may be submitted to the grievance procedure.

# **Section 3. Work Opportunity**

Over-the-road and CDL-qualified local cartage employees who have been on letter of layoff, for more than thirty (30) days shall be given an opportunity to relocate to permanent employment (prior to the employment of new hires) occurring at domiciles of the Employer provided they notify the Employer and Local Union in writing of their interest in a relocation opportunity. The offer of relocation will be made in the order of applicable seniority of the laid-off employees domiciled within the Regional area. The Employer shall be required to make additional offers of relocation to an employee who has previously rejected a relocation opportunity provided the employee again notifies the Employer in writing of his/her continued interest in additional relocation opportunities. However, the Employer will only be required to make one relocation offer in any six (6) calendar month period. Any employee accepting such offer shall be paid at the employee's applicable rate of pay and shall be placed at the bottom of the seniority board for bidding and layoff purposes, but shall retain company seniority for fringe benefits only. A relocating employee shall pay his/her own moving expenses and shall, upon reporting to such new domicile, be deemed to have relinquished his/her right to return with seniority to the domicile from which he/she relocated. The provisions of this Section shall not supersede an established order of call/hiring in the Supplemental Agreement.

# **Section 4. Voluntary Transfer**

In the event an Employer is hiring at a location, active employees with one year or more of seniority with the Employer will be permitted to transfer to the hiring location and keep his/her company seniority but will be end-tailed on the seniority list after additional help opportunities are exhausted. The Employer will post a notice in all terminals with the name and location that is hiring. Any qualified employee desiring to transfer under this provision must notify the destination employer representative within seven (7) days of the posting of the notice. The Employer must implement within thirty (30) days of initial posting. If not implemented within thirty (30) days, the posting will be null and void. Any future openings will be subject to a reposting and rebid. No employee shall be required to relinquish seniority at their home domicile until he/she is put to work at the new location. An employee may not utilize this provision more than one (1) time per calendar year. This provision shall not be cause for any monetary claims. No moving allowance would be applicable to a voluntary transfer under this section.

#### **ARTICLE 6.**

#### Section 1. Maintenance of Standards

The Employer agrees, subject to the following provisions, that all conditions of employment in his/her individual operation relating to wages, hours of work, overtime differentials and general working conditions shall be maintained at not less than the highest standards in effect as of November 1, 2026, and the conditions of employment shall be improved whenever specific provisions for improvement are made elsewhere in this Agreement.

It is agreed that the provisions of this Article shall not apply to inadvertent or bona fide errors made by the Employer or the Union in applying the terms and conditions of this Agreement and are recognized as such by both parties. Such bona fide errors may be corrected at any time but no later than five (5) days after notice by one party to the other.

#### **Section 2. Extra Contract Agreements**

(a) The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with its employees, individually

or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this Agreement. Any such agreement shall be null and void.

#### Section 3. Workweek Reduction

If either the Fair Labor Standards Act or the Hours of Service Regulations are subsequently amended so as to result in substantial penalties to either the employees or the Employer, a written notice shall be sent by either party requesting negotiations to amend those provisions which are affected.

Thereafter, the parties shall enter into immediate negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory solution. In the event the parties cannot agree on a solution within sixty (60) days, or mutually agreed extensions thereof, after receipt of the stated written notice, either party shall be allowed economic recourse.

# Section 4. New Equipment

Where new types of equipment and/or operations for which rates of pay are not established by this Agreement are put into use after November 1, 2024, within operations covered by this Agreement, rates governing such operations shall be subject to negotiations between the parties.

In the event agreement cannot be reached within sixty (60) days after date such equipment is put into use, the matter may be submitted to the National Grievance Committee for final disposition. Rates agreed upon or awarded shall be effective as of the date equipment is put into use.

The above provisions shall also apply in the event the law (state or federal) is changed to permit longer combination vehicles or aggregate weight increases of 8,000 pounds or more in the weight limits that are currently provided in the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982.

Employees expected to use computers will be trained to use them and will be paid for all training time. Employees expected to use computers will be given sufficient time to learn to use them.

# ARTICLE 7. LOCAL AND AREA GRIEVANCE MACHINERY

#### Section 1.

(a) The IBT shall provide for a Joint Area Committee in the Geographic Region of the Local Union's involved, that shall meet on a quarterly basis at a location agreed to by the Employer and Regional Freight Coordinator. In addition the Joint Area 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 the administrator of the grievance process.

The Committee shall be made up of Local Union representatives from the Locals involved and Standard Forwarding Employee Relations Personnel or their designees. It is agreed that for a Committee to hear a case there shall be an equal number of Employer Committee members and Union Committee members sitting, not to exceed three (3) each and not less than two (2). Local Union representatives who are appearing as presenters or witnesses for the Local Union involved in a proceeding before a Committee, will be ineligible to act as a member of that Committee. The Company Panel for cases to be heard at any level shall consist of not less than two (2) Standard Forwarding Employee Relations Personnel or their designees.

In the event a grievance matter is deadlocked at the Joint Area Committee level, it shall be referred to the appropriate Standard Forwarding Regional Committee for handling or as provided for in the Joint Area Committee rules of procedure for discharges and suspension. If not resolved at that level it shall be referred to the Standard Forwarding National Grievance Committee.

All grievances arising under the provisions of the Master Agreement shall be filed directly with the appropriate Regional Joint Area Committee. The Regional Joint Area Committee shall have the authority to render a final and binding decision or direct the grievance to the appropriate lower level committee for hearing if the grievance is not properly claimed under the provisions of the Master Agreement. The Regional Joint Area Committee must hear and decide such cases within ninety (90) days of the filing of the grievance. Grievances arising under Article 9 Protection of Rights, Article 29, Sections 1 or 2(a) and (b) - Substitute Service and Article 32, Subcontracting shall be expeditiously processed and may be heard at either regularly scheduled or specially called hearings. A grievance may be filed by any Region whose members are adversely affected by an alleged violation of Article 32, Section 4(b) occurring within its jurisdiction.

Special Regional Joint Area Committees shall also be created in compliance with the provisions of Article 35, Sections 3 and 4. The procedure set forth in the grievance machinery and in the national grievance procedure may be invoked only by the authorized Union representative or the Employer representative. Authorized representatives of the Union and/or Employer may file grievances alleging violation of this Agreement, under local grievance procedure, or as provided herein, unless provided to the contrary or otherwise mutually agreed in the Supplemental Agreement and/or respective committee rules of procedure. Time limitations regarding the filing of grievances, if not set forth in the respective Supplemental Agreements, must appear in the Rules of Procedure of the various grievance committees and shall apply equally to the Employer and employees.

The Rules of Procedure of the various committees established under the Agreement shall be subject to the review and approval of the Standard Forwarding National Grievance Committee.

In order that each committee may operate quickly and efficiently, the parties agree that a person or service provider shall be selected and designated to serve as Secretary. Each Panel shall have its own Secretary. The Secretary shall perform only the duties assigned to him/her by the Panel. The Secretary shall docket cases, prepare the agenda and mail/email a copy prior to the scheduled meeting of the Panel to each member of the Panel, the Employer and Local Unions whose case appears on the agenda. The Secretary shall attend the meeting to prepare and keep the minutes and mail/email copies of the minutes to the members of the Panel and shall also mail/email copies of the decision of the Panel to all Standard Forwarding representatives and Local Unions who are parties to this Agreement.

If a Local Union dockets a case at a joint area committee, the Company and the Union shall both be required to pay a fifty (\$50.00) dollar docketing or hearing fee. The expenses for operating a joint area committee shall be borne equally by all the covered Local Unions on a pro rata basis and Company operations which are covered by this Agreement. The parties reserve the right to modify the above fees or impose an assessment, by mutual consent.

The procedure set forth in the joint area and regional joint area grievance machinery and in the national grievance procedure may be invoked only by the authorized Union representative or the Employer representative. Authorized representatives of the Union and/or Employer may file grievances alleging violation of this Agreement, under this grievance procedure, or as provided herein, unless provided to the contrary or otherwise mutually agreed in the Supplemental Agreement

and/or respective committee rules of procedure. Time limitations regarding the filing of grievances, if not set forth in the respective Supplemental Agreements, must appear in the Rules of Procedure of the various grievance committees and shall apply equally to the Employer and employees.

The Rules of Procedure of the various committees established under the Agreement shall be subject to the review and approval of the National Grievance Committee.

# Section 2. Grievant's Bill of Rights

All employees who file grievances under this Agreement and its Supplemental Agreements are entitled to have their cases decided fairly and promptly. In order to satisfy these objectives and promote confidence in the integrity of the grievance procedures, all employees who file grievances are entitled to the following Rights:

- 1. Grievant's and stewards shall be informed by their Local Union of the time and place of the hearing.
- 2. Grievant's and stewards are permitted to attend, at their own expense, the hearing in cases in which they are involved.
- 3. The Employer must provide any information relevant to a grievance containing specific factual allegations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a written request by the Local Union, steward or grievant. The Local Union or grievant must provide information relevant to such a grievance within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a written request by the Employer. Information requested must relate to the specific issues and general time periods involved in the grievance. In the event a party fails to provide available information that was specifically requested on a timely basis and the applicable grievance committee agrees that the information is relevant to the case, the claim of the party requesting the information shall be upheld.
- 4. All cases involving a discharge or suspension shall be recorded, except for executive sessions. Transcriptions of these proceedings shall be prepared in response to written requests by the Local Union at the reasonable cost of transcription. No recording devices shall be used in any grievance committee proceeding except as specifically authorized under the Rules of Procedure or by mutual consent of the co-chairpersons.
- 5. All Employer and Union panel members for each case shall be identified prior to the hearing. No Employer or Union representative who is directly involved in a case may serve as a panel member except at a local level committee where there is only one Local Union subject to the jurisdiction of the committee.
- 6. A grievant or steward may request permission to present evidence or argument in support of the case in addition to the evidence or argument presented by the Local Union.
- 7. All grievance committees shall, upon request, issue a copy of the grievance decision or transcript pages containing the hearing proceedings and the decision to the grievant and/or a Local Union.
- 8. The Local Union and the Employer may postpone a case once each, and any further postponements must be approved by the co-chairpersons of the grievance committee. In those areas where there are presently local grievance committees, each party shall be entitled to one additional postponement at the local grievance committee level only.

- 9. Unless mutually agreed by the Local Union and the Company, Local Unions shall file all approved grievances with the appropriate grievance committee or association for decision no later than thirty (30) days after the date the Local Union receives the grievance.
- 10. A copy of the grievance committee Rules of Procedure, including the Grievant's Bill of Rights, must be provided, upon request, to the grievant prior to the commencement of the grievance hearing.

#### Section 3.

All Grievance Committees shall revise their Rules of Procedure to include the "Grievant's Bill of Rights" set forth in Section 2 above and shall submit their revised Rules of Procedure to the National Grievance Committee for approval no more than ninety (90) days after the effective date of this Agreement. The National Grievance Committee may revise, delete or add to the Rules of Procedure for a Supplemental Grievance Committee in any manner necessary to ensure conformity with the purposes and objectives of the Grievant's Bill of Rights. The decisions of the National Grievance Committee in this regard shall be final and binding.

#### Section 4.

Discharge cases shall be docketed and scheduled to be heard at the next regularly scheduled Joint Area Committee meeting. In addition the Joint Area 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 the administrator of the grievance process.

# **Section 5. Timely Payment of Grievances**

All monetary grievances that have been resolved either by decision or through a signed, dated written settlement agreement shall be paid within fourteen (14) calendar days of formal notification of the decision or the date of the settlement agreement. If the Employer fails to pay a monetary grievance in accordance with this Section, the Employer shall pay as liquidated damages to each affected grievant eight (8) hours straight time pay for each day the Employer delays payment, commencing the date the grievant(s) notified the Employer of such non-payment.

#### Section 6.

In view of the new Federal Regulations (383.51) pertaining to a driver's overall record, when presenting a case involving discharge and/or suspension for an accident(s), the Employer may request on the record at the Regional Joint Area Committee that the driver's accident record for the past three (3) years be considered. The respective Chairmen of the Regional Joint Area Committee may consider the employee's accident record within the past three (3) years when assessing disciplinary action if the Employer can present evidence showing that:

The driver who is subject to discharge or suspension was convicted of any of the following within the past three (3) years:

- A. being at fault in an accident involving a fatality or serious bodily injury;
- B. being at fault in an accident resulting in property damage in excess of \$50,000.00;
- C. leaving the scene of any accident of which the driver is aware; or
- D. using the Employer's commercial motor vehicle to commit a felony.

# ARTICLE 8. NATIONAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

#### Section 1.

All grievances or questions of interpretations arising under this Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement or Supplemental Agreements thereto shall be processed as set forth below.

(a) All factual grievances or questions of interpretation arising under the provisions of the Supplemental Agreement (or factual grievances arising under the Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement), shall be processed in accordance with the grievance procedure of the applicable Supplemental Agreement.

If upon the completion of the grievance procedure of the Supplemental Agreement the matter is deadlocked, the case shall be immediately forwarded to both the Employer and Union secretaries of the National Grievance Committee, together with all pertinent files, evidence, records and committee transcripts.

Any request for interpretation of the Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement shall be submitted directly to the Regional Joint Area Committee for the making of a record on the matter, after which it shall be immediately referred to the National Grievance Committee. Such request shall be filed with both the Union and Employer secretaries of the National Grievance Committee with a complete statement of the matter.

(b) Any matter which has been referred pursuant to Section 1(a) above, or any question concerning the interpretation of the provisions contained in the Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement, shall be submitted to a permanent National Grievance Committee which shall be composed of an equal number of employer and union representatives. The National Grievance Committee shall meet on a regular basis, for the disposition of grievances referred to it, or may meet at more frequent intervals, upon call of the chairman of either the Employer or Union representatives on the National Grievance Committee. The National Grievance Committee shall adopt rules of procedure which may include the reference of disputed matters to subcommittees for investigation and report, with the final decision or approval, however, to be made by the National Grievance Committee. If the National Grievance Committee resolves the dispute by a majority vote of those present and voting, such decisions shall be final and binding upon all parties.

Cases deadlocked by the National Grievance Committee shall be referred as provided in Section 2(b) below. Procedures relating to such referrals shall be included in the Rules of Procedure of the National Grievance Committee.

The Employer may request the co-chairmen of the National Grievance Committee to appoint and convene a joint Employer and Union Committee which shall have the authority to approve uniform dispatch procedures and rules which shall apply to the individual company's over-the-road operations.

#### Section 2.

(a) The National Grievance Committee by majority vote may consider and review all questions of interpretation which may arise under the provisions contained in the Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement which are submitted by either the Chairman of TNFINC or the Vice President of

Employee Relations for Standard Forwarding. The National Grievance Committee by majority vote shall have the authority to reverse and set aside all resolutions of grievances by any lower level grievance committee or review committee involving or affecting the interpretation(s) of the Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement, in which case the decision of the National Grievance Committee shall be final and binding. A failure by the National Grievance Committee to reach a majority decision on a question concerning interpretation or on a review of a decision by a lower level grievance committee or review committee shall not be considered a deadlock and will not be referred to the National Review Committee. In case of a failure to reach a majority decision in reviewing the decision of a lower level grievance committee or review committee, the decision of the lower level grievance committee or review committee shall stand as final and binding.

- (b) All grievances deadlocked at the National Grievance Committee shall be processed as set forth below.
- 1. All such deadlocked grievances shall be automatically referred to the National Review Committee, which shall consist of the Chairman of TNFINC, or his/her designee and the Vice President of Employee Relations for Standard Forwarding, or his/her designee. The National Review Committee shall have the authority to resolve any such deadlocked case by review of the record presented to the National Grievance Committee or by rehearing the case, or by referring the case to a subcommittee of either the Joint National Negotiating Committee or the appropriate Supplemental Negotiating Committee to negotiate a recommended resolution of the case. The subcommittee of the Negotiating Committee to which the case was referred must report its recommendation or deadlock to the National Review Committee for resolution. Unless the National Review Committee in writing mutually agrees otherwise, said Committee shall have a period of 15 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) from the date of the National Grievance Committee deadlock to resolve the case. The decision of the National Review Committee shall be final and binding.
- 2. In the event the National Review Committee is unable to resolve the deadlock, the President of the Employer involved and the Chairman of TNFINC shall have 30 additional days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays), from the final day of consideration by the National Review Committee to attempt to resolve the case. The Standard Forwarding and TNFINC representatives on the National Review Committee shall be responsible for notifying the Vice President of Employee Relations for Standard Forwarding and the Chairman of TNFINC of the final day of consideration by the Committee of the deadlocked grievance. In considering factual disputes that are deadlocked or deadlocked questions of interpretation arising out of Supplemental Agreements, the decision of either the National Grievance Committee or the National Review Committee shall be based on the provisions of the applicable Supplemental Agreement.
- 3. No lawyers will be permitted to present cases at any step of the grievance procedure.
- 4. The decision of any grievance committee or panel shall be specifically limited to the matters submitted to it and the grievance committee or panel shall have no authority in any manner to amend, alter or change any provision of the Agreement.
- 5. If the Employer or Union challenges in court a decision issued by any dispute resolution panel provided for under this Agreement, the cost of the challenge, including the court costs and attorney's fees, shall be paid by the losing party.

# Section 3. Work Stoppages

(a) The parties agree that all grievances and questions of interpretation arising from the provisions

of this Agreement shall be submitted to the grievance procedure for determination. Accordingly, except as authorized by law, as provided below or as specifically provided in other Articles of the Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement, no work stoppage, slowdown, walkout or lockout shall be deemed to be permitted or authorized by this Agreement.

A "representation dispute" in circumstances under which the Employer is not required to recognize the Union under this Agreement is not subject to the grievance procedure herein and the provisions of this Article do not apply to such dispute.

- (b) In the event the Employer is delinquent in its health & welfare or pension payments in the manner required by the applicable Supplemental Agreement, the Local Union shall have the right to take whatever action it deems necessary until such delinquent payments are made. The Local Union shall give the Employer a seventy-two (72) hour, (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays), prior written notice of the Local Union's authorization of strike action which notice shall specify the failure to make health & welfare or pension payments providing the basis for such strike authorization. In no event shall the Union have the right to strike over a dispute concerning the eligibility and/or payment of health & welfare or pension contributions by the Employer on behalf of specific individuals and such disputes shall be subject to the grievance procedure.
- (c) In the event the Employer fails to comply with a decision rendered by a grievance committee or a grievance settlement, provided a settlement has been reduced to writing, dated and signed by both the Local Union and the Employer the Local Union shall give the Employer a seventy-two (72) hour (excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays) prior written notice of the Local Union's authorization of strike action, which notice shall specify the basis for the compliance failure. If the Employer believes that it is in compliance or that there is a clarification needed in order to comply, the matter of compliance and/or clarification shall be submitted to the grievance committee that decided the case. The question of compliance or clarification shall be determined by the grievance committee within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of the Employer request. The forty-eight (48) hour period for the grievance committee to determine the question of compliance or clarification shall run concurrently with the seventy-two (72) hour notice prior to a strike. The grievance committee may meet telephonically to consider and decide questions of compliance or clarification.

#### Section 4.

(a) It is mutually agreed that the Local Union will, within two (2) weeks of the date of the signing of this Agreement, serve upon the Employer a written notice listing the Union's authorized representatives who will deal with the Employer, make commitments for the Local Union generally and, in particular, those individuals having the sole authority to act for the Local Union in calling or instituting strikes or any stoppages of work which are not in violation of this Agreement. The Local Union may from time to time amend its listing of authorized representatives by certified mail (or confirmed e-mail). The Local Union shall not authorize any work stoppages, slowdown, walkout, or cessation of work in violation of this Agreement. It is further agreed that in all cases of an unauthorized strike, slowdown, walkout, or any unauthorized cessation of work which is in violation of this Agreement the Union shall not be liable for damages resulting from such unauthorized acts of its members.

In the event of a work stoppage, slowdown, walkout or cessation of work, not permitted by the provisions of Article 8, Section 3(a), (b), or (c) alleged to be in violation of this Agreement, the Employer shall immediately send an email or other form of written to the Chairman of TNFINC to determine if such strike, etc., is authorized.

No strike, slowdown, walkout or cessation of work alleged to be in violation of this Agreement shall be deemed to be authorized unless notification thereof by email or other form of written communication has been received by the Employer and the Local Union from such Regional Area. If no response is received by the Employer within twenty-four (24) hours after request, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, such strike, etc., shall be deemed to be unauthorized for the purpose of this Agreement.

In the event of such unauthorized work stoppage or picket line, etc., in violation of this Agreement, the Local Union shall immediately make every effort to persuade the employees to commence the full performance of their duties and shall immediately inform the employees that the work stoppage and/or picket line is unauthorized and in violation of this Agreement. The question of whether employees who refuse to work during such unauthorized work stoppages, in violation of this Agreement, or who fail to cross unauthorized picket lines at their Employer's premises, shall be considered as participating in an unauthorized work stoppage in violation of this Agreement may be submitted to the grievance procedure.

