

MEDIATION AGREEMENT, CASE NO. A-7128

DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1965

between

RAILROAD REPRESENTED BY THE
NATIONAL RAILWAY LABOR CONFERENCE

and the

EASTER, WESTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN CARRIERS' CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

and their employees represented by the following organizations,

through the

EMPLOYEES' NATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,
FIVE COOPERATING RAILROAD LABOR ORGANIZATIONS:

1. Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks,
Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employes
2. Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes
3. The Order of Railroad Telegraphers
4. Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen
5. Hotel & Restaurant Employes and Bartenders
International Union

MEDIATION AGREEMENT

This agreement made this 7th day of February, 1965, by and between the participating carrier listed in Exhibits A, B and C, attached hereto and here-by made a part of hereof, and represented by the National Railway Labor Conference and the Eastern, Western and Southeastern Carrier's Conference Committees and the employees shown thereon and represented by the Railway Labor Organizations signatory hereto, through the Employes' National Conference Committee, Five Cooperating Railway Labor Organizations, witnesseth **(As amended by the Agreement dated September 26, 1996 in Mediation Case No. 12718 (Sub-Nos. 1-8):**

IT IS AGREED:

ARTICLE I – PROTECTED EMPLOYEES

Section 1 –

All employees, other than seasonal employees, who are in active service and who have or attain ten (10) or more years' of employment relationship will be retained in service subject to compensation as herein provided unless or until retired, discharged for cause, or otherwise removed by natural attrition. For the purpose of this Agreement, the term "active service" is defined to include all employees working, or holding an assignment, or in the process of transferring from one assignment to another (whether or not the date on which such ten or more years of employment relationship is acquired was a work day). An employee who is not regularly assigned on the date the employee is otherwise eligible to achieve protected status under this Section will be deemed to be protected on the first day assigned to a regular position in accordance with existing rules of the BMW Agreement.

Section 2 -

Seasonal employees, who had compensated service during each of the years 1995, 1996, and 1997 who otherwise meet the definition of "protected" employees under Section 1, will be offered employment in future years at least equivalent to what they performed in 1997 unless or until retired, discharged for cause, or otherwise removed by natural attrition.

Section 3 –

In the event of a decline in a carrier's business in excess of 5% in the average percentage of both gross operating revenue and net revenue ton miles in any 30-day period compared with the average of the same period for the years 1963 and 1964, a reduction in forces in the crafts represented by each of the organizations signatory hereto may be made at any time during the said 30-day period below the number of employees entitled to preservation of employment under this Agreement to the extent of one percent for each one percent the said decline exceeds 5%. The average percentage of decline shall be the total of the percent of decline in gross operating revenue and percent of decline in net revenue ton miles divided by 2. Advance notice of any such force reduction shall be given as required by the current Schedule Agreements of the

organizations signatory hereto. Upon restoration of a carrier's business following any such force reduction, employees entitled to preservation of employment must be recalled in accordance with the same formula within 15 calendar days.

Section 4 –

Notwithstanding other provisions of this Agreement, a carrier shall have the right to make force reductions under emergency conditions such as flood, snowstorm, hurricane, earthquake, fire or strike, provided that operations are suspended in whole or in part and provided further that because of such emergencies the work which would be performed by the incumbents of the positions to be abolished or the work which would be performed by the employees involved in the force reduction no longer exists or cannot be performed. Sixteen hours advance notice will be given to the employees affected before such reductions are made. When forces have been so reduced and thereafter operations are restored employees entitled to preservation of employment must be recalled upon the termination of the emergency. In the event the carrier is required to make force reductions because of the aforesaid emergency conditions, it is agreed that any decline in gross operating revenue and net revenue ton miles resulting therefrom shall not be included in any computation of a decline in the carrier's business pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 of this Article I.

