

APPENDIX M

INTERPRETATIONS of Rule 41 - Bereavement Leave

Q-1: How are the three calendar days to be determined?

A-1: An employee will have the following options in deciding when to take bereavement leave:

- (a) three consecutive calendar days, commencing with the day of death, when the death occurs prior to the time an employee is scheduled to report for duty;
- (b) three consecutive calendar days, ending the day of the funeral service; or
- (c) three consecutive calendar days, ending the day following the funeral service.

Q-2: Does the three (3) calendar days allowance pertain to each separate instance, or do the three (3) calendar days refer to a total of all instances?

A-2: Three days for each separate death; however, there is no pyramiding where a second death occurs within the three-day period covered by the first death.

Example: Employee has a work week of Monday to Friday - off-days of Saturday and Sunday. His mother dies on Monday and his father dies on Tuesday. At a maximum, the employee would be eligible for bereavement leave on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Q-3: An employee working on an extra board is granted bereavement leave on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Had he not taken bereavement leave he would have been available on the extra board, but would not have performed service on one of the days on which leave was taken. Is he eligible for two or three days of bereavement pay?

A-3: A maximum of two days.

Q-4: Will a day on which a basic day's pay is allowed account bereavement leave serve as a qualifying day for holiday pay purposes?

A-4: No; however, the parties are in accord that bereavement leave non-availability should be considered the same as vacation non-availability and that the first work day preceding or following the employee's bereavement leave, as the case may be, should be considered as the qualifying day for holiday purposes.

Q-5: Would an employee be entitled to bereavement leave in connection with the death of a half-brother or half-sister, stepbrother, or stepsister, stepparents or stepchildren?

A-5: Yes as to half-brother or half-sister, no as to stepbrother or stepsister, stepparents or stepchildren. However, the rule is applicable to a family relationship covered by the rule through the legal adoption process.

APPENDIX N

The following examples are intended to demonstrate the intention of the parties concerning application of the qualifying requirements set forth in the 1981 National Agreement providing for personal leave:

Example No. 1

Employee "A" was hired during the calendar year 1974 and rendered compensated service on a sufficient number of days in such year to qualify for a vacation in the year 1975. He also rendered compensated service on the required number of days in the years 1976 through 1981, but not during the year 1975.

This employee would not be entitled to one day of personal leave in the year 1982 because of not having met the qualifying vacation requirements during eight (8) calendar years prior to January 1, 1982.

Example No. 2

Employee "B" also was hired during the calendar year 1974 and rendered compensated service on a sufficient number of days in such year to qualify for a vacation in the year 1975. He also rendered compensated service on the required number of days in each of the years 1975 through 1981.

This employee would be entitled to one day of personal leave in the year 1982 by virtue of having met the qualifying vacation requirements during with (8) calendar years prior to January 1, 1982.

Example No. 3

Employee "C" was hired during the calendar year 1973 and rendered compensated service on a sufficient number of days in such year to qualify for a vacation in the year 1974. He also rendered compensated service on the required number of days in the years 1974 through 1980, but not during the year 1981.

This employee, despite the fact that he did not render compensated service on the required number of days in the year 1981, would be entitled to one day of personal leave in the year 1982 by virtue of having met the qualifying vacation requirements during eight (8) calendar years prior to January 1, 1982.

APPENDIX O

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Gentlemen:

Effective January 1, 1992, machinists who perform welding and/or inspection work for which they are entitled to a differential payment pursuant to Rule 7-MA of the March 1, 1985, Soo Schedule or Rule 57 of the former Milwaukee Schedule will be entitled to the higher differentials specified in Article VII provided they are accredited in accordance with the following:

- (1) Accreditation programs for welding and for inspection will be established by December 1, 1991. These programs will be established with the active participation and cooperation of the International Association of Machinists.
- (2) The accreditation programs may consist of, but are not limited to, appropriate written, oral, visual, laboratory, or work site testing components which have been determined to be valid indicators of proficiency.
- (3) It will be the responsibility of the machinists to make a written request to the Chief Mechanical Officer or Division Manager, whichever is applicable, of their desire to become accredited and of their intent to take the exam.