It is specifically understood and agreed that the Employer during the first twenty-four (24) - hour period of such unauthorized work stoppage in violation of this Agreement, shall have the sole and complete right of reasonable discipline, including suspension from employment, up to and including thirty (30) days, but short of discharge, and such employees shall not be entitled to or have any recourse to the grievance procedure. In addition, it is agreed between the parties that if any employee repeats any such unauthorized strike, etc., in violation of this Agreement, during the term of this Agreement, the Employer shall have the right to further discipline or discharge such employee without recourse for such repetition. After the first twenty-four (24) - hour period of an unauthorized stoppage in violation of this Agreement, and if such stoppage continues, the Employer shall have the sole and complete right to immediately further discipline or discharge any employee participating in any unauthorized strike, slowdown, walkout, or any other cessation of work in violation of this Agreement, and such employees shall not be entitled to or have any recourse to the grievance procedure. The suspension or discharge herein referred to shall be uniformly applied to all employees participating in such unauthorized activity. The Employer shall have the sole right to schedule the employee's period of suspension.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee, Joint Councils and Local Unions shall make immediate efforts to terminate any strike or stoppage of work as aforesaid which is not authorized by such organizations, without assuming liability therefore. For and in consideration of the agreement of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee, Joint Councils and Local Unions affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to make the aforesaid efforts to require Local Unions and their members to comply with the law or the provisions of this Agreement, including the provisions limiting strikes or work stoppages, as aforesaid, the Employer who is party hereto agrees that it will not hold the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee, Joint Councils and Local Unions liable or sue them in any court or before any administrative tribunal for undertaking such efforts to terminate unauthorized strikes or stoppages of work as aforesaid or for undertaking such efforts to require Local Unions and their members to comply with the law or the provisions of this Agreement, or for taking no further steps to require them to do so. It is further agreed that the Employer will not hold the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee, Joint Councils or Local Unions liable or sue them in any court or before any administrative tribunal for such unauthorized work stoppages alleging condonation, ratification or assumption of liability for undertaking such efforts to terminate strikes or stoppages of work, or requiring Local Unions and their members to comply with the law or the provisions of this Agreement. The provisions of this Article shall continue to apply during that period of time between the expiration of this Agreement and the conclusion of the negotiations or the effective date of the successor Agreement, whichever occurs later, except as provided in Article 39. It is understood and agreed that failure by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee, and/or Joint Councils 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.

(b) The question of whether the International Union, Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee, Joint Council or Local Union have met its obligation set forth in the immediately preceding paragraphs, or the question of whether the International Union, Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee, and Joint Council or the Local Union, separately or jointly, participated in an unauthorized work stoppage, slowdown, walkout or cessation of work in violation of this Agreement by calling, encouraging, assisting or aiding such work stoppage, etc., in violation of this Agreement, or the question of whether an authorized strike provided by Article 8, Section 3(a), (b) or (c) is in violation of this Agreement, or whether the Employer engaged in a lockout in violation of this Agreement, shall be submitted to the grievance procedure at the national level, prior to the institution of any damage suit action. When requested, the co-chairmen of the National Grievance Committee shall immediately appoint a subcommittee to develop a record by collecting evidence and hearing testimony, if any, on the questions of whether the International Union, Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee, Joint Council or Local Union have met its obligations as aforesaid, or of Union Participation or Employer lockout in violation of this Agreement. The record shall be immediately forwarded to the National Grievance Committee for decision. If a decision is not rendered within thirty (30) days after the co-chairmen have convened the National Grievance Committee, the matter shall be considered deadlocked.

A majority decision of the National Grievance Committee on the questions presented as aforesaid shall be final and binding on all parties. If such majority decision is rendered in favor of one (1) or more of the Union entities, or the Employer, in the case of lockout, no damage suit proceedings on the issues set forth in this Article shall be instituted against such Union entity or such Employer. If, however, the National Grievance Committee is deadlocked on the issues referred to in this subsection 4(b), the issues must be referred to the National Review Committee for resolution prior to either party instituting damage suit proceedings. If the National Review Committee decides that a strike was unlawful, it shall not have the authority to assess damages. Except as provided in this subsection 4(b), agreement to utilize this procedure shall not thereafter in any way limit or constitute a waiver of the right of the Employer or Union to commence damage suit action. However, the use of evidence in this procedure shall not waive the right of the Employer or Union to use such evidence in any litigation relating to the strike or lockout, etc., in violation of this Agreement. There shall not be any strike, slowdown, walkout, cessation of work or lockout as a result of a deadlock of the National Grievance Committee on the questions referred to under this subsection 4(b) and any such activity shall be considered a violation of this Agreement.

- (c) In the event that the Employer, party to this Agreement, commences legal proceedings against the Union after the Union's compliance with the provisions of Article 8, Section 3(a), (b) or (c), the applicable Committee Secretary will cooperate in the presentation to the court of the applicable majority grievance committee decision.
- (d) Nothing herein shall prevent the Employer or Union from securing remedies granted by law except as specifically set forth in subsection 4(b).

#### Section 5.

- (a) In the event of strikes, work stoppages, or other activities authorized by Article 8, Section 3(a), (b) or (c) of this Agreement, no interpretation of this Agreement or any Supplement thereto relating to the Employer's obligation to make health & welfare and /or pension contributions by any tribunal shall be binding upon the Union or affect the legality or lawfulness of the strikes 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.
- (b) It is the intention of the parties to resolve all grievances and requests for interpretation arising under this Agreement through the grievance procedure. However, it is understood and agreed that nothing herein shall prevent the Employer or Union from securing remedies in those circumstances where the application of this Agreement is contrary to law.

# Section 6. Change of Operations

# **Change of Operations Committee**

(a) There shall be a Change of Operations Committee. Present terminals, breaking points or domiciles shall not be transferred, changed or modified without the approval of an appropriate Change of Operations Committee. Such Committee shall be appointed in each of the Regional Areas, equally composed of Employer and Union representatives. The Change of Operations Committee shall have the authority to determine the seniority of the employees affected and such determination shall be final and binding.

# **Change of Operations Committee Procedure**

b) The National Grievance Committee shall adopt Rules of Procedure concerning the application and administration of this Article.

The Employer shall notify all affected Local Unions of the proposed change of operations at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the hearing at the Regional Joint Area Committee, and the Employer and the Local Unions involved shall have a mutual responsibility to inform the employees subject to redomicile prior to such hearing in accordance with the practice and procedures agreed to in the respective Area Committee. Any exception or waiver of the aforesaid thirty (30) day period shall be mutually agreed to between the Employer and the Local Unions involved and approved by the Regional Area Change of Operations Committee.

#### **Moving Expenses**

(c) The Employer shall pay reasonable expenses of an employee to relocate under this provision not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per move.

None of the Employer obligations set forth in this Subsection (c) - Moving Expenses shall apply to transfers of domiciles within a fifty (50) - mile radius.

#### **Change of Operations Seniority**

(d) The Change of Operations Committee established herein hall have the sole authority to determine questions of the application of seniority in those situations presented to it and in connection therewith the following general rules shall apply, subject, however, to modification as

# **ARTICLE 9. PROTECTION OF RIGHTS**

# **Section 1. Picket Lines: Sympathetic Action**

It shall not be a violation of this Agreement, and it shall not be cause for discharge, disciplinary action or permanent replacement in the event an employee refuses to enter upon any property involved in a primary labor dispute, or refuses to go through or work behind any primary picket line, including the primary picket line of Unions party to this Agreement, and including primary picket lines at the Employer's places of business.

#### Section 2. Struck Goods

It shall not be a violation of this Agreement and it shall not be cause for discharge, disciplinary action or permanent replacement if any employee refuses to perform any service which his/her Employer undertakes to perform as an ally of an Employer or person whose employees are on strike and which service, but for such strikes, would be performed by the employees of the Employer or person on strike.

#### Section 3.

Subject to Article 32 - Subcontracting, hereof, the Employer agrees that it will not cease or refrain from handling, using, transporting, or otherwise dealing in any of the products of any other Employer or cease doing business with any other person, or fail in any obligation imposed by the Motor Carriers Act or other applicable law, as a result of individual employees exercising their rights under this Agreement or under law, but the Employer shall, notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, when necessary, continue doing such business, including pickup or delivery to or from the Employer's terminal and to or from the premises of a shipper or consignee.

#### Section 4.

The layover provision shall apply when the Employer knowingly dispatches a road driver to a terminal at which a primary picket line has been posted as a result of the exhaustion of the grievance procedure, or after proper notification of a picket line permitted by the collective bargaining agreement, or economic strikes occurring after the expiration of collective bargaining agreements, or to achieve a collective bargaining agreement. In such event and upon his/her request, a driver shall be provided first class public transportation to his/her home terminal, plus be paid a minimum of eight (8) hours or actual time spent while returning, whichever is greater. The Employer shall determine the mode of transportation to be utilized.

### ARTICLE 10. LOSS OR DAMAGE

# Section 1.

In the event loss, damage or theft of freight, equipment, materials, or supplies is incurred as a direct result of a proven willful gross negligent act by an employee in the performance of assigned work, when such act knowingly may result in such loss, damage or theft, the employee may be held responsible for such acts and may be required to assume liability for any such loss, damage or theft, in whole or in part. The term "willful, gross negligent acts" is intended to describe independent actions of any employee who knowingly violates established rules or policies that, when adhered to, clearly prevent loss, damage or theft described herein. Employees shall not be held responsible or required to assume liability for loss or damage or theft unless clear proof of willful, gross negligence is shown. In no event will an employee be held responsible for, or required to assume any liability for any loss, damage or theft when performing assigned work in a manner as specifically instructed by a supervisor. This Article shall not be utilized in any manner to hold an employee liable for any loss or damage of equipment under any conditions or for any damage to cargo as a result of a vehicular accident.

# ARTICLE 11. BONDS AND INSURANCE

#### Section 1.

Should the Employer require any employee to give bond, cash bond shall not be compulsory, and any premium involved shall be paid by the Employer. The primary obligation to procure the bonds shall be on the Employer. If the Employer cannot arrange for a bond within ninety (90) days, it must so notify the employee in writing. Failure to so notify shall relieve the employee of the bonding requirement. If proper notice is given, the employee shall be allowed thirty (30) days from the date of such notice to make his/her own bonding requirements, standard premiums only on said bond to be paid by the Employer. A standard premium shall be that premium paid by the Employer for bonds applicable to all other of its employees in similar classifications. Any excess premium is to be paid by the employee. Cancellation of a bond after once issued shall not be cause for discharge unless the bond is cancelled for cause which occurs during working hours, or due to the employee having given a fraudulent statement in obtaining said bond.

Every driver must maintain a valid commercial driver's license and required endorsements and be covered by insurance. If the Employer cannot cover a driver under an existing fleet policy, the Employer will promptly apply to the state assigned risk-pool to provide any comparable coverage. During the pendency of the application and until insurance is obtained, the driver will not be terminated, but will be taken out of driving service. When any comparable insurance is obtained, the employee will be responsible for paying any excess over the standard charges.

# Section 2. Corporate Owned Life Insurance

The Employer will not own and/or be the beneficiary of any life insurance policy on the life or lives of any members of the bargaining unit without obtaining the explicit authorization of the Teamsters National Master Freight Negotiating Committee and the individual affected employees.

#### **ARTICLE 12. UNIFORMS**

Before the Employer purchases uniforms, it must present a sample of the material for the uniforms to the Union for approval. If the sample material type is not used in the finished uniforms, the Union employees are under no obligation to wear the uniforms. The Union's approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Employer agrees that if any employee is required to wear any kind of uniform as a condition of his/her continued employment, such uniform shall be furnished and maintained by the Employer, free of charge, at the standard required by the Employer. Said uniforms shall be made in the United States by union vendors, if possible, and will have the

Teamster emblem appropriately applied and, as uniforms are replaced after July 25, 2018, an American flag on the left shoulder.

The Employer has the right to establish and maintain reasonable standards for wearing apparel and personal grooming.

#### **ARTICLE 13. PASSENGERS**

No driver shall allow anyone, other than employees of the Employer who are on duty, to ride on his truck except by written authorization of the Employer, or except in cases of emergency arising out of disabled commercial equipment or an Act of God. No more than two (2) people shall ride in the cab of a tractor unless required by government agencies or the necessity of checking of equipment. This shall not prohibit drivers from picking up other drivers, helpers or others in wrecked or broken down motor equipment and transporting them to the first (1st) available point of communication, repair, lodging or available medical attention. Nor shall this prohibit the transportation of other drivers from the driver's own company at a delivery point or terminal to a restaurant for meals.

# ARTICLE 14. COMPENSATION CLAIMS

# **Section 1. Compensation Claims**

- (a) The Employer agrees to cooperate toward the prompt disposition of employee on-the-job injury claims. The Employer shall provide worker's compensation protection for all employees even though not required by state law, or the equivalent thereof, if the injury arose out of or in the course of employment. No employee will be disciplined or threatened with discipline as a result of filing an on-the-job injury report. The Employer or its designee shall not visit an injured worker at his/her home, at a hospital or any location outside the employee's home terminal without his/her consent.
- (b) At the time an injury report is turned in, the Employer shall provide the injured employee with an information sheet briefly outlining the procedure for submitting a worker's compensation claim to include the name, address and phone number of the company's worker's compensation representative and other pertinent information relative to claim payment.
- (c) An employee who is injured on the job, and is sent home, or to a hospital, or who must obtain medical attention, shall receive pay at the applicable hourly rate for the balance of his/her regular shift on that day. An employee who has returned to his/her regular duties after sustaining a compensable injury who is required by the worker's compensation doctor to receive additional medical treatment during his/her regularly scheduled working hours shall receive his/her regular hourly rate of pay for such time. Where not prohibited by state law, employees who sustain occupational injury or illness shall be allowed to select a physician of their own choice and shall notify the Employer in writing of such physician.
- (d) Road drivers sustaining an injury while being transported in company-provided transportation for Company purposes at a layover terminal shall be considered as having been injured on the job.
- (e) In the event that an employee sustains an occupational illness or injury while on a run away from his/her home terminal, the Employer shall provide transportation by bus, train, plane, or automobile to his/her home terminal if and when directed by a doctor.

- (f) The Employer agrees to provide any employee injured locally transportation at the time of injury, from the job to the medical facility and return to the job, or to his/her home if required.
- (g) In the event of a fatality arising in the course of employment, while away from the home terminal, the Employer shall return the deceased to his/her home at the point of domicile.
- (h) The Employer may publish reasonable safety rules and procedures and provide the Local Union with a copy. Failure to observe such reasonable rules and/or procedures shall subject the employee to disciplinary action in accordance with the disciplinary procedures in the Agreement. However, the time limitation relative to prior offenses shall be waived to permit consideration of the employee's entire record of failure to observe reasonable safety rules and/or procedures resulting in lost time personal injuries. This provision does not apply to vehicular accidents.

When issuing progressive discipline under the terms and conditions of Article 14 Section 1(h), it is understood that the time limitation relative to prior offenses of failure to observe reasonable safety rules and/or procedures resulting in lost time injuries is waived and may be included in the disciplinary process.

However it is also understood that when the Employer issues progressive discipline, the employer shall not utilize prior discipline that is in excess of three (3) years old when issuing additional progressive discipline, unless the employee has shown a pattern of failure to observe reasonable safety rules and/or procedures resulting in lost time injuries.

#### Section 2. Modified Work

(a) The Employer may establish a modified work program designed to provide temporary opportunity to those employees who are unable to perform their normal work assignments due to a disabling on-the-job injury. Recognizing that a transitional return-to work program offering both physical and mental therapeutic benefits will accelerate the rehabilitative process of an injured employee, modified work programs are intended to enhance worker's compensation benefits and are not to be utilized as a method to take advantage of an employee who has sustained an industrial injury, nor are they intended to be a permanent replacement for regular employment.

An active employee, who is injured on the job, qualifies for workers' compensation benefits and is subsequently laid off, will continue to receive compensation payments and benefits for the period provided by his/her supplement.

(b) Implementation of a modified work program shall be at the Employer's option and shall be in strict compliance with applicable federal and state worker's compensation statutes. Acceptance of modified work shall be on a voluntary basis at the option of the injured employee. However, refusal to accept modified work by an employee, otherwise entitled to worker's compensation benefits, may result in a loss or reduction of such benefits as specifically provided by the provisions of applicable federal or state worker's compensation statutes. Employees who accept modified work shall continue to be eligible to receive "temporary partial" worker's compensation benefits as well as all other entitlements as provided by applicable federal or state worker's compensation statutes. Employees on medication that prevents or impairs driving shall not be eligible for modified work.

#### **Section 3. Workers Compensation Pay Dispute**

Should an employee have a undisputed pay claim concerning the established state worker compensation amount required by Law. The Employer's Work Compensation Manager will have

authority to make immediate payment. The pay shortage will be reconciled by direct deposit or alternative method of payment within twenty four (24) hours of the call. If the disputed pay is not received within the twenty-four hour period, an eight (8) hour penalty will be paid the employee for every day until the pay is received.

# **ARTICLE 15. MILITARY CLAUSE**

Employees in service in the uniformed services of the United States, as defined by the provisions of the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), Title 38, U.S. Code Chapter 43, shall be granted all rights and privileges provided by USERRA and/or other applicable state and federal laws. This shall include continuation of health coverage to the extent required by USERRA, and continuation of pension contributions for the employee's period of service as provided by USERRA. Employee shall be subject to all obligations contained in USERRA which must be satisfied for the employees to be covered by the statute.

In addition to any contribution required under USERRA, the Employer shall continue to pay health & welfare contributions for regular active employees involuntarily called to active duty status from the military reserves or the National Guard for military-related service, excluding civil domestic disturbances or emergencies. Such contributions shall only be paid for a maximum period of eighteen (18) months.

# ARTICLE 16. EQUIPMENT, SAFETY AND HEALTH

#### **Preamble**

It is agreed that all parties covered by this Agreement shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local regulations pertaining to worker safety and health and subjects covered by Article 16. Failure to do so shall be subject to the grievance procedure, in accordance with Articles 7 and 8 of the Standard Forwarding MFA, and any other remedies prescribed by law after the procedures contained in this Agreement are exhausted. Class A casual mechanics will not be allowed to sign off safety related write ups.

# Section 1. Safe Equipment

The Employer shall not require employees to take out on the streets or highways any vehicle that is not in a safe operating condition, including, but not limited to, equipment which is acknowledged as overweight or not equipped with the safety appliances prescribed by law. It shall not be a violation of this Agreement or basis for discipline where employees refuse to operate such equipment unless such refusal is unjustified.

It shall also not be a violation of this Agreement or considered an unjustified refusal where employees refuse to operate a vehicle when such operation constitutes a violation of any federal rules, regulations, standards, or orders applicable to commercial motor vehicle safety or health, or because of the employee's reasonable apprehension of serious injury to himself/herself or the public due to the unsafe condition of such equipment. The unsafe conditions causing the employee's apprehension of injury must be of such nature that a reasonable person, under the circumstances then confronting the employee, would conclude that there is a bona fide danger of an accident, injury, or serious impairment of health, resulting from the unsafe condition. In order to qualify for protection under this provision, the employee must have sought from the Employer, and have been

unable to obtain, correction of the unsafe condition.

All equipment which is refused because it is not mechanically sound or properly equipped shall be appropriately tagged so that it cannot be used by other employees until the maintenance department has adjusted the complaint. After such equipment is repaired, the Employer shall place on such equipment an "ok" in a conspicuous place so the employee can see the same.

# **Section 2. Dangerous Conditions**

Under no circumstances will an employee be required or assigned to engage in any activity involving dangerous conditions of work, or danger to person or property or in violation of any applicable statute or court order, or in violation of a government regulation relating to safety of person or equipment.

The term "dangerous conditions of work" does not relate to the type of cargo which is hauled or handled.

If the "ABS" warning indicator is activated prior to a dispatch at a shop location, the tractor will be repaired or switched out. If it occurs "on-route" it shall be remedied at the next shop location. Shop location is defined as any repair shop.

# **Section 3. Accident Reports**

Any employee involved in any accident or cargo spill incident, involving any hazardous or potentially polluting product, shall immediately report said accident or spill incident and any physical injury sustained. When required by his/her Employer, the employee, before starting his/her next shift, shall make out an accident or incident report in writing on forms furnished by the Employer and shall turn in all available names and addresses of witnesses to the accident or incident. The employee shall receive a copy of the accident or incident report that he/she submits to his/her Employer. Failure to comply with this provision shall subject such employee to disciplinary action by the Employer.

# **Section 4. Equipment Reports**

Employees shall immediately, or at the end of their shift, report all defects of equipment.

- (a) Such reports shall be made on a suitable form furnished by the Employer and shall be made in multiple copies, one (1) copy to be retained by the employee and one (1) copy to be made available for inspection by the next driver operating the unit. Such copy will remain in the truck. The Employer may utilize electronic forms for this provision of the contract. Any alleged violation of the above shall not be cause for refusal of the equipment, but shall be subject to the grievance procedure. The Employer shall not ask or require any employee to take out equipment that has been reported by any other employee as being in an unsafe operating condition until the same has been repaired or is certified by a mechanical department that no repairs are needed and the unit is safe to drive.
- (b) When the occasion arises where an employee gives written report on forms in use by the Employer of a vehicle being in an unsafe working or operating condition and receives no consideration from the Employer, he/she shall take the matter up with the officers of the Union who will take the matter up with the Employer. However, in no event shall an employee be required to take out on the streets or highways a vehicle that is not in a safe operating condition or in violation of any federal rules, regulations, standards, or orders applicable to commercial motor vehicle safety

as provided in Section 1 of this Article.