Section 5 –

Subject to and without limiting the provisions of this agreement with respect to furloughs of employees, reductions in forces, employee absences from service or with respect to cessation or suspension of an employee's status as a protected employee, the carrier agrees to maintain work forces of protected employees represented by each organization signatory hereto in such manner that force reductions of protected employees below the established base as defined herein shall not exceed six per cent (6%) per annum. The established base shall mean the total number of protected employees in each craft represented by the organizations signatory hereto who qualify as protected employees under Section 1 of this Article I.

ARTICLE II – USE AND ASSIGNMENT OF EMPLOYEES AND LOSS OF PROTECTION

Section 1 –

An employee shall cease to be a protected employee in case of his resignation, death, retirement, dismissal for cause in accordance with existing agreements, or failure to retain or obtain a position available to him in the exercise of his seniority rights in accordance with existing rules or agreements, or failure to accept employment as provided in this Article. A protected furloughed employee who fails to respond to extra work when called shall cease to be a protected employee. If an employee dismissed for cause is reinstated to service, he will be restored to the status of a protected employee as of the date of his reinstatement.

Section 2 –

Any employee shall cease to be a protected employee in the event of his failure to accept employment in his craft offered to him by the carrier in any seniority district or on any seniority roster throughout the carrier's railroad system as provided in implementing agreements made

pursuant to Article III hereof, provided, however, that nothing in this Article shall be understood as modifying the provisions of Article V hereof.

Section 3 –

When a protected employee is entitled to compensation under this Agreement, he may be used in accordance with existing seniority rules for vacation relief, holiday vacancies, or sick relief, or for any other temporary assignments which do not require the crossing of craft lines. Traveling expenses will be paid in instances where they are allowed under existing rules. Where existing agreements do not provide for traveling expenses, in those instances, the representatives of the organization and the carrier will be negotiated in an endeavor to reach an agreement for this purpose.

ARTICLE III – IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS

Section 1 –

The organizations recognize the right of the carriers to make technological, operational and organizational changes, and in consideration of the protective benefits provided by this Agreement the carrier shall have the right to transfer work and/or transfer employees throughout the system which do not require the crossing of craft lines. The organizations signatory hereto shall enter into such implementing agreements with the carrier as may be necessary to provide for the transfer and use of employees and the allocation or rearrangement of forces made necessary by the contemplated change. One of the purposes of such implementing agreements shall be to provide a force adequate to meet the carrier's requirements.

Section 2 –

Except as provided in Section 3 hereof, the carrier shall give at least 60 days' (90 days in cases that will require a change of an employee's residence) written notice to the organization involved of an intended change or changes referred to in Section 1 of this Article whenever such intended change or changes are of such a nature as to require an implementing agreement as provided in said Section 1. Such notice shall contain a full and adequate statement of the proposed change or changes, including an estimate of the number of employees that will be affected by the intended change or changes. Any change covered by such notice which is not made within a reasonable time following the service of the notice, when all of the relevant circumstances are considered, shall not be made by the carrier except after again complying with the requirement of this Section 2.

Section 3 –

The carrier shall give at least 30 days' notice where it proposes to transfer no more than 5 employees across seniority lines within the same craft and the transfer of such employees will not require a change in the place of residence of such employee or employees, such notice otherwise to comply with Section 2 hereof.

Section 4 –

In the event the representatives of the carrier and organizations fail to make an implementing agreement within 60 days after notice is given to the general chairman or general

chairmen representing the employees to be affected by the contemplated change, or within 30 days after notice where a 30-day notice is required pursuant to Section 3 hereof, the matter may be referred by either party to the Disputes Committee as hereinafter provided. The issues submitted for determination shall not include any question as to the right of the carrier to make the change but shall be confined to the manner of implementing the contemplated change with respect to the transfer and use of employees, and the allocation or rearrangement of forces made necessary by the contemplated change.

