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ARTICLE	17
SECTION	4
SUBJECT	
STEP 2 MEET	
OUTSIDE WORK HOURS	

Re: Local
Fresno, CA 93706
HIC-5H-C 17671

Dear Mr. Connors:

On February 24, 1984, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether an employee is entitled to overtime compensation for time spent at a grievance hearing outside of their regular work hours.

After further review of this matter, we agreed that there was no national interpretive issue fairly presented as to the meaning and intent of Article 17 of the National Agreement. This is a local dispute over the application of Article 17, Section 4 of the National Agreement. We agree that Article 17 contains no provisions for compensating employees whose attendance at grievance hearings extends beyond their normally scheduled work hours. The parties at Step 3 are to apply the above understanding in order to resolve this case.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to Step 3 for further consideration by the parties.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as acknowledgment of our agreement to remand this grievance.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely


Thomas J. Lang
Labor Relations Department


James Connors
Assistant Director
Clerk Craft Division
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