## Section 5. Qualifications on Equipment

If the Employer or government agency requests a regular employee to qualify on equipment requiring a classified or special license, or in the event an employee is required to qualify (recognizing seniority) on such equipment in order to obtain a better job opportunity with his/her Employer, the Employer shall allow such regular employee the use of the equipment so required in order to take the examination on the employee's own time.

Costs of such license required by a government agency will be paid for by the employee.

Once obtained an employee must maintain his/her commercial driver's license with required endorsements unless disqualified by regulatory mandate or documented medical disability.

An employee unable to successfully pass the DOT Commercial Driver's License (CDL) examination will be allowed to take a leave of absence for a period not to exceed two (2) years without loss of seniority. The employee will be given work opportunities ahead of casuals to perform non-CDL required job functions. Such employee shall be allowed to claim any open non-CDL bid his/her seniority will allow. This bidding provision shall not apply to combination facilities with the exception of locations that have an established practice or agreement providing for disqualified employees to bid on non-CDL positions.

## **Section 6. Equipment Requirements**

(a) All tractors must be equipped as necessary to allow the driver to safely enter and exit the cab, and hook and unhook the air hoses. All equipment used as city peddle trucks, and equipment regularly assigned to peddle runs, must have steps or other similar device to enable drivers to get in and out of the body. All twin trailers used in LTL pick-up and delivery operation with roll up doors purchased after April 1, 1985 shall be equipped with a hand hold and a DOT bumper which may serve as a step.

All equipment purchased, ordered, and/or introduced to the Pickup and Delivery operations after April 1, 2003 will be equipped with air-conditioning and will be maintained in proper operating condition throughout the year. The Company will not exceed two weeks in making necessary air conditioning repairs during this period. It shall not be a violation of this section to operate any unit while waiting for repairs.

- (b) The Employer shall install heaters and defrosters on all trucks and tractors.
- (c) There shall be first-line tires on the steering axle of all road and local pick-up and delivery power units.
- (d) All road equipment regularly assigned to the fleet shall be equipped with an air-ride seat on the driver's side. Such equipment shall be maintained in reasonable operating condition. All new air ride seats shall oscillate and have an adjustable lumbar support, height, backrest and seat tilt.
- (e) Tractors added to the road fleet and assigned to road operations on a regular basis, whether newly manufactured or not newly manufactured, shall be air conditioned.
- (f) When the Employer weighs a trailer, the over-the-road driver shall be furnished the resulting

weight information along with his/her driver's orders.

- (g) All company trailers shall be marked for height.
- (h) No driver shall be required to drive a tractor designed with the cab under the trailer.
- (i) All road and city equipment shall have a speedometer operating with reasonable accuracy. Equipment will be set to run no less than the speed limit in the areas the truck will operate, to a maximum of 70 mph.
- (j) The following minimum measurements for fuel tank placement shall apply to tractors added to the fleet after March 1, 1981, with the understanding that there shall be no retrofit of equipment currently in use: (1) front of fuel tank to rear of front tire-not less than 4 inches; (2) rear of fuel tank to front of duals-not less than 4 inches; (3) bottom of fuel tank to ground-provide clearance not less than 7.5 inches, measured on a flat surface; and (4) all fuel tank measurements as stated herein include brackets, return lines, etc. in determining clearance.

Any alleged violation of the above requirements shall not be cause for refusal of the equipment, but shall be subject to the grievance procedure as a safety and health issue.

(k) The following shall apply to shock absorbers on tractor front axles with the purchase of newly manufactured tractors which are placed in service after March 1, 1981, and with the understanding that there shall be no retrofit of equipment currently in use: Where the manufacturer recommends and provides shock absorbers as standard equipment with the tractor front suspension assembly, properly maintained shocks on such new equipment shall be considered as a necessary and integral part of that assembly.

Where the manufacturer does not recommend and provide shock absorbers as standard equipment with the tractor front suspension assembly, shocks shall not be considered as a necessary or integral part of that suspension system.

Any alleged violation of the above, including maintenance of existing equipment, shall not be cause for refusal of equipment but shall be subject to the grievance procedure as a safety and health issue.

- (I)(1) The following shall apply for the minimum interior dimensions of the sleeper berths on newly manufactured over-the-road tractors purchased and placed in service after January 1, 1987.
- a. Length 80 inches; b. Width 34 inches; and, c. Height 24 inches.

It is understood that a "manufacturing tolerance of error" of one inch (1") is permissible, provided the original specifications were in conformity with the above recommended dimensions. It is understood that there shall be no retrofit of equipment currently in service.

- (2) Interior cab dimensions. Effective January 1, 1988, the Employer, in placing orders for newly manufactured over-the-road tractors, shall request of the manufacturer in writing that there will be compliance with as many of the following October, 1985 SAE recommended practices as possible: J941-E, J1052, J1521, J1522, J1517, J1516, and J1100. The carrier, upon request, will furnish proof to the National Safety and Health Committee that a request was made to the manufacturer for compliance with the aforementioned SAE recommended practices.
- (m) The Employer and the Union recognize the need for safe and efficient twin-trailer operations.

Accordingly, the parties agree to the following:

- (1) The Employer shall make available to all drivers involved in the twin-trailer operations training in the proper procedures for the safe hooking and unhooking of dollies and jiff-lox. Upon request, the Company will furnish to the Union a copy of their training program.
- (2) Dollies and jiff-lox shall be counter-balanced or equipped with a crank-down wheel to support the weight of the dolly tongue or jiff-lox. A handle will also be provided on the tongue of the dolly or jiff-lox and shall be maintained.
- (3) A tractor equipped with a pintle hook will be made available to drivers required to drop and hook twin trailers or triples at closed terminals.

The Employer shall make a bona fide attempt to make a telephone available for the driver at closed terminals during the trailer switch.

- (4) Whenever possible, the Company will hook up the heaviest trailer in front in twin-trailer operations. In those instances where it is not possible because of an intermediate drop of less than one hundred and fifty (150) miles or scaling of the drive axle, the driver after driving the unit at any point on the trip, determines, at his/her sole discretion, the unit does not handle properly, may have the Company switch the unit or authorize the driver to switch the unit and be paid for such time.
- (n)(1) There will be a moratorium on the purchase of diesel powered forklifts and sweepers.
- (2) It shall be standard work practice that every diesel-powered sweeper shall be shut off whenever the operator leaves the seat. Under no circumstances shall diesel-powered sweepers be allowed to idle when not attended.
- (3) Diesel-powered sweepers shall be tuned and maintained in accordance with schedules recommended by their manufacturers. The Employer shall provide copies of such recommendations to the Union upon request.
- (4) Improperly maintained diesel-powered sweepers may produce visible emissions after start-up. Therefore, any such diesel powered sweeper that is found to be smoking shall be taken out of service as soon as possible until repairs are made and that condition corrected.
- (5) The Employer agrees to cooperate with those government and/or mutually agreed private agencies in such surveys or studies designed to analyze the use and operation of diesel-powered sweepers and diesel-powered sweeper emissions.
- (o) As of July 1, 1988, as new equipment is ordered or existing equipment requires brake lining replacement, all brake linings shall be of non-asbestos material where available and certifiable.
- (p) Slack adjuster equipment (snubbers) used in multiple trailer operations, whether on the trailers or on the converters, shall be maintained in proper working order. However, it shall not be a violation of this provision for the unit to be pulled to the next point of repair if the snubber is inoperative.
- (q) Converter dollies may be pulled on public roads by bobtail tractors if all of the following conditions are met:
- (1) Tractors used in this type of operation shall have a pintle hook installed which has the proper

weight capacity and is designed for highway use;

- (2) Neither supply nor control air lines are to be connected to the converter dolly when being pulled by a bobtail tractor, and the tractor protection valve shall be set in the normal bobtail position;
- (3) After October 1, 1991, tractors used to pull converter dollies bobtail must be equipped with a type of bobtail proportioning valve (BPV) in the tractor braking system, unless equipped with ABS;
- (4) It is further agreed such configuration must comply with state and federal law.
- (r) All newly manufactured road tractors regularly assigned to the fleet after July 1, 1991, shall be equipped with heated mirrors. All road tractors ordered after April 1, 2003 shall be equipped with a power mirror on the curbside. However, it shall not be a violation of this provision for the tractor to be dispatched to the next Company point of repair if the heated and/or power mirror is inoperative.
- (1) All new diesel yard tractors shall be equipped with vertical exhaust stacks. All new diesel road and city tractors shall be equipped with horizontal exhaust systems that meet regulatory and FMCSA requirements as specified by the equipment manufacturers.
- (2) All road and city tractors shall be equipped with large spot mirrors (6" minimum) on both sides of the tractor by January 1, 1995.
- (3) All road tractors and switching equipment shall be equipped with an operable light of sufficient wattage on the back of the cab.
- (4) All new road and city equipment shall have operable sun visors.
- (5) Seats on forklifts and sweepers shall be maintained in good repair. Forklifts purchased after July 25, 2018 shall include seat suspension (spring type suspension underneath the seat), incline and a mechanism to slide the seat backwards and forward.
- (6) On all road and city tractors, the cab door locks shall remain operable and be properly maintained. Both parties agree that the Employer will have reasonable time to repair the locks.
- (7) The Employer shall repair inoperable door locks on linehaul tractors that are reported on a driver vehicle inspection report. The Employer shall perform such repairs at the first Employer maintenance location.
- (s) All newly manufactured city tractors regularly assigned to the city pickup and delivery operation after July 1, 1991, shall be equipped with power steering and an air-ride seat on the driver's side.
- (1) All new road and yard equipment shall have power steering.
- (2) All new forklifts and sweepers shall be equipped with power steering.
- (t) All hand trucks and pallet jacks shall be maintained in good repair.
- (u) All portable and mechanical dock plates shall be maintained in good working condition.
- (v) The parties will maintain a safe and healthy working environment in sleeper operations. The

parties agree to establish a committee composed of four (4) members each to review the comfort and/or safety aspects of sleeper berths pertaining to ride. Such committee shall meet by mutual agreement of the Co-chairmen as to time and place. The committee shall confer with appropriate representatives of equipment manufacturers and/or other experts on this subject as may be available. The intent of the committee is to identify any problems with the comfort and/or safety aspects of sleeper berths pertaining to ride that may exist, and through its deliberations with the manufacturers and/or other experts, develop ways and means to correct such situations. The committee shall report its findings and make recommendations to the National Grievance Committee.

- (1) All new sleeper tractors purchased or leased after February 8, 1998, shall, at a minimum, be equipped with the manufacturer's original equipment standard dual heat/air conditioning systems. This is not intended to preclude the Company from purchasing newer technology on future purchases, should such become available prior to the expiration of this Agreement.
- (2) Bunk restraint strap/net buckles on sleeper equipment shall be mounted on the entrance side of the sleeper berth by April 1, 1995.
- (3) New sleeper equipment purchased on or after April 1, 1995, shall be equipped with a power window on the passenger's side of the cab that is operable from the driver's side of the cab.
- (4) All sleeper cabs added to the Employer's fleet after April 1, 2008 will be walk-in sleeper berths with at least the following dimensions:

The measurement of 15-3/4 inches from the front of the mattress to the closed sleeper curtain, at any point across the cab, shall apply for the minimum interior walk-in dimension on newly manufactured over-the-road sleeper tractors ordered after April 1, 2008. It is understood that the contractual width of a sleeper mattress is 34 inches when determining the 15-3/4 inches from the front of the mattress to the sleeper curtain.

All walk-in sleeper units introduced into operation after April 1, 2008 will have a minimum sleeper berth height of 65 inches from the floor to interior ceiling of the sleeper berth. It is also understood that the entrance opening into the sleeper berth area will be a minimum of 64 inches.

This will not apply to triple runs as the length now prohibits. However, if and when it becomes legal to run walk-in sleepers on triple lanes, all new equipment ordered after that effective date will be equipped with walk-in sleeper berths.

- (5) All sleeper tractors introduced into Employer linehaul operations after April 1, 2008 will be equipped with an engine and/or exhaust brake. The parties understand that a unit with an inoperable engine brake system will not be considered out of service. Repairs will be performed at the team's home terminal at the end of that team's tour.
- (6) All sleeper tractors will be set so that the unit will continue to idle, except if (a) federal, state, or local laws or regulations require the Employer to limit or eliminate tractor idle time or (b) the unit is equipped with an auxiliary power pack that provides heat and air conditioning to the sleeper berth area.
- (w) Employee will not be required to climb on unguarded trailer roofs for snow removal.
- (x) At least one vent on the sleeper to open front or back.

- (y) The Employer shall repair inoperable air conditioning systems on Employer city tractors within fourteen (14) days of written notification from an employee or the Local Union that the air conditioning system on a particular city tractor is inoperable.
- (z) All linehaul tractors introduced into Employer linehaul operations after April 1, 2008 will be equipped with a cab filter system that is designed and available from the tractor's manufacturer.
- (aa) The Employer understands tractor interiors should be maintained in a clean condition so units are safe to operate. Concerns about the cleanliness of tractor interiors must first be raised and reviewed at the local level. In the event the parties are unable to resolve the issue locally, the parties shall refer the issue to the Employer's V.P. or Equipment Services for resolution.
- (bb) New trailer jockeys or hostling tractors put into service after the effective date of this agreement will be equipped with power mirrors on the right-hand side. Effective with ratification of this agreement, any new trailer jockeys or hostling tractors added to the fleet will be equipped with air conditioning. Any trailer jockeys or hostling tractors newly assigned to the specified states or locations below in List 1 after March 31, 2018, will be equipped with air conditioning and will be maintained in proper operating condition throughout the year. The Company will not exceed two weeks in making necessary air conditioning repairs. It shall not be a violation of this section to operate any unit while waiting for repairs.

States or locations: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Long Beach, CA, Pico Rivera, CA, and San Bernardino, CA.

The Company and the union shall meet periodically to discuss the feasibility of additional locations.

- (cc) New forklifts for use in the U-Pack operations purchased after July 25, 2018 will be all-terrain forklifts and have flashing strobe light and all flatbeds are to be equipped with four (4) orange cones.
- (dd) Forklift seats shall have sufficient seat cushion as well as spring suspension system under the seat. Forklift seats also shall have incline and decline capability. Forklift seats should also be adjustable and able to slide back and forth. This section shall apply to forklifts order after ratification of the agreement.
- (ee) Rain gear and gloves shall be available for flatbed drivers upon request.

## Section 7. National Safety, Health & Equipment Committee

The Employer and the Union shall continue the National Safety, Health & Equipment Committee. Such Committee shall be comprised of qualified representatives to consider safety, health and equipment issues. The Committee shall consult among themselves and/or with appropriate government agencies, state and federal, on matters involving all aspects of trucking operations safety and health and issues related to equipment safety. Such Committee shall convene on a regular basis, with an agenda to be agreed to by the respective chairmen.

Any grievance arising under this Article shall be processed through the Regional Joint Area level in accordance with rules and procedures agreed to by the National Safety, Health & Equipment Committee and approved by the National Grievance Committee.

## **Section 8. Hazardous Materials Program**

Parties must update the Hazardous Materials Program guidelines with the understanding that the Union and the Employer will revise the hazardous materials program and address only the mandated requirements.

## Section 9. Union Liability

Nothing in this Agreement or its Supplements relating to health, safety or training rules or standards shall create any liability or responsibility on behalf of the Union for any job-related injury or accident to any employee or any other person. Further, the Employer will not commence legal action against the Union as a result of the Union's negotiation of safety standards contained in this Agreement or failure to properly investigate or follow-up Employer compliance with those safety standards.

## Section 10. Government Required Safety & Health Reports

The Employer shall provide, upon written request by the Local Union, a copy of any occupational incident report that is required to be filed with a federal government agency on safety and health subjects addressed by Article 16 only. Such reports shall be free of charge for one (1) copy.

Employees and authorized Union representatives shall have access to written occupational safety and health programs. Upon request, the Employer shall provide one (1) copy of the programs to the authorized Union representative free of charge.

#### Section 11. Facilities

Dock floors shall be maintained in good repair and reasonably free from potholes.

Yards shall be maintained reasonably free from potholes and reasonably effective dust control measures shall be implemented as necessary.

Restrooms and showers shall be maintained in a sanitary condition.

The Employer agrees to maintain clean restrooms and break rooms on a regular basis throughout the day. All restrooms and break rooms facilities shall be maintained and kept in proper working order.

Suitable windshield/window cleaning materials shall be available to include a long handled brush/squeegee.

# **ARTICLE 17. PAY PERIOD**

#### **Timely Pay For Drivers**

The Employer will ensure that employees are paid on a timely basis.

#### **Pay Period**

Employees shall be paid weekly by direct deposit. The payday for all employees shall be Friday. Pay stubs, which may be done electronically, will be available on payday at the end of the

employee's work shift.

In the event of a undisputed pay shortage of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more, the Employer shall correct the pay shortage by direct deposit or debit card within two (2) business days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays) following the employee notifying the Company in writing. Failure to correct as described will result in the employer paying a penalty of eight (8) hours per day for each business day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) until corrected.

## **ARTICLE 18. OTHER SERVICES**

In the event the Employer, party to this Agreement, may require the services of employees coming under the jurisdiction of this Agreement in a manner and under conditions not provided for in this Agreement, then and in such instances the Local Union and the Employer concerned may negotiate such matters for such specific purposes, subject to the approval of the Multi-Region Change of Operations Committee.

## **ARTICLE 19. POSTING**

## **Section 1. Posting of Agreement**

A copy of this Agreement shall be posted in a conspicuous place in each garage and terminal.

#### Section 2. Union Bulletin Boards

The Employer agrees to provide suitable space for the union bulletin board in each terminal or place of work. Postings by the Union on such boards are to be confined to official business of the Union.

All Union bulletin boards must be glass encased and the steward and Business Agent given a key. The Employer shall have 90 days to comply.

#### ARTICLE 20. UNION AND EMPLOYER COOPERATION

#### Section 1. Fair Day's Work for Fair Day's Pay

The parties agree at all times as fully as it may be within their power to cooperate so as to protect the long-range interests of the employees, the Employer, the Union and the general public served by the trucking industry.

The Union and the Employer recognize the principle of a fair days work for a fair days pay; that jobs and job security of employees working under this Agreement are best protected through efficient and productive operations of the Employer and the trucking industry; and that this principle shall be recognized in the administration of this Agreement and its Supplements and the resolution of all grievances thereunder.

## **Section 2. Special Joint Committee**

The parties recognize that the unionized LTL industry is losing market share and jobs to competitors. The parties recognize that it is in the interest of the Union and the Employers to return the LTL

industry to health and to foster its growth. Only if the industry prospers and grows will the industry's employees, whom the Union represents, achieve true job and economic security. Only if the industry prospers and grows will the industry have access to the resources it needs to capitalize and be competitive.

Recognizing that returning the industry to health should be a cooperative, long-term effort, the Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee ("TNFINC") and the Employer agree to establish a Joint Industry Development Committee to serve as a vehicle for this effort. The purpose of the Committee will be to perform the following tasks: address the principles of an intermodal truckload agreement as a means of capturing new market and creating additional city/P&D jobs; develop data to evaluate and monitor industry and competitor productivity, costs and operations; catalogue, compare and evaluate work rules, practices and procedures among the various Standard Forwarding MFA supplements and the Employer; make joint recommendations to the parties about any changes in the Standard Forwarding MFA and its supplements that the Committee believes should be considered in the next round of negotiations for the new Standard Forwarding MFA; solicit grants for joint activities that benefit the industry and its bargaining unit employees, such as driver training schools; and monitor pending legislation and executive action on the national, state and local level that may affect the welfare of the industry and, where appropriate, jointly recommend actions that further the interests of the industry and its bargaining unit employees and jointly present the views of the Joint Committee to legislative and executive bodies.

The Committee shall operate as a labor-management committee within the meaning of Section 302(c)(9) of the LMRA, as amended, established and functioning so as to fulfill one or more of the purposes set forth in Section 6(c)(2) of the Labor Management Cooperation Act of 1978. The Committee shall have the full support of both the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the Employer in the Committee's efforts to identify problems, formulate plans to solve those problems and, where appropriate, conduct joint activities designed to implement the plans.

The Chairman of TNFINC will appoint five (5) Union representatives to the Joint Committee. The Employer will appoint five (5) Employer representatives to the Joint Committee. Appointments to the Joint Committee will be made in a manner to assure that there are persons serving who are familiar with the full range of operations undertaken by the Employer The Joint Committee shall meet at least quarterly and may appoint continuing subcommittees to carry out specific tasks. The Union and Employer representatives to the Joint Committee will establish procedures for the operation of this Committee.

#### **Section 3. Benefits Joint Committee**

The Union and the Employers will establish a Benefits Joint Committee to review the provision of health & welfare and pension benefits to employees covered by this Agreement. This Committee is charged with the critical responsibility of ensuring that employee health & welfare and pension benefits are made available to employees covered by the terms of the Standard Forwarding NMFA in a secure and cost efficient manner. It is anticipated that this Committee shall serve as a source of continuing study regarding the most efficient manner of providing benefits to covered employees. The Union and the Employers will establish procedures for the operation of this Committee. The Committee will make periodic reports and recommendations to TNFINC and the Employer.

## Section 4. New Business/Job Creation Opportunities

The parties recognize that there may be new job opportunities in Article 20, Section 2 markets and/or services not currently performed under the Agreement. During the term of the Agreement, the

Employer may propose to TNFINC a new business opportunity which would increase Teamster jobs, including the use of owner drivers in non-traditional areas. The Employer's proposal to TNFINC must contain a detailed description of the proposed new business opportunity and the specific protections to ensure that the proposal will not impact bargaining unit employees. In no event shall the Employer's new business opportunity proposal have an adverse impact on existing bargaining unit employees, the work performed by the bargaining unit, or violate any of the bargaining unit employees' contract rights. The Employer's proposal must be approved by TNFINC and by the Local Unions in the Areas where the proposed new business opportunities exist.