Section 5 –

The provisions of implementing agreements negotiated as hereinabove provided for with respect to the transfer and use of employees and allocation or reassignment of forces shall enable the carrier to transfer such protected employees and rearrange forces, and such movements, allocations and rearrangements of forces shall not constitute an infringement of rights of unprotected employees who may be affected thereby.

ARTICLE IV – COMPENSATION DUE PROTECTED EMPLOYEES

Section 1 –

Subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Article IV, protected employees who hold regularly assigned positions shall not be placed in a worse position with respect to compensation than the normal rate of compensation for said regularly assigned position as of the date they become protected; provided, however, that in addition thereto such compensation shall be adjusted to include subsequent wage increases.

Section 2 –

Subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Article IV, all other employees entitled to preservation of employment shall not be placed in a worse position with respect to compensation than that earned during a base period comprised of the last twelve months in which they performed compensated service immediately preceding the date of this Agreement. For the purposes of determining whether, or to what extent, such an employee has been placed in a worse position with respect to his compensation, his total compensation and total time paid for during the base period will be separately divided by twelve. If his compensation in his current employment is less in any month (commencing with the first month following the date of this agreement) than his average base period compensation (adjusted to include subsequent general wage increases), he shall be paid the difference less compensation for any time lost on account of voluntary absences to the extent that he is not available for service equivalent to his average time paid for during the base period, but he shall be compensated in addition thereto at the rate of the position filled for any time worked in excess of the time paid for during the base period; provided, however, that in determining compensation in his current employment the employee shall be treated as occupying the position producing the highest rate of pay and compensation to which his seniority entitles him under the working agreement and which does not require a change in residence.

Section 3 –

Any protected employee who in the normal exercise of his seniority bids in a job or is bumped as a result of such an employee exercising his seniority in the normal way by reason of a voluntary action, will not be entitled to have his compensation preserved as provided in Sections 1 and 2 hereof, but will be compensated at the rate of pay and conditions of the job he bids in; provided, however, if he is required to make a move or bid in a position under the terms of an implementing agreement made pursuant to Article III hereof, he will continue to be paid in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 of this Article IV.

Section 4 –

If a protected employee fails to exercise his seniority rights to secure another available position, which does not require a change in residence, to which he is entitled under the working agreement and which carries a rate of pay and compensation exceeding those of the position he elects to retain, he shall thereafter be treated for the purposes of this Article as occupying the position which he elects to decline.

Section 5 –

A protected employee shall not be entitled to the benefits of this Article during any period in which he fails to work due to a disability, discipline, leave of absence, military service, or other absences from the carrier's service, or during any period in which he occupies a position not subject to the working agreement; nor shall a protected employee be entitled to the benefits of this Article IV during any period when furloughed because of reduction in force resulting from seasonal requirements (including lay-offs during Miners' Holiday and the Christmas Season) or because of reduction in forces pursuant to Article I, Section 3 or 4, provided, however, that employees furloughed due to seasonal requirements shall not be furloughed in any 12 month period for a greater period than they were furloughed during the 12 months preceding the date of this agreement.

Section 6 –

The carrier and the organizations signatory hereto will exchange such data and information as are necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V – MOVING EXPENSES AND SEPARATION ALLOWANCES

In case of any transfers or rearrangement of forces for which an implementing agreement has been made, any protected employee who has 15 or more years of employment relationship with the carrier and who is requested by the carrier pursuant to said implementing agreement to transfer to a new point of employment requiring him to move his residence shall be given an election, which must be exercised within seven calendar days from the date of request, to make such transfer or to reassign and accept a lump sum separation allowance in accordance with the following provisions:

If the employee elects to transfer to the new point of employment requiring a change of residence, such transfer and change of residence shall be subject to the benefits contained in Sections 10 and 11 of the Washington Agreement notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in said provisions and in addition to such benefits shall receive a transfer allowance of eight hundred dollars (\$800) and five working days instead of the "two working days" provided by Section 10(a) of said Agreement.

