LABOR RELATIONS



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SUBJECT: Article 15.5.B.1.a

Dear Greg:

This letter confirms our mutual understanding of the issue discussed with Doug Tulino on March 10, 1999 regarding the intent of the above-referenced section of Article 15. We agree that the objective of the language is to schedule and hear arbitration cases, when volume permits and arbitration dates are available, within 120 days following receipt of an arbitration appeal, unless the parties agree upon a later date.

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