## **ARTICLE 21. UNION ACTIVITIES**

Any employee, member of the Union, acting in any official capacity whatsoever shall not be discriminated against for his/her acts as such officer of the Union so long as such acts do not interfere with the conduct of the Employer's business, nor shall there be any discrimination against any employee because of Union membership or activities.

A Union member elected or appointed to serve as a Union official shall be granted a leave of absence during the period of such employment, without discrimination or loss of seniority rights, and without pay.

An employee elected or appointed to serve as a government representative shall be granted a leave of absence during the period of such employment without discrimination or loss of seniority but without pay.

## **ARTICLE 22. OWNER-OPERATORS**

In the event the Employer employs employee owner-operators, the Employer will negotiate the wages, benefits and working conditions for these owner-operators with TNFINC.

#### ARTICLE 23. SEPARATION OF EMPLOYMENT

The Employer must mail earnings to discharged employees by certified mail the next business day, unless the employee is paid by direct deposit, if direct deposit is used a discharged employee must be paid within 72 hours. The foregoing shall not apply to unused vacation, unless required otherwise by law. Vacation pay for which the discharged employee is qualified shall be paid no later than the first (1st) day following final determination of the discharge.

Upon a permanent terminal closing and/or cessation of operations, the Employer shall pay all money due to the employee within 72 hours of the date of the terminal closing and/or cessation of operations.

Failure to comply shall subject the Employer to pay liquidated damages in the amount of eight (8) hours' pay for each day of delay. Upon quitting, the Employer shall pay all money due to the employee on the next regular payday for the week in which the resignation occurs.

# ARTICLE 24. INSPECTION PRIVILEGES AND EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION

No employee will be required to have their driver's license reproduced in any manner except by their employer, law enforcement agencies, government facilities and facilities operating under government contracts that require such identification to enter the facility.

Authorized agents of the Union shall have access to the Employer's establishment during working hours for the purpose of adjusting disputes, investigating working conditions, collection of dues, and ascertaining that the Agreement is being adhered to; provided, however, there is no interruption of the firm's working schedule.

Company representatives, if not known to the employee, shall identify themselves to employees prior to taking disciplinary action.

Safety or other company vehicles shall be identified when stopping company equipment.

The Employer agrees to supply company identification to minimize the problem of having to use their personal identification. Company identification will be issued upon hire and updated as needed for employees.

Employees may be required to show their driver's license and Company identification to customers, and allow the customer to copy or otherwise reproduce their Company identification only and not the driver's license. The Company identification will not have personal information on it such as home address or social security number.

#### ARTICLE 25. SEPARABILITY AND SAVINGS CLAUSE

If any article or section of this Agreement or of any Supplements thereto should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any article or section should be restrained by such tribunal pending a final determination as to its validity, the remainder of this Agreement and of any Supplements thereto, or the application of such article or section to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it has been held invalid or as to which compliance with or enforcement of has been restrained, shall not be affected thereby.

In the event that any article or section is held invalid or enforcement of or compliance with which has been restrained, as above set forth, the parties affected thereby shall enter into immediate collective bargaining negotiations after receipt of written notice of the desired amendments by either Employer or Union for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such article or section during the period of invalidity or restraint. There shall be no limitation of time for such written notice. If the parties do not agree on a mutually satisfactory replacement within sixty (60) days after receipt of the stated written notice, either party shall be permitted all legal or economic recourse in support of its demands notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement to the contrary.

# ARTICLE 26. TIME SHEETS, TIME CLOCKS, VIDEO CAMERAS, AND COMPUTER TRACKING DEVICES

#### Section 1. Time Sheets and Time Clocks

In over-the-road or line operations, the Employer shall provide and require the employee to keep a time sheet or trip card showing the arrival and departure at terminal and intermediate stops and cause and duration of all delays, time spent loading and unloading, and same shall be turned in at the end of each trip. Upon conversion to electronic time keeping devices, including Electronic Time clocks (ETC), Electronic Logging Devices (ELD) or other devices developed, over-the-road employees shall be required to use the electronic devices to show beginning of tour, departure, arrival, intermediate stops, delays, time spent loading or unloading, all work performed during a tour of duty and end of tour as instructed by the Employer. Employees shall have access to payroll information entered electronically. Employees shall be trained on the use of electronic time keeping devices and nothing in this provision shall reduce any paid for time.

Employees shall punch their own timecards. Employees shall scan their own Identification Badges in lieu of timecards when an Electronic Time Clock (ETC) is used.

The Employer shall maintain sign-in and sign-out records at terminals. All road drivers must record their name, home domicile, origin, destination and arrival and/or departure times. The Employer shall make available upon the written request of a Local Union information regarding the destination of loads and/or where loads were loaded within the time limits set forth in the grievance procedure.

The Employer may substitute updated time recording equipment for timecards and time sheets. However, a paper trail shall be maintained.

The Employer may computerize the sign-in and sign-out records. However, at all times, the Union shall have reasonable access to a paper record of the sign-in and sign-out records.

#### Section 2. Use of Video Cameras for Discipline and Discharge

The Employer shall not install or use video cameras in areas of the Employer's premises that violate the employee's right to privacy such as in bathrooms or places where employees change clothing or provide drug or alcohol testing specimens.

Furthermore, the Company agrees that it will not, for the purpose of monitoring or recording in cab activity, or any other purpose, use inward facing cameras, audio recorders, body sensors, or biometric technology in vehicles operated by bargaining unit employees.

In vehicles that are equipped with inward facing cameras, such equipment shall be covered or otherwise rendered inoperable and will not be used for monitoring or recording in cab activity.

#### Section 3. Audio, Video and Computer Tracking Devices

The Employer may use video, still photos derived from video, electronic tracking devices and/or audio evidence to discipline an employee without corroboration by observers if the employee engages in conduct such as falsification of logs, records, claims for compensation and other documents, theft of time or property, vandalism, or physical violence for which an employee could be discharged without a warning letter. As used in this section "theft of time" shall not include inadvertent and immaterial extensions of break time and lunch periods. If the information on the video, still photos, electronic

tracking devices and/or audio recording is to be utilized for any purpose in support of a disciplinary or discharge action, the Employer must provide the Local Union, prior to the hearing, an opportunity to review the evidence used by the Employer.

# **ARTICLE 27. EMERGENCY REOPENING**

In the event of war, declaration of emergency, imposition of mandatory economic controls, the adoption of national health care or any congressional or federal agency action which has a significantly adverse effect on the financial structure of the trucking industry or adverse impact on the wages, benefits or job security of the employees, during the life of this Agreement, either party may reopen the same upon sixty (60) day's prior written notice and request renegotiation of the provisions of this Agreement directly affected by such action.

Upon the failure of the parties to agree in such negotiations within the subsequent sixty (60)-day period, thereafter, either party shall be permitted all lawful economic recourse to support its request for revisions. If governmental approval of revisions should become necessary, all parties will cooperate to the utmost to attain such approval. The parties agree that the notice provided herein shall be accepted by all parties as compliance with the notice requirements of applicable law, so as to permit economic action at the expiration thereof.

# **ARTICLE 28. SYMPATHETIC ACTION**

In the event of a labor dispute between the Employer, party to this Agreement, and any International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union, parties to this or any other International Brotherhood of Teamsters' Agreement, during the course of which dispute such Union engages in lawful economic activities which are not in violation of this or such other Agreement, then any other affiliate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, having an agreement with such Employer shall have the right to engage in lawful economic activity against such Employer in support of the above first-mentioned Union notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or the International Brotherhood of Teamsters' Agreement between such Employer and such other affiliate, with all of the protection provided in Article 9.

## ARTICLE 29. SUBSTITUTE SERVICE

#### Section 1. Rail

The Employer is prohibited from using rail as a subterfuge to transport freight by truck, driven by those outside of the bargaining unit. To this end, all loads tendered to the railroad shall be tendered by the Employer using bargaining unit employees at the point where the load is to be placed on the rail, except as provided for by section 2 below. Once tendered to the railroad, a load may not be transferred to non-bargaining unit personnel for transport by truck except in bona fide emergencies beyond the control of the Employer and/or the railroad. Such emergencies shall not include the Employer tendering loads to the railroad when the Employer knows or should know the load will not meet the scheduled departure time of the train and the railroad then transports the load by truck. The parties further agree that nothing in this Subsection shall be construed to limit or otherwise affect the railroads movements of loads within the metropolitan area between railroads or between tracks. This provision shall apply to all rail activities permitted under this Article.

## **Section 2. Purchased Transportation**

The undersigned parties have reached agreement regarding Purchased Transportation Service (PTS) and outline the following understandings with reference to the operation/employee protection of this Section. This Section is intended to permit a limited use of PTS for over-the-road transportation only. Nothing in this Section is intended to permit the use of PTS for any other operation (i.e. P & D, Local Cartage and Shuttle Operations etc.). Article 29 of the Standard Forwarding MFA remains in effect except as specifically provided for in this Section.

Any disputes regarding PTS will be referred to the National Grievance Committee.

- All road drivers will be protected from layoff directly caused by the use of purchased transportation. Protection will apply to drivers at locations with single line seniority if they transfer to the road board from the local cartage board.
- Purchased transportation is not available while a driver is on lay-off at the terminal in which the outbound purchased transportation is being used.
- If a driver is available (which includes the two (2)-hour period of time prior to end of his/her rest period) at point of origin when the trailer leaves the terminal or customer yard via purchased transportation, such driver's runaround compensation shall start from the time the trailer leaves the yard. Available drivers at relay points shall be protected against runarounds if a violation occurred at the point of origin. If the Employer does not have an over-the-road domicile at the point of origin, the Employer shall protect the employees against runaround of the available drivers at the first relay point over which the freight would normally move had it not been placed on purchased transportation. Available drivers at relay points shall be protected against runaround if a violation occurred at the first relay point. Runaround protection will be equal to the number of PTS drivers used; i.e. for each PTS used one aggrieved driver will be protected regardless of the dispatch system used at the affected terminal.
- In the event a Union carrier becomes available to the Company and said carrier is cost competitive and equally qualified, the Company will give such carrier first and preferred opportunity to bid on purchased transportation business. The Employer shall provide to TNFINC an up-to-date list of purchased transportation providers utilized within thirty (30) days of the end of each calendar quarter. In the event a PTS provider repeatedly violates the conditions established under this Section the Union shall have the ability to remove the carrier from future PTS utilization.
- The Employer shall report in writing on a monthly basis to each Local Union affected, the number of trailers tendered to any purchased transportation provider. The Employer also shall report the carrier's name (including DOT number), origin, destination, trailer/load number, tractor number, trailer weight and the time the trailer/load leaves the Employer's yard. In addition, the Employer shall, on a quarterly basis, unless otherwise required, send to the office of the National Freight Director a report containing all of the above indicated information in addition to the total number of miles the Employer utilized with purchased transportation, inclusive of the type of PTS utilized, including whether the purpose was for avoiding empty miles, overflow or one-time business opportunities such as product launches.
- 6) In the event of product launches, the Company will notify TNFINC within twenty-four (24) hours of being awarded the business and will provide an overview of the PTS service being utilized in the business opportunity.

7) All purchased transportation carriers shall sign-in/sign-out when arriving or departing from service centers.

## ARTICLE 30. JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES

In the event that any dispute should arise between any Local Unions, parties to this Agreement or Supplements thereto, or between any Local Union, party to this Agreement or Supplements thereto and any other Union, relating to jurisdiction over employees or operations covered by such Agreement, the Employer and the Local Unions agree to accept and comply with the decision or settlement of the Unions or Union bodies which have the authority to determine such dispute, and such disputes shall not be submitted to arbitration under this Agreement or Supplements thereto or to legal or administrative agency proceedings. Pending such determination, the Employer shall not be precluded from seeking appropriate legal or administrative relief against work stoppages or picketing in furtherance of such dispute.

## ARTICLE 31. SINGLE EMPLOYER, MULTI-UNION UNIT

The parties agree to become a single-employer, multi-union bargaining unit established by this Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement, and to be bound by the interpretations and enforcement of this Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement.

## ARTICLE 32. SUBCONTRACTING

#### Section 1. Work Preservation

For the purpose of preserving work and job opportunities for the employees covered by this Agreement, the signatory Employer agrees that no operation, work or services of the kind, nature or type covered by, or presently performed by, or hereafter assigned to, the collective bargaining unit by the signatory Employer will be subcontracted, transferred, leased, diverted, assigned or conveyed in full or in part (hereinafter referred to as "divert" or "subcontract"), by the Employer to any other plant, business, person, or non-unit employees, or to any other mode of operation, unless specifically provided and permitted in this Agreement.

In addition, the signatory Employer agrees that it will not, as hereinafter set forth, subcontract or divert the work presently performed by, or hereafter assigned to, its employees to non-employee owner-operators or other business entities owned and/or controlled by the signatory Employer, or its parent, subsidiaries or affiliates.

## Section 2. Diversion of Work - Parent or Subsidiary Companies

The parties agree that for purposes of this Article it shall be presumed that a diversion of work in violation of this Agreement occurs when work presently and regularly performed by, or hereafter assigned to, employees of the signatory Employer has been lost and the lost work is being performed in the same manner (including transportation by owner-operators and independent contractors) by an entity owned and/or controlled by the signatory Employer, its parent, or a subsidiary, including logistics companies, within one hundred twenty (120) days of the loss of the work. The burden of overcoming such presumption in the grievance procedure shall be upon the Employer.

## Section 3. Subcontracting

The Employer may subcontract local cartage work, including pick-ups and deliveries, when all regular employees at a particular location are either working, have been offered work or are scheduled to work, except that in no event shall road work presently performed or runs established during the life of this Agreement be farmed out. No dock work shall be farmed. Overflow loads may be delivered pursuant to the provisions of Article 29. Loads may also be delivered by other agreed-to methods or as presently agreed to. Other persons performing subcontracted work which is permitted herein shall receive no less than the equivalent of the economic terms and conditions of this Agreement and the applicable Supplement.

The signatory Employer shall maintain records identifying persons performing subcontracted work permitted by this Agreement. Said records shall be made available for inspection by the Local Union(s) in the locality affected by such subcontract work.

## **Section 4. Expansion of Operations**

#### (a) Adjoining Over-The-Road and Local Cartage

It is understood and agreed that the provisions of the Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement shall be applied, without evidence of union representation of the employees involved, to all subsequent additions to, and extensions of, current over-the-road or local cartage operations which adjoin and are controlled and utilized as part of such current operations of the signatory Employer, or any other entity, not operated wholly independently of the signatory Employer within the meaning of Article 3, Section 1 (a). In this regard, the parties agree that newly-established terminals and consolidations of terminals which are controlled and utilized as part of a current operation will be covered by the Standard Forwarding Master Freight Agreement and applicable Over-the-Road and Local Cartage Supplemental Agreements.

#### (b) New Pick-Up and Delivery Adjoining Current Operations

It shall not, however, be a violation of this Article if, during the term of this Agreement, the Employer commences pick-up and delivery operations which adjoin and are controlled and utilized as part of such current operations with other than its own employees when there is insufficient business to economically justify the establishment of its own employer-operated pick-up and delivery service. However, the above exception shall thereafter terminate when sufficient economic justification develops so as to warrant the establishment and maintenance of the terminal operation by the Employer, in which event, the Employer shall institute a pick-up and delivery operation or continue such operations with companies which maintain wage standards established by this Agreement in the area where the work is conducted. This exception shall not apply in any circumstance where the Employer is presently engaged in pick-up and delivery operations either through his own terminal or through companies which maintain such wage standards.

#### (c) Non-Adjoining Pick-Up and Delivery Operations

The parties further agree that with respect to all subsequently established over-the-road and local cartage operations and terminals of the signatory Employer which do not adjoin, but are utilized and controlled as part of, current over-the-road and local cartage operations, the provisions of Article 2, Section 3(a) shall govern so that when a majority of the eligible employees of the signatory Employer performing work at that location execute a card authorizing a signatory Local Union to represent them as their collective bargaining agent at the terminal location, then, such employees shall

automatically be covered by this Agreement and the applicable Supplemental Agreements.

(d) Operations permitted by Article 29, and not in violation of any other provisions of this Agreement, are not to be considered as extensions of current operations within the meaning of Section 4.

## Section 5. Disputes

The parties shall resolve all disputes concerning subcontracting through the National grievance committee.

# ARTICLE 33. WAGES, CASUAL RATES, PREMIUMS AND COST-OF-LIVING (COLA)

## 1. General Wage Adjustments: All Regular Employees

All regular employees subject to this Agreement will receive the following general wage adjustments:

#### 1. HOURLY and MILEAGE RATES and NEW HIRES

Drivers and Dock Workers	\$27.64 per hour
Mileage	\$0.6910

Effective 11-01-2025

Drivers and Dock Workers	\$30.00 per hour
Mileage	\$0.75

Effective 11-01-2026

Drivers and Dock Workers \$32.50 per hour

Mileage \$0.8125

Effective 11-01-2027

Drivers and Dock Workers \$33.25 per hour

Mileage \$0.8313

Effective 11-01-2028

Drivers and Dock Workers \$34.25 per hour

Mileage \$0.8563

No employee shall suffer a reduction in a wage rate as a result of this agreement.

All regular employees still in the New Hire Progression on the effective dates of this Agreement shall receive the appropriate percentage adjustment.

#### 2. Cost of Living Adjustment Clause [Not Operative for the 2024-2029 Agreement]

All regular employees shall be covered by the provisions of a cost-of-living allowance as set forth in this Article.

The amount of the cost-of-living allowance shall be determined as provided below on the basis of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, CPI-W (Revised Series Using 1982-84 Expenditure Patterns). All Items published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor and referred to herein as the Index.

Effective July 1, 2024, and every July 1 thereafter during the life of the Agreement, a cost-of-living allowance will be calculated on the basis of the difference between the Index for April 2023, (published May 2023) and the index for April 2024 (published May 2024) with a similar calculation for every year thereafter, as follows:

For every 0.2 point increase in the Index over and above the base (prior year's) Index plus 3.5%, there will be a 1 cent increase in the hourly wage rates payable on July 1, 2024, and every July 1 thereafter. These increases shall only be payable if they equal a minimum of five cents (\$.05) in a year. There shall be no cap on the COLA.

All cost-of-living allowances paid under this Agreement will become and remain a fixed part of the base wage rate for all job classifications. A decline in the Index shall not result in the reduction of classification base wage rates.

Mileage paid employees will receive cost-of-living allowances on the basis of .25 mills per mile for each 1 cent increase in hourly wages.

In the event the appropriate Index figure is not issued before the effective date of the cost-of-living adjustment, the cost-of-living adjustment that is required will be made at the beginning of the first (1st) pay period after the receipt of the Index.

In the event that the Index shall be revised or discontinued and in the event the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, does not issue information which would enable the Employer and the Union to know what the Index would have been had it not been revised or discontinued, then the Employer and the Union will meet, negotiate, and agree upon an appropriate substitute for the Index. Upon the failure of the parties to agree within sixty (60) days, thereafter, the issue of an appropriate substitute shall be submitted to an arbitrator for determination. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding.

## **ARTICLE 34. GARNISHMENTS**

The Employer may not take any disciplinary action against an employee as the result of a garnishment(s). Only in the case of three or more simultaneous garnishments on an employee's paycheck shall the Employer be allowed to levy an administrative fee not to exceed \$2.00 per pay period. In the event there are any discrepancies, state and/or federal law will apply.

#### **ARTICLE 35.**

## Section 1. Employee's Bail

Employees will be bailed out of jail if accused of any offense in connection with the faithful discharge of their duties, and any employee forced to spend time in jail or in courts shall be compensated at his/her regular rate of pay. In addition, he/she shall be entitled to reimbursement for his/her meals, transportation, court costs, etc.; provided, however, that faithful discharge of duties shall in no case include compliance with any order involving commission of a felony. In case an employee shall be subpoenaed as a company witness, he/she shall be reimbursed for all time lost and expenses incurred.

## Section 2. Suspension or Revocation of License

In the event an employee receives a traffic citation for a moving violation which would contribute to a suspension or revocation or suffers a suspension or revocation of his/her right to drive the company's equipment for any reason, he/she must promptly notify the Employer in writing. Failure to comply will subject the employee to disciplinary action up to and including discharge. If such suspension or revocation comes as a result of his/her complying with the Employer's instruction, which results in a succession of size and weight penalties or because the Employer's instruction to drive company equipment which is in violation of DOT regulations relating to equipment or because the company equipment did not have either a speedometer or a tachometer in proper working order and if the employee has notified the Employer of the citation for such violation as above mentioned, the Employer shall provide employment to such employee at not less than his/her regular earnings at the time of such suspension for the entire period thereof.

When an employee in any job classification requiring driving has his/her operating privilege or license suspended or revoked for reasons other than those for which the employee can be discharged by the Employer, a leave of absence without loss of seniority, not to exceed three (3) years, shall be granted for such time as the employee's operating license has been suspended or revoked. The employee will be given work opportunities ahead of casuals to perform non-CDL required job functions.