If the employee elects to resign in lieu of making the requested transfer as aforesaid he shall do so as of the date the transfer would have been made and shall be given (in lieu of all other benefits and protections to which he may have been entitled under the Protective Agreement and Washington Agreement) a lump sum separation allowance which shall be computed in accordance with the schedule set forth in Section 9 of the Washington Agreement; provided, however, that force reductions permitted to be made under this Agreement shall be in addition to the number of employees who resign to accept the separation allowance herein provided.

Those protected employees who do not have 15 years or more of employment relationship with the carrier and who are required to change their place of residence shall be entitled to the benefits contained in Sections 10 and 11 of the Washington Agreement notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in such provisions and in addition to such benefits shall receive a transfer allowance of four hundred dollars (\$400) and 5 working days instead of "two working days" provided in Section 10(a) of said Agreement.

ARTICLE VI – APPLICATION TO MERGERS, CONSOLIDATIONS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS

Section 1 –

Any merger agreement now in effect applicable to merger of two or more carriers, or any job protection or employment security agreement which by its terms is of general system-wide and continuing application, or which is not of general system-wide application but which by its terms would apply in the future, may be preserved by the employee representatives so notifying the carrier within sixty days from the date of this agreement, and in that event this agreement shall not apply on that carrier to employees represented by such representatives.

Section 2 –

In the event of merger or consolidation of two or more carriers, parties to this Agreement on which this agreement is applicable, or parts thereof, into a single system subsequent to the date of this agreement, the merged, surviving or consolidated carrier will constitute a single system for purposes of this agreement, and the provisions hereof shall apply accordingly, and the protections and benefits granted to employees under this agreement shall continue in effect.

Section 3 –

Without in any way modifying or diminishing the protection, benefits or other provisions of this agreement, it is understood that in the event of a coordination between two or more carries as the term "coordination" is defined in the Washington Job Protection Agreement, said Washington Agreement will be applicable to such coordination, except that Section 13 of the Washington Job Protection Agreement is abrogated and the disputes provisions and procedures of this agreement are substituted therefore.

Section 4 –

Where prior to the date of this agreement the Washington Job Protection Agreement (or other agreements of similar type whether applying inter-carrier or intra-carrier) has been applied to a transaction, coordination allowances and displacement allowances (or their equivalent or counterparts, if other descriptive terms are applicable on a particular railroad) shall be unaffected by this agreement either as to amount or duration, and allowances payable under the said Washington Agreement or similar agreements shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of determining the compensation due a protected employee under this agreement.

ARTICLE VII – DISPUTES COMMITTEE

Section 1 –

Any dispute involving the interpretation or application of any of the terms of this agreement and not settled on the carrier may be referred by either party to the dispute for decision to a committee consisting of two members of the Carriers' Conference Committees signatory to this agreement, two members of the Employees' National Conference Committee signatory to this agreement, and a referee to be selected as hereinafter provided. The referee selected shall preside at the meetings of the committee and act as chairman of the committee. A majority vote of the partisan members of the committee shall be necessary to decide a dispute, provided that if such partisan members are unable to reach a decision, the dispute shall be decided by the referee. Decisions so arrived at shall be final and binding upon the parties to the dispute.

Section 2 –

The parties to this agreement will select a panel of three potential referees for the purpose of disposing of disputes pursuant to the provisions of this section. If the parties are unable to agree upon the selection of the panel of potential referees within 30 days of the date of the signing of this agreement, the National Mediation Board shall be requested to name such referee or referees as are necessary to fill the panel within 5 days after the receipt of such request. Each panel member selected shall serve as a member of such panel for a period of one year, if available. Successors to the members of the panel shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointees.