## **Section 3. Drug Testing**

#### **PREAMBLE**

While abuse of alcohol and drugs among our members/employees is the exception rather than the rule, the Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee and the Employers signatory to this Agreement share the concern expressed by many over the growth of substance abuse in American society.

The parties have agreed that the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program will be modified in the event that further federal legislation or Department of Transportation regulations provide for revised testing methodologies or requirements. The parties have incorporated the appropriate changes required by the applicable DOT drug testing rules under 49 CFR Parts 40 and 382, and agree that if new federally mandated changes are brought about, they too will become part of this Agreement. The drug testing procedure, agreed to by labor and management, incorporates state-of-the-art employee protections during specimen collection and laboratory testing to protect the innocent and ensures the Employer complies with all applicable DOT drug and alcohol testing regulations. In order to eliminate the safety risks which result from alcohol or drugs, the parties have agreed to the following procedures:

#### STANDARD FORWARDING NMFA UNIFORM TESTING PROCEDURE

#### A. Probable Suspicion Testing

In cases in which an employee is acting in an abnormal manner and at least one (1) supervisor, two (2) if available, have probable suspicion to believe that the employee is under the influence of controlled substances and/or alcohol, the Employer may require the employee (in the presence of a union shop steward, if possible) to undergo a urine specimen collection and a breath alcohol analysis as provided in Section 4B. The supervisor(s) must have received training in the signs of drug intoxication in a prescribed training program which is endorsed by the Employer. Probable suspicion means suspicion based on specific personal observations that the Employer representative(s) can describe concerning the appearance, behavior, speech or breath odor of the employee. The observations may include the indication of chronic and withdrawal effects of controlled substances. The supervisor(s) must make a written statement of these observations within twenty-four (24) hours. A copy must be provided to the shop steward or other union official after the employee is discharged. Suspicion is not probable and thus not a basis for testing if it is based solely on third (3rd) party observation and reports. The employee shall not be required to waive any claim or cause of action under the law. For all purposes herein, the parties agree that the terms "probable suspicion" and "reasonable cause" shall be synonymous.

The following collection procedures shall apply to all types of testing:

A refusal to provide a urine specimen or undertake a breath analysis will constitute a presumption of intoxication and the employee will be subject to discharge without receipt of a prior warning letter. If the employee is unable to produce 45mL of urine, he/she shall be offered up to forty ounces of fluid to drink and shall remain at the collection site under observation until able to produce a 45mL specimen, for a period of up to three (3) hours from the first unsuccessful attempt to provide the urine specimen. If the employee is still unable to produce a 45mL specimen, the Employer shall direct the employee to undergo an evaluation which shall occur within five business days, by a licensed physician, acceptable to the MRO who has the expertise in the medical issues concerning the employee's inability to provide an adequate amount of urine. If the physician and MRO conclude that there is no medical condition that would preclude the employee from providing an adequate amount of urine, the MRO will issue a ruling that the employee refused the test. If an employee is unable to provide sufficient breath sample for analysis, the procedures outlined in the DOT regulations shall be followed for all employees. Such employees shall be evaluated by a licensed physician, acceptable to the Employer, who has the expertise in the medical issues concerning the employee's failure to provide an adequate amount of breath. Absent a medical condition, as determined by the licensed physician, said employee will be regarded as having refused to take the test. The Employer will adhere to DOT regulations for employees who are unable to provide a urine or breath specimen due to a permanent or long-term medical condition. Contractual time limits for disciplinary action, as set forth in the appropriate Supplemental Agreement, shall begin on the day on which specimens are taken. In the event the Employer alleges only that the employee is intoxicated on alcohol and not drugs, previously agreed-to procedures under the appropriate Supplemental Agreement for determining alcohol intoxication shall apply.

In the event the Employer is unable to determine whether the abnormal behavior is due to drugs or alcohol, the drug testing procedure contained herein and the breath alcohol testing procedure contained in Section 4B shall be used. If the laboratory results are not known prior to the expiration of the contractual time period for disciplinary action, the cause for disciplinary action shall specify that the basis for such disciplinary action is for "alcohol and/or drug intoxication".

## B. DOT Random Testing

It is agreed by the parties that random urine drug testing will be implemented only in accordance with the DOT rules under 49 CFR Part 382, Subpart C.

The method of selection for random urine drug testing will be neutral so that all employees subject to testing will have an equal chance to be randomly selected.

The term "employees subject to testing" under this agreement is meant to include any employee required to have a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) under the Department of Transportation regulations.

Employees out on long term injury or disability for any reason shall not be tested.

The provisions of Article 35, Section 3 F 3 (Split Sample Procedures), and Article 35, Section 3 J 1 (One-Time Rehabilitation), shall apply to random urine drug testing.

#### C. Non-Suspicion-Based Post-Accident Testing

Non-suspicion-based post-accident testing is defined as urine drug testing as a result of an accident which meets the definition of an accident as outlined in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Urine drug testing will be required after accidents meeting the following conditions and drivers are required to remain readily available for testing for thirty-two (32) hours following the accident or until tested.

Employees subject to non-suspicion-based post-accident drug testing shall be limited to those employees subject to DOT drug testing, who are involved in an accident where there is:

- (i) a fatality, or;
- (ii) a citation under State or local law is issued to the driver for a moving traffic violation arising from the accident in which:
- (a) bodily injury to a person who, as a result of the injury, immediately receives medical treatment away from the scene of the accident, or
- (b) one or more motor vehicles incurring disabling damage as a result of the accident, requires the vehicle(s) to be transported away from the scene by a tow truck or other vehicle.

The driver has the responsibility to make himself/herself available for urine drug testing within the thirty-two (32) hour period in accordance with the procedures outlined in this Subsection. The driver is responsible to notify the Employer upon receipt of a citation and to note receipt thereof on the accident report. Failure to so notify the Employer shall subject the driver to disciplinary action.

If a driver receives a citation for a moving violation more than thirty- two (32) hours after a reportable accident, he/she shall not be required to submit to post-accident urine drug testing.

The Employer shall make available a urine drug testing kit and an appropriate collection site for the driver to provide specimens.

The provisions of Article 35, Section 3 F 3 (Split Sample Procedures), and Article 35, Section 3 J 1 (One-Time Rehabilitation), shall apply to non-suspicion-based post-accident urine drug testing.

## D. Chain of Custody Procedures

Any specimens collected for drug testing shall follow the DHHS/DOT (Department of Health and Human Services/ Department of Transportation) specimen collection procedures. At the time specimens are collected for any drug testing, the employee shall be given a copy of the specimen collection procedures. In the presence of the employee, the specimens are to be sealed and labeled. As per DOT regulations, it is the employee's responsibility to initial the seals on the specimen bottles, additionally ensuring that the specimens tested by the laboratory are those of the employee.

#### The required procedure follows:

When urine specimens are to be provided, at least 45 mL of specimen shall be collected. At least 30 mL shall be placed in one (1) self-sealing, screw-capped or snap-capped container. A urine specimen of at least 15mL shall be placed in a second (2nd) such container. They shall be sealed and labeled by the collector, and initialed by the employee without the containers leaving the employee's presence. The employee has the responsibility to identify each container and initial same. Following collection, the specimens shall be placed in the transportation container together with the appropriate copies of the chain of custody form. The transportation container shall then be sealed in the employee's presence. The container shall be sent to the designated testing laboratory at the earliest possible time by the fastest available means.

In this urine collection procedure, the donor shall urinate into a collection container capable of holding at least 55 mL, which shall remain in full view of the employee until transferred to tamper resistant urine bottles, and sealed and labeled, and the employee has initialed the bottles.

It is recognized that the Specimen Collector is required to check for sufficiency of specimen, acceptable temperature range, and signs of tampering, provided that the employee's right to privacy is guaranteed and in no circumstances may observation take place while the employee is producing the urine specimens, unless required by DOT regulations. If it is established that the employee's specimen is outside of the acceptable temperature range or has been intentionally tampered with or substituted by the employee, the employee will be required to immediately submit an additional specimen under direct observation. Also, if it is established that the employee's specimen has been intentionally tampered with or substituted by the employee, the employee is subject to discipline as if the specimen tested positive. In order to deter adulteration of the urine specimen during the collection process, physiologic determinations for creatinine, specific gravity, pH, and any substances that may be used to adulterate the specimen shall be performed by the laboratory. If the laboratory suspects the presence of an interfering substance/ adulterant that could make a test result invalid, but the initial laboratory is unable to identify it, the specimen must be sent to another HHS certified laboratory that has the capability of doing so.

Any findings by the laboratory that indicate that a specimen is adulterated as a result of the fact that it contains a substance that is not expected to be present in human urine; a substance that is expected to be present is identified at a concentration so high that it is not consistent with human urine; or has physical characteristics which are outside the normal expected range for human urine shall be immediately reported to the Company's Medical Review Officer (MRO). The parties recognize that the key to chain of custody integrity is the immediate sealing and labeling of the specimen bottles in the presence of the tested employee. If each container is received undamaged at the laboratory properly sealed, labeled and initialed, consistent with DOT regulations as certified

by the laboratory, the Employer may take disciplinary action based upon the MRO's ruling.

#### E. Urine Collection Kits and Forms

The contents of the urine collection kit shall be as follows:

- 1. The kit shall include a specimen collection container capable of holding at least fifty-five (55) mL of urine and contains a temperature reading device capable of registering the urine temperature specified in the DOT regulations.
- 2. Two (2) plastic bottles that are capable of holding at least thirty-five (35) mL, have screw-on or snap-on caps, and markings clearly indicating the appropriate levels for the primary (30 mL) and split (15 mL) specimens.
- 3. A uniquely numbered (i.e. Specimen Identification Number) DOT approved chain of custody form with similarly numbered Bottle Custody Seals, and a transportation kit seal (e.g., Box Seal) shall be utilized during the urine collection process and completed by the collection site person. In the case of probable suspicion or other contractually required testing, a Non-DOT chain of custody form will be used for the testing of Non-DOT employees. The appropriate laboratory copies are to be placed into the transportation container with the urine specimens. The exterior of the transportation kit shall then be secured, e.g., by placing the tamper-proof Box Seal over the outlined area.
- 4. Shrink-wrapped or similarly protected kits shall be used in all instances.

#### F. Laboratory Requirements

#### 1. Urine Testing

In testing urine samples, the testing laboratory shall test specifically for those drugs and classes of drugs and adulterants employing the test methodologies and cutoff levels covered in the DOT Regulations 49 CFR, Part 40.

#### 2. Specimen Retention

All specimens deemed positive, adulterated, substituted, or invalid by the laboratory, according to the prescribed guidelines, must be retained at the laboratory for a period of one (1) year.

#### 3. Split Sample Procedure

The split sample procedure is required for all employees selected for urine drug testing. When any test kit is received by the laboratory, the "primary" sealed urine specimen bottle shall be immediately removed for testing, and the remaining "split" sealed specimen bottle shall be placed in secured storage. Such specimen shall be placed in refrigerated storage if it is to be tested outside of the DOT mandated period of time.

The employee will be given a shrink-wrapped or similarly protected urine collection kit. After receiving the specimen, the collector shall pour at least 30 mL of urine into the specimen bottle and at least 15 mL into the second split specimen bottle. Both bottles shall be sealed in the employee's presence, initialed by the employee, then forwarded to an accredited laboratory for testing. If the employee is advised by the MRO that the first (1st) urine sample tested positive, adulterated, or substituted, in a random, return to duty, follow-up, probable suspicion or post accident urine drug

test, the employee may, within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt of the actual notice, request from the MRO that the second (2nd) urine specimen be forwarded by the first laboratory to another independent and unrelated accredited laboratory of the parties' choice for GC/MS confirmatory testing for the presence of the drug, or other confirmatory testing for adulterants, or to confirm that the specimen has been substituted as defined in 49 CFR Part 40. If the employee chooses to have the second (2nd) sample analyzed, he/she shall at that time execute a special check-off authorization form to ensure payment by the employee. Split specimen testing will conform to the regulations as defined in 49 CFR Part 40. If the employee chooses the optional split sample procedure, and so notifies his Employer, disciplinary action can only take place after the MRO reports a positive, adulterated, or substituted result on the primary test and the MRO reports that the testing of the split specimen confirmed the result. However, the employee may be taken out of service once the MRO reports a positive, adulterated, or substituted result based on the testing of the primary specimen while the testing of the split specimen is being performed. If the second (2nd) test confirms the findings of the first laboratory and the employee wishes to use the rehabilitation options of this Section, the employee shall reimburse the Employer for the cost of the second (2nd) sample's analysis before entering the rehabilitation program. If the second (2nd) laboratory report is negative, for drugs, adulterants, or substitution, the employee will be reimbursed for the cost of the second (2nd) test and for all lost time. It is also understood that if an employee opts for the split sample procedure, contractual time limits on disciplinary action in the Supplements are waived.

#### 4. Laboratory Accreditation

All laboratories used to perform urine drug testing pursuant to this Agreement must be certified by Health and Human Services under the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP).

## G. Laboratory Testing Methodology

#### 1. Urine Testing

The initial testing shall be by immunoassay which meets the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration for commercial distribution. The initial cutoff levels used when screening urine specimens to determine whether they are negative or positive for various classes of drugs shall be those contained in the Scientific and Technical Guidelines for Federal Drug Testing Programs (subject to revision in accordance with subsequent amendments to the HHS Guidelines).

All specimens identified as positive on the initial test shall be confirmed using gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) techniques. Quantitative GC/MS confirmatory procedures for drugs and confirmatory procedures for specimens that are initially identified as being adulterated or substituted shall comply with the testing protocols mandated by the Scientific and Technical Guidelines for Federal Drug Testing Programs (subject to revision in accordance with subsequent amendments to the HHS Guidelines).

Validity testing shall be conducted on all specimens, pursuant to HHS requirements, to determine whether they have been adulterated or substituted. All specimens which test negative on either the initial test or the GC/MS confirmation test shall be reported only as negative, unless they are confirmed to be adulterated, substituted, or invalid. Only specimens which test positive on both the initial test and the GC/MS confirmation test shall be reported as positive. Specimens that are confirmed to be adulterated or substituted shall be reported as such.

When a grievance is filed as a result of a drug test that is ruled positive, adulterated, or substituted, the Employer shall provide a copy of the MRO ruling to the Union.

Where Schedule I and II drugs are detected, the laboratory is to report a positive test based on a forensically acceptable positive quantum of proof. All positive test results must be reviewed by the certifying scientist and certified as accurate.

#### 2. Prescription and Non-prescription Medications

If an employee is taking a prescription or non-prescription medication in the appropriate described manner he/she will not be disciplined. Medications prescribed for another individual, not the employee, shall be considered to be illegally used and subject the employee to discipline.

#### 3. Medical Review Officer (MRO)

The Medical Review Officer (MRO) shall be a licensed physician with the knowledge of substance abuse disorders, issues relating to adulterated and substituted specimens, possible medical causes of specimens having an invalid result, and applicable DOT agency regulations. In addition, the MRO shall keep current on applicable DOT agency regulations and comply with the DOT qualification training and continuing education requirements. The MRO shall review all urine drug test results from the laboratory and shall examine alternate medical explanations for tests reported as positive, adulterated, or substituted, as well as those results reported as invalid. Prior to the final decision to verify a urine drug test result, all employees shall have the opportunity to discuss the results with the MRO. If the employee declines to speak with the MRO, or the employee fails to contact the MRO within 72 hours of being notified to do so by the Employer, or if the MRO is unable to contact the employee within ten (10) days of the receipt of the drug test result being reported to him by the laboratory, then the MRO may report the result to the Employer.

#### 4. Substance Abuse Professional (SAP)

The Substance Abuse Professional (SAP), as provided in the regulations, means a licensed physician (Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy), or a licensed or certified psychologist, social worker, or employee assistance professional, or a drug and alcohol counselor (certified by the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors Certification Commission or by the International Certification Reciprocity Consortium/Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse). All must have knowledge of and clinical experience in the diagnosis and treatment of alcohol and controlled substance-related disorders and be knowledgeable of the SAP function as it relates to Employer interest in safety-sensitive functions, and applicable DOT agency regulations. In addition, the SAP shall comply with the DOT qualification training and continuing education requirements.

#### H. Leave of Absence Prior to Testing

- 1. An employee shall be permitted to take leave of absence in accordance with the FMLA or applicable State leave laws for the purpose of undergoing treatment pursuant to an approved program of alcoholism or drug use. The leave of absence must be requested prior to the commission of any act subject to disciplinary action.
- 2. Employees requesting to return to work from a voluntary leave of absence for drug use or alcoholism shall be required to submit to testing as provided for in Part J of this Section. Failure to do so will subject the employee to discipline including discharge without the receipt of a prior warning letter.

The provisions of this Section shall not apply to probationary employees.

I. Disciplinary Action Based on Positive Adulterated, or Substituted Test Results

Consistent with past practice under this Agreement, and notwithstanding any other language in any Supplement, the Employer may take disciplinary action based on the test results as follows:

- 1. If the MRO reports that a urine drug test is positive, adulterated, or substituted, the employee shall be subject to discharge except as provided in Part J.
- 2. The following actions shall apply in probable suspicion testing based on DOT and contractual mandates.
- a. If the urine drug test is positive, adulterated, or substituted, according to the procedures described in Part G, the employee shall be subject to discharge.
- b. If the breath alcohol test results show a blood alcohol concentration equal to or above the level previously determined by the appropriate Supplemental Agreement for alcohol intoxication, the employee shall be subject to discharge pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement.
- c. If the breath alcohol test is negative and the urine drug test is negative, the employee shall be immediately returned to work and made whole for all lost earnings.
- J. Return to Employment After a Positive Urine Drug Test
- 1. Any employee with a positive, adulterated, or substituted urine drug test result (other than under probable suspicion testing), thereby subjecting the employee to discipline, shall be granted reinstatement on a one (1) time lifetime basis if the employee successfully completes a course of education and/or treatment program as recommended by the Substance Abuse Professional (SAP). The SAP will recommend a course of education and/or treatment with which the employee must demonstrate successful compliance prior to returning to DOT safety-sensitive duty. The SAP will refer him/her to a treatment program which has been approved by the applicable Health and Welfare Fund, where such is the practice. Any cost of evaluation, education and/or treatment over and above that paid for by the applicable Health and Welfare Fund, must be borne by the employee.
- 2. Employees electing the one-time lifetime evaluation and/or rehabilitation must notify the Company within ten (10) days of being notified by the Company of a positive, adulterated, or substituted urine drug test. The evaluation process and education and/or treatment program must take a minimum of ten (10) days. The employee must begin the evaluation process and education and/or treatment program within fifteen (15) days after notifying the Company. The employee must request reinstatement promptly after successful completion of the education and/or treatment program. After the minimum ten (10) day period and re-evaluation by the SAP, the employee may request reinstatement, but must first provide a negative return to duty urine drug test, to be conducted by a clinic and laboratory of the Employer's choice, before the employee can be reinstated. Any employee choosing to protest the discharge must file a protest under the applicable Supplement. After the discharge is sustained, the employee must notify the Company within ten (10) days of the date of the decision, of the desire to enter the evaluation process and education and/or treatment program.
- 3. While undergoing treatment, the employee shall not receive any of the benefits provided by this Agreement or Supplements thereto except the continued accrual of seniority.

- 4. Before reinstatement after the minimum ten (10) day period, the employee must be re-evaluated by the Substance Abuse Professional to determine successful compliance with any recommended education and/or treatment program. The employee must then submit to the Employer's return-to-duty urine drug test (and alcohol test if so prescribed by the SAP) with a negative result. The employee will be subject to at least six (6) unannounced follow-up urine drug tests in the first year, as determined by the SAP. If, at any time, the employee tests positive, provides an adulterated or substituted specimen, or refuses to submit to a test, the employee shall be subject to discharge.
- (a) Return-to-duty drug test is a urine drug test which an employee must complete with a negative result, after having been reevaluated by a SAP to determine successful compliance with recommended education and/or treatment.
- (b) Follow-up drug testing shall mean those unannounced urine drug tests required (minimum of six (6) in a twelve (12) month period) when an employee tests positive, provides an adulterated or substituted specimen, or refused to be tested and has been evaluated by the SAP, completed education and/or treatment, been re-evaluated by SAP and returned to work. The requirements of follow-up testing follow the employee through breaks in service (i.e. layoff, on-the-job injury, personal illness/injury, leave of absence, etc.). In addition, the requirements of follow-up testing follow the employee to subsequent employers. The SAP has the authority to order any number of follow-up urine drug and/or alcohol tests and to extend the twelve (12) month period up to sixty (60) months.

#### K. Special Grievance Procedure

- 1. The parties shall together create a Special Region Joint Area Committee consisting of an equal number of employer and union representatives to hear drug-related discipline disputes. All such disputes arising after the establishment of the Special Region Joint Area Committee shall be taken up between the Employer and Local Union involved. Failing adjustment by these parties, the dispute shall be heard by the Special Region Joint Area Committee within ninety (90) days of the Committee's receipt of the dispute. Where the Special Region Joint Area Committee, by majority vote, settles a dispute, such decision shall be final and binding on both parties with no further appeal. Where the Special Region Joint Area Committee is unable to agree on or come to a decision on a dispute, the dispute will be referred to the National Grievance Committee.
- 2. The procedures set forth herein may be invoked only by the authorized Union Representative or the Employer.
- L. Paid-for Time

#### 1. Training

Employees undergoing substance abuse training as required by the DOT will be paid for such time and the training will be scheduled in connection with the employee's normal work shift, where possible.

#### 2. Testing

Employees subject to testing and selected by the random selection process for urine drug testing shall be compensated at the regular straight time hourly rate of pay in the following manner provided that the test is negative:

- a. Random Drug Tests
- (1) for all time at the collection site.
- (2) (a) for travel time one way if the collection site is reasonably en route between the employee's home and the terminal, and the employee is going to or from work; or
- (b) for travel time both ways between the terminal and the collection site, only if the collection site is not reasonably en route between the employee's home and the terminal.
- (3) When an employee is on the clock and a random drug test is taken any time during the employee's shift, and the shift ends after eight (8) hours, the employee is paid time and one-half for all time past the eight (8) hours.
- (4) The Employer will not require the city employee to go for urine drug testing before the city employee's shift, provided the collection site is open during or immediately following the employee's shift.
- (5) During an employee's shift, an employee will not be required to use his/her personal vehicle from the terminal to and from the collection site to take a random drug test.
- (6) If a road driver is called at home to take a random drug test at a time when the road driver is not en route to or from work, the driver shall be paid, in addition to all time at the collection site, travel time both ways between the driver's home and the collection site with no minimum guarantee.
- b. Non-Suspicion-Based Post-Accident Testing
- (1) In the event of a non-suspicion-based post-accident testing situation, where the employee has advised the Employer of the issuance of a citation for a moving violation, but the Employer does not direct the employee to be tested immediately, but sends the employee for testing at some later time [during the thirty-two (32) hour period], the employee shall be paid for all time involved in testing, from the time the employee leaves home until the employee returns home after the test.
- (2) When the Employer takes a road driver out of service and directs the employee to be tested immediately, the Employer will make arrangements for the road driver to return to his/her home terminal in accordance with the Supplemental Agreement.

## **Section 4. Alcohol Testing**

The parties agree that in the event of further federal legislation or DOT regulations providing for revised methodologies or requirements, those revisions shall, to the extent they impact this Agreement, unless mandated, be subject to mutual agreement by the parties.

#### A. Employees Who Must be Tested

There shall be random, non-suspicion-based post-accident and probable suspicion alcohol testing of all employees subject to DOT mandated alcohol testing. This includes all employees who, as a condition of their employment, are required to have a DOT physical, a CDL and are subject to testing for drugs under Article 35, Section 3 B.

Employees covered by this Collective Bargaining Agreement who are not subject to DOT-mandated alcohol testing are only subject to probable suspicion testing as provided in Article 35, Section 3 of the Standard Forwarding NMFA or the appropriate article of the applicable Supplemental Agreement. The alcohol breath testing methodology outlined in this Section will be utilized for all employees required to undergo probable suspicion testing. (For test results and discipline, refer to Standard Forwarding NMFA, Article 35, Section 3 I 2.)

## B. Alcohol Testing Procedure

All alcohol testing under this Section will be conducted in accordance with applicable DOT/FMCSA regulations. All equipment used for alcohol testing must be on the NHTSA Conforming Products List and be used and maintained in compliance with DOT requirements. Breath samples will be collected by a Breath Alcohol Technician (BAT) who has successfully completed the necessary training course that is the equivalent of the DOT model course and who is knowledgeable of the alcohol testing procedures set forth in 49 CFR Part 40 and any current DOT Guidance. Law enforcement officers who have been certified by state or local governments to conduct breath alcohol testing are deemed to be qualified as Breath Alcohol Technicians. The training shall be specific to the type of Evidential Breath Testing (EBT) device being used for testing. The Employer shall provide the employees with material containing the information required by Section 382.601 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

#### 1. Screening Test

The initial screening test uses an Evidential Breath Testing (EBT) device, unless other testing methodologies or devices are mandated or agreed upon, to determine levels of alcohol. The following initial cutoff levels shall be used when screening breath samples to determine whether they are negative or positive for alcohol.

**Breath Alcohol Levels:** 

Less than 0.02% BAC - Negative

0.02% BAC and above - Positive (Requires Confirmation Test)

## 2. Confirmatory Test

All samples identified as positive on the initial screening test, indicating an alcohol concentration of 0.02% BAC or higher, shall be confirmed using an EBT device that is capable of providing a printed result in triplicate; is capable of assigning a unique number to each test; and is capable of printing out, on each copy of the printed test result, the manufacturer's name for the device, the device's serial number and the time of the test unless other testing methodologies or devices are mandated or mutually agreed upon.

A confirmation test must be performed a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes after the screening test, but not more than thirty (30) minutes, unless otherwise provided by conditions set forth and defined in 49 CFR Part 40.

The following cutoff levels shall be used to confirm a positive test for alcohol:

**Breath Alcohol Levels:** 

Less than 0.02% BAC - Negative

0.02% BAC to 0.039% BAC - Positive\*

0.04% BAC and above - Positive\*

\*Refer to Section 4 L for Discipline Based on a Positive Test

#### C. Notification

All employees subject to DOT-mandated random alcohol testing will be notified of testing by the Employer, in person or by direct phone contact.

D. Pre-Qualification Testing for Non-DOT Personnel

Section has been deleted

#### E. Random Testing

The method used to randomly select employees for alcohol testing shall be neutral, scientifically valid and in compliance with DOT regulations.

The annual random testing rate for alcohol use shall be the rate established by the Administrator of the FMCSA.

In the event of a grievance or litigation, the Employer shall, upon written request from the employee, release to the employee and the Union (in its capacity as representative of the grievant and as a decision maker in the grievance process), information required to be maintained under the DOT alcohol testing regulations and arising from the results of an alcohol test which is subject to release under the regulations.

The parties agree that no effort will be made to cause the system and method of selection to be anything but a true random selection procedure ensuring that all affected employees are treated fairly and equally.

Employees subject to random alcohol testing shall be tested within one (1) hour prior to starting the tour of duty, during the tour of duty, or immediately after completing the tour of duty.

Employees who are on long-term illness or injury leave of absence, disability or vacation shall not be subject to testing during the period of time they are away from work.

## F. Non-Suspicion-Based Post-Accident Testing

Employees subject to non-suspicion-based post-accident alcohol testing shall be limited to those employees subject to DOT alcohol testing, who are involved in an accident where there is:

- (i) a fatality, or;
- (ii) a citation under State or local law is issued to the driver for a moving traffic violation arising from the accident in which:

- (a) bodily injury to a person who, as a result of the injury, immediately receives medical treatment away from the scene of the accident, or
- (b) one or more motor vehicles incurring disabling damage as a result of the accident, requires the vehicle(s) to be transported away from the scene by a tow truck or other vehicle.

Alcohol testing will be required under the above conditions and employees are required to submit to such testing as soon as practicable. Under no circumstances shall this type of testing be conducted after eight (8) hours from the time of the accident.

It shall be the responsibility of the driver to remain readily available for testing after the occurrence of a commercial motor vehicle accident. It is also the responsibility of the employee to not use alcohol for eight (8) hours or until a DOT post-accident alcohol test is performed, whichever occurs first. It is not the intention of this language to require the delay of necessary medical attention or to prohibit the driver from leaving the scene of an accident for the period necessary to obtain assistance in responding to the accident or necessary medical attention.

Prior to the effective date of the DOT alcohol testing regulations, the Employer agrees to give each employee subject to DOT non-suspicion based post-accident testing written notification of the procedures required by the DOT regulations in the event of an accident as defined by the DOT.

#### G. Substance Abuse Professional (SAP)

- 1. The Substance Abuse Professional (SAP), as provided in the regulations, means a licensed physician (Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy), or a licensed or certified psychologist, social worker, or employee assistance professional, or a drug and alcohol counselor (certified by the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors Certification Commission or by the International Certification Reciprocity Consortium/Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse). All must have knowledge of and clinical experience in the diagnosis and treatment of alcohol and controlled substance-related disorders, be knowledgeable of the SAP function as it relates to Employer interest in safety-sensitive functions, and applicable DOT agency regulations. In addition, the SAP shall comply with the DOT qualification training and continuing education requirements.
- 2. The Employer will provide the employee with a list of resources available to the driver in evaluating and resolving problems with the misuse of alcohol as soon as practicable but no later than thirty-six (36) hours after the Employer's receipt of notice from the BAT that the employee has a BAC of 0.04% or higher, exclusive of holidays and weekends. The SAP will be responsible for recommending the appropriate course of education and/or treatment required prior to the employee returning to work and is the only person responsible for determining, during the evaluation process, whether an employee will be directed to a rehabilitation program, and if so, for how long.
- 3. Follow-up and return-to-duty tests need not be confined to the substance involved in the violation. If the SAP determines that a driver needs assistance with an alcohol and drug abuse problem, the SAP may require drug tests to be performed along with any required alcohol follow-up and/or return-to-duty tests, if it has been determined that a driver has violated the drug testing prohibition.
- 4. Any cost of evaluation by the SAP and/or rehabilitation recommended by the SAP associated with the abuse of alcohol while performing or available to perform safety-sensitive functions under this Agreement, over and above that paid for by the applicable Health and Welfare Fund, must be borne by the employee. The Employer will pay for random, non-suspicion-based post-accident and probable suspicion alcohol testing. Return-to-duty and follow-up alcohol testing that is prescribed

by the SAP, will be paid for by the Employer, provided the employee tests negative.

#### H. Probable Suspicion Testing

Employees subject to DOT probable suspicion alcohol testing under this Section shall be tested in accordance with current, applicable DOT regulations.

For all purposes herein, the parties agree that the terms "probable suspicion" and "reasonable cause" shall be synonymous.

Probable suspicion is defined as an employee's specific observable appearance, behavior, speech or body odor that clearly indicates the need for probable suspicion alcohol testing.

In the event the Employer is unable to determine whether the abnormal behavior or appearance is due to alcohol or drugs, the Employer shall specify that the basis for any disciplinary action or testing is for alcohol and/or drug intoxication. In such cases, the employee shall be tested in accordance with Article 35, Section 3 A, and applicable DOT alcohol testing regulations.

In cases where an employee has specific, observable, abnormal indicators regarding appearance, behavior, speech or body odor, and at least one (1) supervisor, two (2) if available, have probable suspicion to believe that the employee is under the influence of alcohol, the Employer may require the employee, in the presence of a union shop steward or other employee requested by the employee under observation, to submit to a breath alcohol test. Suspicion is not probable and thus not a basis for testing if it is based solely on third party observation and reports.

The supervisor(s) must make a written statement of these observations within twenty-four (24) hours. Upon request, a copy must be provided to the shop steward or other union official after the employee is discharged or suspended or taken out of service.

All supervisors and Employer representatives designated to determine whether probable suspicion exists to require an employee to undergo alcohol testing shall receive specific training on the physical, behavioral, speech and performance indicators of how to detect probable suspicion alcohol misuse and use of controlled substances as required by DOT regulations.

In the event the Employer requires a probable suspicion test, the Employer shall provide transportation to and from the testing location.

#### I. Preparation for Testing

All alcohol testing shall be conducted in conformity with the DOT alcohol regulations. Any alleged abuse by the Employer, such as proven harassment of any employee or deliberate violation of the regulations or the contract shall be subject to the grievance procedure to provide a reasonable remedy for the alleged violation.

Upon arrival at the testing site, an employee must provide the Breath Alcohol Technician (BAT) with proper identification. The employee shall not be required to waive any claim or cause of action under the law.

A standard DOT approved alcohol testing form will be used by all testing facilities. In the case of probable suspicion or other contractually required testing, a Non-DOT chain of custody form will be used for the testing of Non-DOT employees.

#### J. Specimen Testing Procedures

All procedures for alcohol testing will comply with Department of Transportation regulations.

No unauthorized personnel will be allowed in any area of the testing site. Only one alcohol testing procedure will be conducted by a BAT at the same time.

The employee will provide his or her breath sample in a location that allows for privacy. The Employer agrees to recognize all employees' rights to privacy while being subjected to the testing process at all times and at all testing sites. Further, the Employer agrees that in all circumstances the employee's dignity will be considered and all necessary steps will be taken to ensure that the entire process does nothing to demean, embarrass or offend the employee unnecessarily. Testing will be under the direct observation of a Breath Alcohol Technician (BAT). All procedures shall be conducted in a professional, discreet and objective manner. Direct observation will be necessary in all cases.

The employee shall provide an adequate amount of breath for the Evidential Breath Testing device. If the individual is unable to provide a sufficient amount of breath, the BAT shall direct the individual to again attempt to provide a complete sample.

If an employee is unsuccessful in providing the requisite amount of breath, the Employer then must have the employee obtain, within five (5) days, an evaluation from a licensed physician selected by the Employer and the Local Union and who has the expertise in the medical issues concerning the employee's inability to provide an adequate amount of breath. If the physician is unable to determine that a medical condition has, or with a high degree of probability could have, precluded the employee from providing an adequate amount of breath, the employee's failure to provide an adequate amount of breath will be regarded as a refusal to take the test and subject the employee to discharge.

#### K. Leave of Absence Prior to Testing

An employee shall be permitted to take leave of absence in accordance with the FMLA or applicable State leave laws for the purpose of undergoing treatment pursuant to an approved program of alcoholism or drug use. The leave of absence must be requested prior to the commission of any act subject to disciplinary action. This provision does not alter or amend the disciplinary provision (Article 35, Section 4 L) of this Section.

Before returning to work from a voluntary leave of absence, the employee must have completed any recommended treatment and taken a return to duty test, with a result of less than 0.02% BAC, and further be subject to six (6) unannounced follow-up alcohol tests in the first twelve (12) months following the employee's return to duty.

The Supplemental Agreements shall address the issue of an extra board driver who, while at his home terminal, has consumed alcohol, is then called for dispatch and requests additional time off. Requesting time off under this provision shall not be used as a subterfuge to avoid taking a random alcohol (and/or drug) test.

- L. Disciplinary Action Based on Positive Test Results
- 1. First Positive Test 0.02% BAC-0.039% BAC

Out of Service for 24 hours

0.04% BAC-Less than State DWI/DUI Limit

Out of Service for the length of time determined by the SAP with a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours

State DWI/DUI Limit and Above

Subject to discharge

#### 2. Second Positive Test

0.02% BAC-0.039% BAC

Out of Service for a five (5) calendar day suspension

0.04% BAC-Less than State DWI/DUI Limit

Out of Service for the length of time determined by the SAP with a minimum of a twenty (20) calendar day suspension

State DWI/DUI Limit and Above

Subject to discharge

#### 3. Third Positive Test

0.02% BAC-0.039% BAC

Out of Service for a fifteen (15) calendar day suspension

0.04% BAC-Less than State DWI/DUI Limit

Out of Service for the length of time determined by the SAP with a minimum of a thirty (30) calendar day suspension

State DWI/DUI Limit and Above

Subject to discharge

#### 4. Fourth Positive Test

0.02% BAC-0.039% BAC

Subject to discharge

0.04% BAC-Less than State DWI/DUI Limit

Subject to discharge

State DWI/DUI Limit and Above

Subject to discharge

5. An employee who is tested positive in a non-suspicion-based post-accident alcohol testing situation shall be subject to the following discipline for the positive alcohol test or the vehicular accident, whichever is greater:

First Non-Suspicion-Based Post-Accident Positive Test - 0.02% BAC - 0.039% BAC - Thirty (30) calendar day suspension. 0.04% BAC and higher - Subject to discharge.

Second Non-Suspicion-Based Post-Accident Positive Test - 0.02% BAC and higher - Subject to discharge.

- 6. An employee's refusal to submit to any alcohol test will subject the employee to discharge.
- M. Return to Duty After a Positive (Greater than .04 to the State Limit) Alcohol Test

Before returning to work the employee must be evaluated by a SAP, comply with any education and/or treatment recommended by the SAP, be re-evaluated by the SAP to determine compliance with recommended education and/or treatment, and take a return-to-duty alcohol test, showing a result of less than 0.02% BAC. The employee will be subject to at least six (6) unannounced follow-

up alcohol and/or drug tests as determined by the SAP. The requirements of follow- up testing follow the employee through breaks in service (i.e. layoff, on-the-job injury, personal illness/injury, leave of absence, etc.). In addition, the requirements of follow-up testing follow the employee to subsequent employers. The SAP has the authority to order any number of follow-up alcohol and/or urine drug tests and to extend the twelve (12) month period up to sixty (60) months.

#### N. Paid-for-time -Testing

Employees subject to testing and selected by the random selection process for alcohol testing shall be compensated at the regular straight time hourly rate of pay provided that the test is negative:

- 1. Random Alcohol Tests
- a. Paid for all time at the collection site.
- b. (1) for travel time one way if the collection site is reasonably en route between the employee's home and the terminal, and the employee is going to or from work; or
- (2) for travel time both ways between the terminal and the collection site, only if the collection site is not reasonably en route between the employee's home and the terminal.
- c. When an employee is on the clock and a random alcohol test is taken any time during the employee's shift, and the shift ends after eight (8) hours, the employee is paid time and one-half for all time past the eight (8) hours.
- d. The Employer will not require the city employee to go for alcohol testing before the city employee's shift, provided the collection site is open during or immediately following the employee's shift.
- e. During an employee's shift, an employee will not be required to use his/her personal vehicle from the terminal to and from the collection site to take a random alcohol test.
- f. If a road driver is called to take a random alcohol test at a time when the road driver is not en route to or from work, the driver shall be paid, in addition to all time at the collection site, travel time both ways between the location of the driver when called and the collection site with no minimum quarantee.
- 2. Non-Suspicion-Based Post-Accident Testing
- a. In the event of a non-suspicion-based post-accident testing situation, where the employee has advised the Employer of the issuance of a citation for a moving violation, but the Employer does not direct the employee to be tested immediately, but sends the employee for testing at some later time (during the eight (8) hour period), the employee shall be paid for all time involved in testing, from the time the employee leaves home until the employee returns home after the test.
- b. When the Employer takes a driver out of service and directs the employee to be tested immediately, the Employer will make arrangements for the driver to return to his/her home terminal in accordance with the Supplemental Agreement.

#### O. Record Retention

The Employer shall maintain records in a secure manner so that disclosure of information to

unauthorized persons does not occur.

Each Employer or its agent is required to maintain the following records for two years:

- 1. Records of the inspection and maintenance of each EBT used in employee testing;
- 2. Documentation of the Employer's compliance with the Quality Assurance Program for each EBT it uses for alcohol testing; and
- 3. Records of the training and proficiency testing of each BAT used in employee testing.

The Employer must maintain for five years records pertaining to the calibration of each EBT used in alcohol testing, including records of the results of external calibration checks.

#### P. Special Grievance Procedure

- 1. The parties shall together create a Special Region Joint Area Committee consisting of an equal number of Employer and Union representatives to hear drug and alcohol related discipline disputes. All such disputes arising after the establishment of the Special Region Joint Area Committee shall be taken up between the Employer and Local Union involved. Failing adjustment by these parties, the dispute shall be heard by the Special Region Joint Area Committee within ninety (90) days of the Committee's receipt of the dispute. When the Special Region Joint Area Committee, by majority vote, settles a dispute, such decision shall be final and binding on both parties with no further appeal. Where the Special Region Joint Area Committee is unable to agree or come to a decision on a dispute, the dispute will be referred to the National Grievance Committee.
- 2. The Procedures set forth herein may be invoked only by the authorized Union representative or the Employer.

# **ARTICLE 36. NEW ENTRY (NEW HIRE) RATES**

Full-Time New Hire Wage Progression and Casual Rates

## A. Wage Progression

- 1. CDL-qualified drivers (including mechanics and maintenance):
  - a. Effective first day of employment: 90% of the current rate.
  - b. Effective first day of employment plus 1 year: 95% of the current rate.
  - c. Effective first day of employment plus 2 years: 100% of the current rate.
- 2. All non CDL-qualified employees currently employed shall receive the following hourly rate of pay:
  - a. Effective first day of employment: 90% of the current driver rate.
  - b. Effective first day of employment plus 3 years: **100**% of the current driver rate
- 3. In the event the company offers to waive the progression in a classification at any

Local, the same offer will be made to all other Standard Forwarding Freight LLC Local Unions in that same classification.

- 4. No employee on the books as of the date of ratification shall suffer a reduction in their hourly and/or mileage rate of pay as a result of this Agreement.
- **B.** Dock Only Employees and Non (CDL) Yard employees Hired after Ratification of this agreement. No employee hired prior to the 2024 effective date will suffer any reduction of wages in this agreement.

Effective Dates	Hourly
Upon Acquisition	\$25.00
November 1, 2025	\$26.00
November 1, 2026	\$27.00
November 1, 2027	\$28.00
November 1, 2028	\$30.00

## Casual Employees

#### City and Combination Casuals

Hourly rates for city and combination casuals (CDL Required) shall increase by 80% of the general wage increase for regular employees on the dates shown above.

Effective dates	Hourly
Upon Acquisition	\$27.14
November 1, 2026	\$28.97
November 1, 2027	\$30.97
November 1, 2028	\$31.57

## **Dock Only Casuals**

Effective upon acquisition-the hourly rate for dock and yard only casuals will be \$17.75 for the life of this agreement.