Section 3 –

Disputes shall be submitted to the committee by notice in writing to the Chairman of the National Railway Labor Conference and to the Chairman of the Employees' National Conference Committee, signatories to this agreement, who shall within 10 days of receipt of such notice, designate the members of their respective committees who shall serve on the committee and arrange for a meeting of the committee to consider such disputes as soon as a panel referee is available to serve, and in no event more than 10 days thereafter. Decision shall be made at the close of the meeting if possible (such meeting not to continue for more than 5 days) but in any event within 5 days of the date such meeting is closed, provided that the partisan members of the committee may by mutual agreement extend the duration of the meeting and not the period for

the decision. The notice provided for in this Section 3 shall state specifically the questions to be submitted to the committee for decision; and the committee shall confine itself strictly to decisions as to the questions so specifically submitted to it.

Section 4 –

Should any representative of a party to a dispute on any occasion fail or refuse to meet or act as provided in Section 3, then the dispute shall be regarded as decided in favor of the party whose representatives are not guilty of such failure or refusal and settled accordingly but without establishing a precedent for any other cases; provided that a partisan member of the committee may, in the absence of his partisan colleague, vote on behalf of both.

Section 5 –

The parties to the dispute will assume the compensation, travel expense and other expenses of their respective partisan committee members. Unless other arrangements are made, the office, stenographic and other expenses of the committee, including compensation and expenses of the referee, shall be shared equally by the parties to the dispute.

ARTICLE VIII – EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT

This agreement is in settlement of the disputes growing out of notices served on the carriers listed in Exhibits A, B and C on or about May 31, 1963 relating to Stabilization of Employment, and out of proposals served by the individual railroads on organization representatives of the employees involved on or about June 17, 1963 relating to Technological, Organizational and Other Changes and Employee Protection. This Agreement shall be construed as a separate Agreement by and on behalf of each of said carriers and its employees represented by each of the organizations signatory hereto. The provisions of this Agreement shall remain in effect until July 1, 1967, and thereafter until changed or modified in accordance with the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, as amended.

No party to this agreement shall serve, prior to January 1, 1967, any notice or proposal on a national, regional or local basis for the purpose of changing the provisions of this Agreement, or which relates to the subject matter contained in the proposals of the parties referred to in this Article, and that portion of pending notices relating to such subject matters, whether local, regional or national in character, are withdrawn. Any notice or proposal of the character referred to in this paragraph served on or after January 1, 1967 shall not be placed into effect before July 1, 1967.

ARTICLE IX – COURT APPROVAL

This Agreement is subject to approval of the courts with respect to carriers in the hand of receivers or trustees.

SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, D.C., THIS 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1965

(Signatures not reproduced)

EXTRACTED FROM
WASHINGTON JOB PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Section 9. Any employee eligible to receive a coordination allowance under section 7 hereof may, at his option at the time of coordination, resign and (in lieu of all other benefits and protections provided in this agreement) accept in a lump sum a separation allowance determined in accordance with the following schedule:

- (a) Length of service shall be computed as provided in Section 7.
- (b) One month's pay shall be computed by multiplying by 30 the daily rate of pay received by the employee in the position last occupied prior to time of coordination.

Section 10 (a) Any employee who is retained in the service of any carrier involved in a particular coordination (or who is later restored to service from the group of employees entitled to receive a coordination allowance) who is required to change the point of his employment as result of such coordination and is therefore required to move his place of residence, shall be reimbursed for all expenses of moving his household and other personal effects and for the traveling expenses of himself and members of his family, including living expenses for himself and his family and his own actual wage loss during the time necessary for such transfer, and for a reasonable time thereafter, (not to exceed two working days), used in securing a place of residence in his new location. The exact extent of responsibility of the carrier under this provision and the ways and means of transportation shall be agreed upon in advance between the carrier responsible and the organization of the employee affected. No claim for expenses under this section shall be allowed unless they are incurred within three years from the date of coordination and the claim must be submitted within ninety (90) days after the expenses are incurred.