## **ARTICLE 37. NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Employer and the Union agree not to discriminate against any individual with respect to hiring, compensation, terms or conditions of employment because of such individuals race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin nor will they limit, segregate or classify employees in any way to deprive any individual employee of employment opportunities because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin or engage in any other discriminatory acts prohibited by law. This Article also covers employees with a qualified disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, although whether the Employer has complied with the ADA's statutory requirements shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

## **ARTICLE 38.**

## Section 1. Sick Leave

Effective upon acquisition and thereafter, the Employer shall provide for a minimum of five (5) days or forty (40) hours of sick leave per contract year. Effective November 1, 2027 the employer shall

provide a minimum of seven (7) days or fifty-six (56) hours of sick leave per contract year. The Employer agrees to comply with all Federal, State or Local laws with regards to paid sick leave including exemptions for bargaining agreements.

Sick leave not used by October 31st of any contract year will be paid no later than the third Friday of January at the applicable hourly rate in existence on that date. Each day of sick leave will be paid for on the basis of a minimum of eight (8) hours straight-time pay or whatever the normal daily work schedule is (e.g. 10 hours if the employee is on a 10 hour schedule up to a maximum of fifty-six (56) hours at the applicable hourly rate).

Sick leave will be paid to eligible employees beginning on the first (1st) working day of absence.

## **Section 2. Jury Duty**

Effective upon acquisition, all regular employees called for jury duty will receive the difference between eight (8) hours pay at the applicable hourly wage and actual payment received for jury service for each day of jury duty to a maximum of fifteen (15) days pay for each contract year.

When such employees report for jury service on a scheduled workday, they will not unreasonably be required to report for work that particular day.

Time spent on jury service will be considered time worked for purposes of Employer contributions to health & welfare and pension plans, vacation eligibility and payment, holidays and seniority, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Supplemental Agreements to a maximum of fifteen (15) days for each contract year.

Employees, who have been selected to serve on a jury, including those selected as an alternate jury member and who are scheduled to work shifts beginning after 4:00 p.m., will be given the option of working either the day their jury duty begins or the day following the day their jury duty begins and thereafter shall not be required to work on any day in which the jury is in session.

## **Section 3. Family and Medical Leave Act**

All employees who worked for the Employer for a minimum of twelve (12) months and worked at least 1250 hours during the past twelve (12) months are eligible for unpaid leave as set forth in the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA).

The Company shall construe the FMLA to apply to all work locations covered by this agreement regardless of the number of employees at such work locations even if the number of employees at any one work location falls below the threshold set forth in the FMLA.

Eligible employees are entitled to up to a total of 12 weeks of unpaid leave during any twelve (12) month period for the following reasons:

- 1. Birth or adoption of a child or the placement of a child for foster care;
- 2. To care for a spouse, child or parent of the employee due to a serious health condition:
- 3. A serious health condition of the employee.

The employee's seniority rights shall continue as if the employee had not taken leave under this

Section, and the Employer will maintain health insurance coverage during the period of the leave.

The Employer may require the employee to substitute accrued paid vacation or other paid leave for part of the twelve (12) week leave period.

The employee is required to provide the Employer with at least thirty (30) days advance notice before FMLA leave begins if the need for leave is foreseeable. If the leave is not foreseeable, the employee is required to give notice as soon as practicable. The Employer has the right to require medical certification of a need for leave under this Act. In addition, the Employer has the right to require a second (2nd) opinion at the Employer's expense. If the second opinion conflicts with the initial certification, a third opinion from a health care provider selected by the first and second opinion health care providers, at the Employer's expense may be sought, which shall be final and binding. Failure to provide certification shall cause any leave taken to be treated as an unexcused absence.

As a condition of returning to work, an employee who has taken leave due to his/her own serious health condition must be medically qualified to perform the functions of his/her job. In cases where employees fail to return to work, the provisions of the applicable Supplemental Agreement will apply.

It is specifically understood that an employee will not be required to repay any of the contributions for his/her health insurance during FMLA leave. No employee will be disciplined for requesting or taking FMLA leave under the contract absent fraud, misrepresentation, or dishonesty.

Disputes arising under this provision shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

The provisions of this Section are in response to the federal FMLA and shall not supersede any state or local law which provides for greater employee rights.

The Employer may not force an employee to use pre-scheduled vacation time as FMLA leave, provided the vacation involved was prescheduled in accordance with the applicable supplemental agreement. The Employer may not force an employee to take the last unscheduled week of vacation as FMLA leave.

The Employer may not force an employee who has taken separate hours of unpaid leave for medical reasons to substitute those hours as accrued leave under the FMLA.

The Employer may not force an employee to substitute accrued leave for FMLA leave if the employee is receiving supplemental loss-of-time disability benefits from a benefit plan under the Agreement.

## ARTICLE 39. DISCHARGE OR SUSPENSION

## Section 1.

Subject to the provisions of Article 8 of the Standard Forwarding Freight LLC Master Freight Agreement, the Employer shall not discharge nor suspend any employee without just cause but in respect to discharge or suspension shall give at least one (1) warning notice of the complaint against such employee to the employee, in writing, and a copy of the same to the Local Union and job steward affected, except that no warning notice need be given to an employee before he is discharged if the cause of such discharge is proven dishonesty or drunkenness which may be verified by an alcohol or drug test. Refusal to take an alcohol or drug test shall establish a

presumption of drunkenness. Extension of a coffee break or lunch period for a minimal amount of time shall not be considered dishonesty, per se, and will require at least one (1) warning notice prior to suspension or discharge. Prior warning notice is not required if the cause of discharge is drug intoxication as provided in Article 35, Section 3(a), of the Standard Forwarding Freight LLC Master Freight Agreement; the possession of controlled substances and/or drugs either while on duty or on company property; recklessness resulting in a serious accident while on duty; carrying of unauthorized passengers; failure to report any accident of which the employee is aware; failure to meet the minimum requirements for safe driving under Paragraph 391.25 of the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations issued by the Department of Transportation; unprovoked physical assault on a company supervisor while on duty or on company property; that an employee has intentionally committed malicious damage to the Employer's equipment or property; that an employee has intentionally abandoned his equipment; sexual Harassment – ability of employer to take employee out of service immediately for proven sexual harassment.

Warning letters must be presented to the employee, emailed to the union and all discipline must be postmarked no later than ten (10) days following the Employer's knowledge of the violation, except in those cases where a letter of investigation was issued within such ten (10) day period for an accident. Letters of investigation shall be valid for forty (40) calendar days from the date of the accident.

The warning notice as herein provided shall not remain in effect for a period of more than nine (9) months from the date of said warning notice. Warning letters will be considered as automatically protested. The nine (9) month time period shall apply uniformly. Habitual absenteeism or tardiness shall subject an employee to disciplinary action in accordance with the procedures outlined herein. Discharge must be by proper written notice to the employee and the Union affected. Any employee may request an investigation as to his discharge or suspension. Should an investigation prove that an injustice has been done an employee, he shall be reinstated. The Committees established by the Supplemental Agreement and the Standard Forwarding Freight LLC Master Agreement shall have the authority to order full, partial or no compensation for time lost. Appeal from discharge, suspension or warning notice must be taken within ten (10) days by written notice, and a decision reached within (30) days from date of discharge, suspension or warning notice.

If the employee involved is not within the home terminal area when the action of discharge, suspension or warning notice is taken, the ten (10) day period will start from the date of his return to the home terminal. If no decision has been rendered on the appeal within thirty (30) days, the case shall then be taken up as provided for in Article 45, Section 1, of this Agreement. Uniform rules and regulations with respect to disciplinary action may be drafted for each state, but must be approved by the Joint Multi-State Committee for such state and by the Joint Area Committee. Such approved uniform rules and regulations shall prevail in the application and interpretation of this Article.

Back pay on any grievance decision and/or settlement of a suspended and/or discharged employee will be paid no later than (15) fifteen days from the date of the decision or settlement.

## **Section 2. National Uniform Attendance Policy**

The parties recognize that the vast majority of employees report for work when scheduled and do not have an attendance problem. The parties further recognize, however, that absenteeism among even a small group of employees is detrimental to the Employer's operations. For this reason, the parties adopt the following National Uniform Attendance Policy. The parties agree that the purpose of attendance disciplinary action is to correct an employee's behavior. This policy is, therefore,

intended to be applied flexibly and fairly, giving due consideration to all circumstances. Continued disregard of attendance obligation will result in discharge if the employee fails to change behavior.

Disciplinary Progressions for Absenteeism or Tardiness:

First Offense Verbal Warning Second Offense Warning Letter

Third Offense One (1) Day Suspension
Fourth Offense Three (3) Day Suspension

Fifth Offense Discharge

Progression will be followed in all instances unless extraordinary circumstances dictate an accelerated or decelerated progression. Examples of an accelerated progression would be no call/no shows or blatant abuse of time off. An example of decelerated progression would be a long time period between absences.

Discipline may be issued on all unexcused absences. Committees may consider timely, bona fide, verifiable doctors' excuses in determining the validity of disciplinary action. Proper communication on all absences is the employee's responsibility.

The Employer may discharge an employee who has received two letters of suspension as long as the letters resulted in agreed to or a committee's action discipline.

Disputes concerning the application of this policy shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

## ARTICLE 40. EXAMINATIONS AND IDENTIFICATION FEES

#### Section 1. Examinations

Physical, mental or other examinations required by a government body or the Employer shall be promptly complied with by all employees. The Employer shall pay for all such examinations for all regular and probationary employees. The Employer shall not pay for any time spent in the case of applicants for jobs and shall be responsible to other employees only for time spent at the place of examination or examinations, where the time spent by the employee exceeds two (2) hours and in that case, only for those hours in excess of said two (2). Examinations are to be taken at the employee's home terminal and not to exceed one (1) in any one (1) year unless the employee has suffered serious injury or illness during the year. Employees will not be required to take examinations during their working hours.

The Employer reserves the right to select its own medical examiner or doctor, and the Union may, if it believes an injustice has been done an employee, have said employee re-examined at the Union's expense.

In the event of disagreement between the doctor selected by the Employer and the doctor selected by the Union, the Employer and Union doctors shall together select a third (3rd) doctor within seven (7) days, whose opinion shall be final and binding on the Company, the Union, and the employee. The Company nor the Union nor the employee will attempt to circumvent the decision. The expense of the third (3rd) doctor shall be equally divided between the Employer and the Union. Disputes concerning back pay shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

#### Section 2. Identification Fees

Should the Employer find it necessary to require employees to carry or record full personal identification, such requirement shall be complied with by the employees. The cost of such personal identification shall be borne by the Employer. No employee will be required to have their driver's license reproduced in any manner except by their employer, law enforcement agencies, government facilities and facilities operating under government contracts that required such identification to enter the facility.

#### Section 3.

It is mutually understood that, under normal circumstances, the Company will furnish equipment for their employees to take any CDL test required by law.

## **ARTICLE 41. MEAL PERIOD AND BREAKS**

Employees shall, unless mutually agreed otherwise, take one (1) continuous thirty (30) minute lunch period in any one (1) day. No employee shall be compelled to take any part of such continuous meal before he has been on duty four (4) hours or after he has been on duty six (6) hours. An employee, required to work during the two (2) hour period set forth above without, lunch shall receive his regular hourly rate of pay for such lunch period, in addition to the applicable contractual pay provision, but this revision shall not apply if the employee elects to take a lunch period before the fourth (4th) or after the sixth (6th) hour. Meal period shall not be compulsory at stops where the driver is responsible for equipment or cargo, nor shall meal period be compulsory when or where there is no accessible eating place.

Employees shall receive a paid fifteen (15) minute break for every four hours of work and shall receive an additional paid fifteen (15) minute after eight hours.

## **ARTICLE 42. PAID-FOR TIME**

## A. Cartage, City and Dock

#### Section 1. General

All employees covered by this Agreement shall be paid for all time spent in service of the Employer. Rates of pay provided for by this Agreement shall be minimums. Time shall be computed from the time that the employee is ordered to report for work and registers in, until he is effectively released from duty. All time lost due to delays as a result of overloads or certificate violations involving federal, state, or city regulations, which occur through no fault of the driver, shall be paid for.

One (1) Steward shall be compensated at the highest applicable Local Cartage rate for all time reasonably spent attending local level meetings/hearings with the Company. Local level meetings/hearings shall be held so as not to interfere with a Steward's regular run or shift.

#### Section 2. Call-in Time

Employees called to work shall be allowed sufficient time, without pay, to get to the terminal and shall draw full pay from the time they report or register in as ordered. All employees shall have a

reporting time for duty which shall be designated at the end of the preceding workday. If called and not put to work, regular employees shall be guaranteed six (6) hours' pay at the rate specified in this Agreement for their classification of work. If such regular employee is put to work, he shall be guaranteed a minimum of eight (8) hours' pay. Other employees shall be guaranteed four (4) hours' pay at the applicable rate of pay if called and not put to work, and shall be guaranteed a minimum of six (6) hours' pay if put to work.

#### B. Over-the-Road

#### Section 1. General

All employees covered by this Agreement shall be paid for all time spent in service of the Employer. Rates of pay provided for by this Agreement shall be minimums. Time shall be computed from the time that the employee is ordered to report for work and registers in and until the time he is effectively released from duty. All time lost due to delays as a result of overloads or certificate violations involving federal, state, or city regulations, which occur through no fault of the driver, shall be paid for. Such payment for drivers' time when not driving shall be the hourly rate. In case of time claimed being denied by the Company payroll department, the company shall give the driver, upon request, a denial slip stating the reason for such denial within the next payroll period following receipt of the employee's check.

One (1) Steward shall be compensated at the highest applicable hourly rate for all time reasonably spent attending local level meetings/hearings with the Company. Local level meetings/hearings shall be held so as not to interfere with a Steward's regular run of shift.

All time spent for mandatory random drug test of any kind at state scales shall be paid.

The employee shall be paid for all time spent in excess of thirty (30) minutes when stopped for a D. O. T. hazardous material check by state, local or federal authorities for a non-violation.

Drivers who are delayed en route due to vehicular accidents and railroad crossings making the highway impassable or due to roadside DOT inspections shall be compensated for all time spent in the event the delay is thirty-one (31) minutes or more, however, delays caused by construction zones are considered a hazard of the highway and therefore are not compensable except in extraordinary circumstances which will be subject to the grievance machinery.

Drivers delayed in the process of being cleared by customs at an international port of entry shall be entitled to compensation for actual time incurred in excess of thirty (30) minutes, commencing with the time a customs officer receives a drivers paperwork until such driver is released by customs.

It is mutually understood that all claims set forth herein must have a written verification provided by the driver.

Drivers can keep the same tractor at all meet and turn points unless operational needs dictate otherwise.

#### Section 2. Call-in Time

Drivers called to work shall be allowed sufficient time, without pay, to get to the garage or terminal and shall draw full pay from the time ordered to report or register in. If not put to work, regular employees shall be guaranteed six (6) hours pay at the rate specified in this Agreement. If such

regular employee is put to work, he shall be guaranteed a minimum of eight (8) hours' pay. Other employees shall be guaranteed four (4) hours' pay at the applicable rate if called and not put to work, and shall be guaranteed a minimum of six (6) hours' pay if put to work.

## Section 3. Layovers

When a driver is required to lay over at the first (1st) destination away from his home terminal, layover pay shall commence following the fourteenth (14th) hour after the end of the run. If the driver is held over after the fourteenth (14th) hour, he shall be guaranteed two (2) hours' pay, in any event, for layover time. If he is held over more than two (2) hours, he shall receive layover pay for each hour held over up to eight (8) hours in the first twenty-two (22) hours of layover period, commencing after the run ends. This pay shall be in addition to the pay to which the employee is entitled, if he is put to work at any time within the twenty-two (22) hours after the run ends. The same principle shall apply to each succeeding eighteen (18) hours, and layover pay shall commence after the tenth (10th) hour.

When a driver is called for dispatch at an away-from-home terminal, and the dispatch for which the driver was pre-called is not available as projected, such driver shall receive actual delay time in addition to the penalty provided herein when held beyond the fourteenth (14th) hour.

The same provision as described above shall apply at the employee's second (2nd) destination away from home.

At the third (3rd) and subsequent destinations away from home, if the driver is held over after the twelfth (12th) hour, he shall receive layover pay for each hour held over up to eight (8) hours in the first (1st) twenty (20) hours of layover period commencing after the run ends. This pay shall be in addition to the pay to which the employee is entitled if he is put to work at any time within the twenty (20) hours after the run ends. The same principle shall apply to each succeeding eighteen (18) hours, and layover pay shall commence after the tenth (10th) hour.

Employees shall receive a seventeen dollar (\$17.00) meal allowance each time they are held beyond the seventeenth (17th) hour of the first (1st) layover period and after the tenth (10th) hour on subsequent layovers after the first.

When on compensable layover on Sundays and holidays, there shall be a meal allowance of nineteen dollars (\$19.00); five (5) hours thereafter, another meal allowance of nineteen dollars (\$19.00) and five (5) hours later a third (3rd) meal allowance of nineteen dollars (\$19.00). No more than three (3) meals will be allowed during any twenty-four (24) hour period.

A driver shall not be compelled to report to work at the home terminal until he has had ten (10) hours' off-duty time. The Employer shall provide in his dispatch rules and/or procedures suitable provisions relating to time off at the home terminal including, upon the driver's request, a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours off from clock in to clock out time after completing six (6) uninterrupted tours of duty, provided there is no unreasonable delay in the movement of freight.

Unless otherwise mutually agreed to, the extra board dispatch procedures must include a provision which allows a driver to request a maximum of eight (8) additional hours off prior to being called for dispatch when sixteen (16) hours have elapsed from the time of arrival at the home terminal.

Whenever any Employer arbitrarily abuses the free time allowed in this Section, then this shall be considered to be a dispute and the same shall be subject to being handled in accordance with the

grievance procedure set forth in this Agreement.

When employees are knowingly dispatched on runs that cannot be made in allowable D.O.T. hours, they shall be paid for all time spent in waiting on D.O.T. hours. Except where the dispatch rules provide differently, on all dispatches from the home terminal when a driver is forced out on a dispatch with insufficient DOT hours of service to allow for such driver to reach the destination of the dispatch and return without having to lay over to pick up hours, the driver shall be paid all time spent waiting to pick up hours. It is understood, however, that drivers who are dispatched from the home terminal with sufficient hours on a projection basis to reach the destination of a dispatch and are subsequently dispatched to another destination beyond the first and are required to layover to pick up hours will be paid under the layover provisions set forth herein.

When a bid driver cannot complete his/her bid run for reasons caused by the Company (e.g. waiting/delay at Service Center) the bid driver shall be paid bedtime and given an eight (8) hour mini home.

#### Section 4.

On breakdowns or impassable highways, drivers on all runs shall be paid the minimum hourly rate for all time spent on such delays, commencing with the first (1st) hour or fraction thereof, but not to exceed more than ten (10) hours out of each twenty-four (24) hour period, except that when an employee is required to remain with his equipment during such breakdown or impassable highway, he shall be paid for all such delay time at the rate specified in this Agreement. Time required to be spent with the equipment shall not be included within the first ten (10) hours out of each twenty-four (24) hour period for which a driver is compensated on breakdowns or impassable highways, but must be paid for in addition. Where an employee is held longer than an ten (10) hour period, he shall in addition be furnished clean, comfortable, sanitary lodging, plus meals. The pay for delay time shall be in addition to monies earned for miles driven and/or work performed. Disputes in respect to application of this provision shall be settled on an incident-by-incident basis between the parties and if not resolved are subject to the grievance procedure.

Where a snowstorm, blizzard or other extreme weather emergency disrupting normal operations occurs, the following principles shall apply:

- (a) Any employee who must remain with his unit shall receive pay for all time spent.
- (b) Where an employee is housed in a motel/hotel or other suitable accommodations, the impassable highway provisions of the contract shall apply. It is agreed that under emergency conditions, the Employer may put more than one (1) driver to a room.

Where the employee reaches a Red Cross or other emergency shelter such as a fire house, gymnasium, private home, etc., with food available and a cot, mattress or other reasonable sleeping accommodations, the ten (10) out of twenty-four (24) formula plus meals and lodging shall apply. Any dispute in this regard shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

(c) Where an employee reaches shelter, out of the elements, with food available, but not reasonably comfortable sleeping accommodations, he shall receive up to a maximum of the first fifteen (15) out of every twenty-four (24) hours plus meals. Any dispute shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

## Section 5. Deadheading

In all cases where an employee is instructed to ride or drive on Employer or leased equipment, he shall receive full pay as specified in this Agreement; when instructed to deadhead on other than Employer or leased equipment, the employee shall likewise receive the full rate of pay as specified in this Agreement, plus the cost of transportation.

## Section 6. Bobtailing

Driving of tractor without trailer shall be paid on the same basis as tractor-trailer drivers.

## **ARTICLE 43. VACATION**

#### Section 1.

Employees who have worked sixty percent (60%) or more of the total working days during any twelve (12) month period shall receive vacations and vacation pay as follows:

One (1) year employment

Two (2) years or more

Eight (8) years or more

Fifteen (15) years or more

Two (2) weeks

Three (3) weeks

Four (4) weeks

Twenty (20) years or more

Five (5) weeks

Thirty (30) years or more

Six (6) weeks

The vacation period shall be based on a calendar year January 1 through December 31st.

Vacations: Full-Time Employees

Vacation pay shall be computed on the basis of forty-five (45) hours' straight-time pay for each week of vacation for which the employee is eligible. Daily vacation shall be computed on the basis of nine (9) hours per day for employees on an eight (8) hour shift at the time of their first day of vacation or eleven and one-quarter (11.25) hours per day for employees on a ten (10) hour shift at the time of their first day of vacation. The shift that the employee is on when they take their first day of their split vacation shall dictate the vacation computation and the number of days to be used. Straight-time pay shall mean the hourly rate paid to all unit employees during each week the individual employee is actually on vacation.

#### Section 2.

During the second (2nd) and subsequent years, the employee must have worked sixty percent (60%) of the total working days of the year, but need not be employed for the full year to be eligible for the vacation. No more than one (1) vacation will be earned in any twelve (12) month period.

Time lost due to bona-fide long term sickness or work related injury shall be considered as days worked.

#### Section 3.

An employee may elect to accept vacation pay in lieu of vacation time off for any and all vacation

earned. Any employee who has quit, retired, been discharged, or laid off before he has worked his sixty percent (60%), shall be entitled to the vacation pay earned on a pro rata basis provided he has worked his first (1st) full year.

Any employee who fails to take any day or week of earned vacation within the twelve (12) month period subsequent to the end of the anniversary year in which such vacation was earned shall have forfeited entitlement to that day or week of vacation time off and/or pay, and further, any advance payment for vacation not taken by the deadline provided herein may be deducted by the employer from the employee's check.

#### Section 4.

The vacation period of each qualified employee shall be set with due regard to the desire, seniority, and preference of the employees, consistent with the efficient operation of the Employer's business. Vacation picks shall occur in December for the following calendar year.

#### Section 5.

An employee, upon the giving of a reasonable notice of not less than one (1) week to his Employer, shall be given vacation pay before starting on earned vacation.

#### Section 6.

The employer must allow a minimum of twelve percent (12%) of the active employees to be on vacation each day of the year. Each employee may split three (3) weeks of their earned vacation into a maximum of fifteen (15) calendar days. The employee must give a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours' notice to the company in order to utilize this provision. When an employee elects to take single day vacation, they will be paid 9 straight time hours for that day. There will be a maximum of twelve percent (12%) of the active employees allowed off on any day including any alternate day selected by an employee.

Full week vacations have preference over single day vacations during the sign-up period agreed to by each Local Union. Any changes granted after the sign-up period will be on a first come, first serve basis.

### Section 7.

If an employee's paid vacation period accrues or is payable during a period in which he is otherwise entitled to unemployment compensation, the employee's right to and payment for such vacation shall be deferred until after termination of the unemployment benefit period. The Employee must notify the Employer in writing prior to that pay period of their wish to defer the vacation payment. The Employer waives the privilege of allocating vacation pay to past, present, or future weeks of unemployment.

#### Section 8.

All days worked for the Employer shall count as time worked for vacation purposes, including days worked out of classification.

## **ARTICLE 44. HOLIDAYS**

#### Section 1.

Regular employees shall not be required to work and shall be paid eight (8) hours' pay at the straight-time hourly rate for the following nine (9) holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving, December 24th, Christmas, even when not worked and regardless of the day of the week on which it falls, provided they comply with the qualifications set forth hereinafter.

#### Section 2.

Regular employees called to work on any of the above listed holidays shall be paid a minimum of eight (8) hours' pay at two (2) times the regular rate in addition to the eight (8) hours referred to above.

#### Section 3.

In order to qualify for eight (8) hours of straight-time pay for a holiday not worked, it is provided that regular employees must work the regular scheduled workday which immediately precedes or follows the holiday, except in cases of proven illness or unless the absence is mutually agreed.

#### Section 4.

Employees who are serving their forty-five (45) day probationary period are not entitled to holiday pay for holidays falling within the probationary period.

Regular employees are entitled to holiday pay if the holiday falls within the first (1st) thirty (30) days of absence due to illness, or non-occupational injury, or within the first (1st) six (6) months of absence due to occupational injury or during a period of permissible absence. This does not apply to employees taking leave of absence for full-time employment with the Union.

Any laid off employee on the Employers seniority list who works a day within the fifteen (15) days prior to the holiday and remains available for the full fifteen (15) days prior to the holiday shall receive compensation for such holiday. However, an employee who declines work during this period shall not qualify for holiday pay.

Any laid off employee on the Employers seniority list who works a day within the fifteen (15) days after a holiday and remains available for the full fifteen (15) days after the holiday shall receive compensation for such holiday. However, an employee must qualify during one of the qualifying periods to be eligible for holiday pay.

An exception to these qualifications would be absence due to illness, injury or mutual agreement provided the employee worked one (1) day during the qualifying period.

If any holiday falls within the thirty (30) day period following an employee's layoff due to lack of work and such employee is also recalled to work as provided in Article 43, Section 1, of this Agreement during the same thirty (30) day period but did not receive any holiday pay, then in such case he shall receive an extra days pay for each holiday, in the week in which he returns to work. Said extra days pay shall be equivalent to eight (8) hours at the straight-time hourly rate specified in the Agreement. An employee who was laid off because of lack of work and is not recalled to work within

the aforementioned thirty (30) day period is not entitled to the extra pay upon his return. Under no circumstances shall the extra pay referred to herein be construed to be holiday pay, nor shall it be considered as hours worked for weekly overtime.

## **ARTICLE 45. FUNERAL LEAVE**

In the event of a death in the family (father, mother, wife, husband, brother, sister, son or daughter), a regular employee shall be entitled to (3) days off with pay to attend the funeral.

To be eligible for funeral leave, the employee must attend, or make a bona fide effort to attend, the funeral, burial, cremation or other memorial services including but not limited to a later scheduled celebration of life remembrance. Pay for compensable funeral leave shall be for eight (8) hours at the straight time hourly rate. Funeral leave is not compensable when the employee is on leave of absence, vacation, bona fide lay-off, sick leave, holiday, worker's compensation, or jury duty.

The relatives designated shall include brothers and sisters having one parent in common; and those relationships generally called "step", providing persons in such relationships have lived or have been raised in the family home and have continued an active family relationship.

In the event of a death of an employee's current Mother-in-law, Father-in-law or Grandparent and Grandchild the employee will be compensated one (1) day's pay (not to exceed eight (8) hours) for the day of the funeral when the employee attends the funeral. All other rules regarding Funeral leave shall apply to this provision.

## ARTICLE 46. HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

The Employer agrees to pay TEAMCARE M9 contributions (including R-4 retiree coverage) to the Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Health and Welfare Fund for the full term of the Agreement. Local 200 contributions will be made to the Wisconsin Health Fund on the same basis as those made to Teamcare. Health and Welfare rates will be paid as established by the fund Trustees to maintain existing benefits and coverage levels as follows:

Effective Upon Acquisition	\$479.60
Effective 11-1-2025	\$479.60
Effective 11-1-2026	\$498.80 (not to exceed)
Effective 11-1-2027	TBD by Fund Trustees
Effective 11-1-2028	TBD by Fund Trustees

Local 200 contributions will be made to the Wisconsin Health Fund on the same basis as those increases required to maintain benefits at the published M9 rates as determined by the Trustees.

The Company shall continue to contribute to the same Health and Welfare and Pension Funds it was contributing to as of November 1, 2024 and abide by each Fund's rules and regulations. The Company shall execute all documents and participation agreements required by each Fund to maintain participation. The Company shall continue to contribute at the rates required as of October 1, 2024 as determined by the applicable Fund.

The contribution must be made to the Central States, Southeast and Southwest Area Health and Welfare Fund, or other applicable fund, for each week in which a regular employee works or is

compensated at least three (3) days or tours of duty in the contribution week. For regular employees who work or are compensated one (1) day or tour of duty in the contribution week the contribution rate will be \$34.00. This provision shall only apply to regular employees covered by this Agreement who have been on the regular payroll thirty (30) days or more.

If an employee is absent because of illness or off-the-job injury and notifies the employer of such absence, the Employer shall continue to make the required full weekly contributions for a period of four (4) weeks beginning with the first (1st) week after contributions for active employment ceases. In the case of an employee whose illness or off-the-job injury triggers the full weekly contribution(s) as described above but does not trigger a full week contribution at the onset of the absence (the employee only works one or two days in the week the illness or off the job injury occurs), if notified of the shortage, the employer will first apply eligible paid time off to meet the three (3) punch requirement and if the employee does not have sufficient paid time off will make a full weekly contribution for the week but shall not exceed the four (4) week period of contributions for the total illness/injury. This does not change the three-punch contribution trigger currently required.

If an employee is injured on the job, the Employer shall continue to pay the required full weekly contributions until such employee returns to work; however, such contributions shall not be paid for a period of more than twelve (12) months beginning with the first (1st) week after contributions for active employment ceases.

If an employee is granted a leave of absence, the Employer shall collect from said employee, prior to the leave of absence being effective, sufficient monies to pay the required full weekly contributions into the Health and Welfare Fund during the period of absence.

The Employer shall pay the full weekly health and welfare contribution for any active employee on the seniority list who is available for work the entire contribution week.

Disputes or questions of interpretation concerning the requirement to make contributions on behalf of particular employees or classifications of employees shall be submitted directly to the Regional Joint Area Committee by either the Employer, the Local Union, or the trustees. In the event of such referral, the Employer shall not be deemed to be delinquent while the matter is being considered, but if the Regional Joint Area committee, by majority vote, determines that contributions are required, the Employer shall pay the Trust Fund the amounts due together with any other charges uniformly applicable to past due contributions. The Regional Joint Area Committee may also determine whether the Employer claim was bona fide. The Trustees or their designated representatives shall have the authority to audit the payroll and wage records of the employer for all individuals performing work within the scope of and/or covered by this Agreement, for the purpose of determining the accuracy of contributions to the funds and adherence to the requirements of this Agreement regarding coverage and contributions.

For purposes of such audit, the Trustees or their designated representatives shall have access to the payroll and wage records of any individual, including owner-operators, lesser and employees of fleet owners (excluding any supervisory, managerial and/or confidential employees of the Employer) who the trustees or their designated representatives reasonably believe may be subject to the Employer contribution obligation.

Note: On June 19, 1985, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision to Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund v. Central Transport, Inc., affirming the right of the trustees to have access to payroll, tax and other personnel records of all Employers employees, for purposes of determining which employees were eligible plan participants covered by the collective bargaining

agreement. This decision is consistent with the understanding and intention of the parties to this Agreement.

There shall be no deduction from equipment rental of owner-operators by virtue of the contributions made to the Health and Welfare Fund, regardless of whether the equipment rental is at the minimum rate or more, and regardless of the manner of computation of owner-operator compensation.

## **ARTICLE 47. PENSIONS**

The Company will not participate in any defined benefit pension fund where it will assume any withdrawal liability. And will only contribute to hybrid pension funds.

Effective on the date of the beginning of operations and for the duration of the Agreement the Employer shall contribute to the Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Hybrid Pension Fund the sum of fifty-one dollars and fifty cents (\$51.50) per day or tour of duty either worked or compensated, to a maximum of two hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$257.50) per week, for each regular employee covered by this Agreement who has been on the payroll forty-five (45) days or more.

Effective on the date of the beginning of operations and for the duration of the Agreement the Employer shall contribute to the New England Teamster Pension Hybrid Fund regarding all employees working in the Eastern Region of the United States. The rate contribution shall be \$6.44 per hour for the New England Hybrid Pension Fund. Contributions shall be capped at 40 hours per week to the New England Hybrid Pension Fund.

This shall not apply to a bona fide probationary employee who is notified in writing, with a copy to the Local Union, at the beginning of his employment that he is a probationary employee.

If an employee is absent because of illness or off-the-job injury and notifies the Employer of such absence, the Employer shall continue to make the required contributions (five) (5) days per week) for a period of four (4) weeks beginning with the first (1st) week after contributions for active employment cease.

If an employee is injured on the job, the Employer shall continue to pay the required contributions (five) (5) days per week) until such employee returns to work; however, such contribution shall not be paid for a period of more than twelve (12) months beginning with the first (1st) week after contributions for active employment cease.

If an employee is granted a leave of absence, the Employer shall collect from said employee, prior to the leave of absence being effective, sufficient monies to pay the required contributions (five) (5) days per week) into the Pension Fund during the period of absence.

At the end of the calendar year, the Employer shall pay the daily pension contribution for days available to work, only for the number of days needed to provide a minimum of one hundred and eighty (180) days of pension contribution for the year for a regular employee. The payment of the pension contribution for days available only applies to active employees on the seniority list who are available for work the entire contribution week.

Disputes or questions of interpretation concerning the requirement to make contributions on behalf of particular employees or classifications of employees shall be submitted directly to the Regional Joint Area Committee by either the employer, the Local Union, or the trustees. In the event of such

referral, the Employer shall not be deemed to be delinquent while the matter is being considered, but if the Regional Joint Area Committee, by majority vote, determines that contributions are required, the Employer shall pay to the trust Fund the amounts due together with any other charges uniformly applicable to past due contributions. The Regional Joint Area Committee may also determine whether the Employer claim was bona fide.

The trustees or their designated representatives shall have the authority to audit the payroll and wage records of the Employer for all individuals performing work within the scope of and/or covered by this Agreement, for the purpose of determining the accuracy of contributions to the funds and adherence to the requirements of this Agreement regarding coverage and contributions. For purpose of such audit, the trustees or their designated representatives shall have access to the payroll and wage records of any individual, including owner-operators, lesser and employees of fleet owners (excluding any supervisory, managerial and/or confidential employees of the Employer) who the Trustees or their designated representatives reasonably believe may be subject to the Employer contribution obligation.

Note: On June 19, 1985, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision on Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund v. Central Transport, Inc., affirming the right of the Trustees to have access to payroll, tax and other personnel records of all Employers' employees, for purposes of determining which employees were eligible plan participants covered by the collective bargaining agreement. This decision is consistent with the understanding and intention of the parties to this Agreement.

There shall be no deduction from equipment rental of owner-operators, by virtue of the contributions made to the Pension Fund, regardless of whether the equipment rental is at the minimum rate or more, and regardless of the manner of computation of owner-operator compensation. Action on delinquent contributions may be instituted by either the Local Union, the Region, or the Trustees. Employers who are delinquent must also pay all attorneys' fees and cost of collection.

# **Article 48. Company Operations and Seniority**

## Section 1. Seniority

Seniority at all locations shall be based on a single line seniority list. Any seniority employee on Attachment A who does not have a CDL as of the date of this Agreement shall be given an opportunity to obtain a CDL during the life of this Agreement. Any such employee who is actively seeking a CDL shall not be laid off outside of their seniority.

A bi-annual bid will take place every six (6) months to provide for Local Cartage and Road preference bids at each terminal location. These bids will be based on 80% of the active board at the time of bid. In the event the board grows or decreases during the bid period, bids will be adjusted accordingly.

Local Cartage and Road bids will be offered Start times twice a year in conjunction with the biannual bid. Start times may be adjusted during the bid period as business levels or customer needs dictate. The local union and stewards will be notified of the change and the reasons for the change. The local union shall have the right to request a rebid.

## Section 2. Workday-Workweek

The standard guaranteed workweek shall be (40) forty hours per week, and the standard guaranteed

workday shall be (8) eight hours per day.

Work shall be scheduled for 5 consecutive days, Sunday through Thursday, Monday through Friday or Tuesday through Saturday.

The employer may establish (4) four consecutive and/or nonconsecutive day work week with a daily ten (10) hour guarantee provided the employee has two (2) consecutive days off.

All hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in any one week in excess of eight (8) or ten (10) hours, depending on the schedule, in any one day shall be paid at the rate of (1 1/2) time and one half the regular hourly rate of pay. All compensated time off shall count as eight (8) hours toward the weekly hour total. If this daily overtime calculation causes a proven absenteeism issue, the company will have the right to renegotiate this particular clause of the contract.

1 A. 20% or 10% who is not given a work opportunity due to no fault of their own will have their overtime protected for any day worked in excess of (8) hours throughout the week.

2 If an employee is offered and accepts a company convenience, or is off on union business will have their overtime protected for any days worked in excess of (8) hours throughout the week.

Premium day overtime will be offered on a seniority basis to eligible drivers who sign up for available work. Drivers who sign up for overtime must be able to protect their next bid.

For the first three (3) years of the Agreement, eighty percent (80%) of the regular employees shall be guaranteed forty (40) hours. Thereafter, ninety percent (90%) of the regular employees shall be guaranteed forty (40) hours. A regular employee who does not report to work as scheduled, except for the proven bona fide reasons, shall break their weekly guarantee. The Company shall pay the full weekly contribution for health and welfare and five days of daily pension contributions for any (80%) or (20%) and for any (90%) or (10%) employee who has worked or is available to work at least three days per week.

In any workweek in which a paid holiday falls in the employee's scheduled workweek the eight (8) hours holiday pay will count towards the forty (40) hours for overtime purposes.

Twenty percent (20%) and ten percent (10%) employees may be used any five (5) out of seven (7) days at straight time in an effort to get them forty (40) hours.

#### Section 3. Order of Call

Twenty percent (20%) and ten percent (10%) employees who do not have 40 hours.

Laid off employees who have requested daily work.

Eligible volunteers who signed the overtime list and can protect their next bid.

Force from the bottom of the active list.

## Section 4. Local Cartage / City and Dock

All local cartage drivers are allowed to perform all duties as assigned at all terminal and customer locations including City, Dock, Yard and Road work when available.

Local Cartage drivers must start and complete their shift at their home terminal. All time spent will be paid at the applicable hourly rate of pay.

If a local cartage driver is dispatched to another terminal or customer location which would be considered a road dispatch, they will have first right to loads going back to their home terminal or in the direction of their home terminal. Available (rested) road drivers at that location would be protected on a one for one basis in their dispatch day.

#### Section 5. Road Drivers

All road drivers are allowed to perform all duties as assigned at all terminal and customer locations including Road, Dock, City and Yard work. Road drivers will be paid miles or hours whichever is greater with a minimum guarantee of eight (8) hours once put to work.

If a bid road driver is scheduled to work at their home domicile and when they arrive no road, city, dock or yard work is available, they will be paid a six (6) hour show up time and sent home. Once the road driver is given an assignment, they are guaranteed a minimum of eight (8) hours pay. If more than one driver is on the same start time the senior driver will have first choice.

The Road driver board will be set Sunday night at 6 pm local time by bid start time. Once a driver is dispatched to another terminal location he becomes an open board driver and will be dispatched on a first in first out basis to any other terminal location, within their available hours of service. If a driver is dispatched back to his home terminal he will realign with his next start time.

Sign in and out sheets will be provided at all terminal locations and all drivers must sign in at time of arrival and out when dispatched to determine first in first out.

If one or more drivers are rested at that same time or are at the dispatch window at the same time the senior driver will have preference to all available loads within their hours of service. The only exception will be if a home load is available, it will be offered to the home driver first. If the driver has sufficient hours to stay on the open board and passes his home load, he is an open board driver until the end of the work week when the driver will be dispatched to or in the direction of his home terminal.

At a foreign terminal a rested road driver who is about to or is in layover may be dispatched ahead of a rested domicile driver with no claim.

The provisions in Article 48 will supersede any provision in this CBA to the contrary.

# **Article 49. Training Programs**

The Employer and Union may establish a jointly-administered training program, which may also be expanded to include additional Union-represented freight companies. The program may include, but is not limited to:

Safety
Driving skills improvements
Certifications
CDL training
Technology training

**Human Resources topics** 

Employees will be compensated at the hourly rate for all time spent in Company mandated training programs.

## **ARTICLE 50. DURATION**

#### Section 1.

This Agreement shall be in full force and effect from upon acquisition to and including November 1, 2029, and shall continue from year to year thereafter unless written notice of desire to cancel or terminate this Agreement is served by either party upon the other at least sixty (60) days prior to date of expiration.

When notice of cancellation or termination is given under this Section, the Employer and the Union shall continue to observe all terms of this Agreement until impasse is reached in negotiations, or until either the Employer or the Union exercise their rights under Section 3 of this Article.

#### Section 2.

Where no such cancellation or termination notice is served and the parties desire to continue said Agreement but also desire to negotiate changes or revisions in this Agreement, either party may serve upon the other a notice at least sixty (60) days prior to November 1, 2029 or November 1 of any subsequent contract year, advising that such party desires to revise or change terms or conditions of such Agreement.

#### Section 3.

The Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee, as representative of the Local Unions or the signatory Employer or the authorizing Employer Associations, shall each have the right to unilaterally determine when to engage in economic recourse (strike or lockout) on or after November 2, 2029, unless agreed to the contrary.

#### Section 4.

Revisions agreed upon or ordered shall be effective as of November 1, 2029 or November 1<sup>st</sup> of any subsequent contract year.

#### Section 5.

In the event of an inadvertent failure by either party to give the notice set forth in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article, such party may give such notice at any time prior to the termination or automatic renewal date of this Agreement. If a notice is given in accordance with the provisions of this Section, the expiration date of this Agreement shall be the sixty-first (61st) day following such notice.

#### Section 6.

In those circumstances where the Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee, as representative of the Local Union, or the signatory Employer or the authorizing Employer Associations, shall have served a notice of reopening pursuant to this Article and have not been

able to arrive at an agreement within six (6) months, then either side shall have the right on sixty (60) days' written notice to terminate this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have set their hands and seals this day of \_\_\_\_\_ ,2024 to be effective upon acquisition, except as to those areas where it has been otherwise agreed between the parties.

# TEAMSTERS NATIONAL STANDARD FORWARDING NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

Sean M. O'Brien, Chairman John A. Murphy, Co-Chairman

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FOR THE UNION
Teamsters National Freight Industry Negotiating Committee.
By(Signed)
Its (Title)
FOR THE EMPLOYER
By
(Signed)
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