(b) If any such employee is furloughed within three years after changing his point of employment as a result of coordination and elects to move his place of residence back to his original point of employment, the carrier shall assume the expense of moving his household and other personal effects under the conditions imposed in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) Except to the extent provided in paragraph (b) changes in place of residence subsequent to the initial changes caused by coordination and which grow out of the normal exercise of seniority in accordance with working agreements are not comprehended within the provisions of this section.

Section 11 (a). The following provision shall apply, to the extent they are applicable in each instance, to any employee who is retained in the service of any of the carriers involved in a particular coordination (or who is later restored to such service from the group of employees entitled to receive a coordination allowance) who is required to change the point of his employment as a result of such coordination and is therefore required to move his place of residence:

1. If the employee owns his own home in the locality from which he is required to move, he shall at his own option be reimbursed by his employing carrier for any loss suffered in the sale of his home for less than its fair value. In each case the fair value of the home in question shall be determined as of a date sufficiently prior to the coordination to be unaffected thereby. The employing carrier shall in each instance be afforded an opportunity to purchase the home at such fair value before it is sold by the employee to another party.

2. If the employee is under a contract to purchase his home, the employing carrier shall protect him against loss to the extent of the fair value of any equity he may have in the home and in addition shall relieve him from any further obligations under his contract.
3. If the employee holds an unexpired lease of a dwelling occupied by him as his home, the employing carrier shall protect him from all loss and cost in securing the cancellation of his said lease.

(b) Change in place of residence subsequent to the initial change caused by coordination and which grows out of the normal exercise of seniority in accordance with working agreements are not comprehended within the provisions of this Section.

(c) No claim for loss shall be paid under the provisions of this section which is not presented within three years after the effective date of the coordination

(d) Should a controversy arise in respect to the value of the home, the loss sustained in its sale, the loss under a contract for purchase, loss and cost in securing termination of lease, or any other question in connection with these matters, it shall be decided through joint conference between the representatives of the employees and the carrier on whose line the controversy arises and in the event they are unable to agree, the dispute may be referred by either party to a board of three competent real estate appraisers, selected in the following manner: One to be selected by the representatives of the employees and the carrier, respectively; these two shall endeavor by agreement within ten days after their appointment to select the third appraiser, or to select some person authorized to name the third appraiser, and in the event of failure to agree then the Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission shall be requested to appoint the third appraiser. A decision of a majority of the appraisers shall be required and said decision shall be final and conclusive. The salary and expenses of the third or neutral appraiser, including the expenses of the appraisal board, shall be borne equally by the parties to the proceedings. All other expenses shall be paid by the party incurring them, including the salary of the appraiser selected by such party.

Washington, D.C.
February 7, 1965

Mr. G.E. Leighty, Chairman
of the Five Cooperating
Railroad Labor Organizations

The following will confirm the understanding we had in connection with the agreement signed today.

If, subsequent to the effective date of the Protective Agreement, i.e. October 1, 1964, officials, supervisory or fully excepted personnel exercise seniority rights in a craft or class of employees protected under said Agreement, then, during the period such seniority is exercised, such officials, supervisory or fully excepted personnel shall be entitled to the same protection afforded by the said Agreement to employees in crafts or class in which such seniority is exercised, and no employee subject to said Agreement shall be deprived of employment or adversely affected with respect to compensation, rules, working conditions, fringe benefits, or rights and privileges pertaining thereto, by the return of the official, supervisory, or fully excepted employee to work under the schedule agreement.

If this is in accord with the understanding reached, please signify by signing in the lower left hand corner of this letter.

\s\ J. W. Oram
J.W. Oram, Carrier
Eastern Carriers' Conference Committee

\s\ E.H. Hallmann
E.H. Hallmann, Chairman
Western Carriers' Conference Committee

ACCEPTED

\s\ G.E. Leighty
G.E. Leighty, Chairman
of the Five Cooperating
Railroad Labor Organizations

\s\ W.S. Macgill
W.S. Macgill, Chairman
Southeastern Carriers' Conference
Committee