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- (4) The Carrier will provide an opportunity for machinists desiring to be accredited to take the exam not less than twice a year.
- (5) Employees assigned to these positions as of the effective date of this assignment, will be considered as accredited. However, the incumbents of these positions must attend all of the accreditation programs.

Sincerely,

/s/ C. S. Frankenberg

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Effective Date: August 6, 1991

APPENDIX P

OFF TRACK VEHICLE ACCIDENT BENEFITS

ARTICLE IV - October 1, 1971 Agreement, as amended

Where employees sustain personal injuries or death under conditions set forth in paragraph (a) below, the carrier will provide and pay such employees, or their personal representative, the applicable amounts set forth in paragraph (b) below, subject to the provisions of other paragraphs in this Article.

(a) Covered Conditions:

This Article is intended to cover accidents involving employees covered by this agreement while such employees are riding in, boarding, or alighting from off-track vehicles authorized by the carrier and are

- (1) deadheading under orders or
- (2) being transported at carrier expense.

(b) Payments to be Made

In the event that any one of the losses enumerated in subparagraphs (1), (2) and (3) below results from an injury sustained directly from an accident covered in paragraph (a) and independently of all other causes and such loss occurs or commences within the time limits set forth in subparagraph (1), (2) and (3) below, the carrier will provide, subject to the terms and conditions herein contained, and less any amounts payable under Group Policy Contract GA-23000 of The Travelers Insurance Company or any other medical or insurance policy or plan paid for in its entirety by the carrier, the following benefits:

(1) Accidental Death or Dismemberment

The carrier will provide for loss of life or dismemberment occurring within 120 days after date of an accident covered in paragraph (a);

Loss of Life	\$300,000
Loss of Both Hands	\$300,000
Loss of Both Feet	\$300,000
Loss of Sight of Both Eyes	\$300,000
Loss of One Hand and One Foot	\$300,000
Loss of One Hand and Sight of One Eye	\$300,000

Loss of One Foot and Sight of One Eye	\$300,000
Loss of One Hand or One Foot or Sight of One Eye	\$150,000

"Loss" shall mean, with regard to hands and feet, dismemberment by severance through or above wrist or ankle joints; with regard to eyes, entire and irrecoverable loss of sight.

No more than \$300,000 will be paid under this paragraph to any one employee or his personal representative as a result of any one accident.

(2) Medical and Hospital Care

The carrier will provide payment for the actual expense of medical and hospital care commencing within 120 days after an accident covered under paragraph (a) of injuries incurred as a result of such accident, subject to limitation of \$3,000 for any employee for any one accident, less any amounts payable under Group Policy Contract GA-23000 of The Travelers Insurance Company or under any other medical or insurance policy or plan paid for in its entirety by the carrier.

(3) Time Loss

The carrier will provide an employee who is injured as a result of an accident covered under paragraph (a) commencing within 30 days after such accident 80% of the employee's basic full-time weekly compensation from the carrier for time actually lost, subject to a maximum payment of \$1,000.00 per week for time lost during a period of 156 continuous weeks following such accident provided, however, that such weekly payment shall be reduced by such amounts as the employee is entitled to receive as sickness benefits under provisions of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

(4) Aggregate Limit

The aggregate amount of payments to be made hereunder is limited to \$10,000,000 for any one accident and the carrier shall not be liable for any amount in excess of \$10,000,000 for any one accident irrespective of the number of injuries or deaths which occur in or as a result of such accident. If the aggregate amount of payments otherwise payable hereunder exceeds the aggregate limit herein provided, the carrier shall not be required to pay as respects each separate employee a greater proportion of such payments than the aggregate limit set forth herein bears to the aggregate amount of all such payments.

(c) Payment in Case of Accidental Death

Payment of the applicable amount for accidental death shall be made to the employee's personal representative for the benefit of the persons designated in, and according to the apportionment required by the Federal Employers Liability Act (45 U.S.C. 51 et seq., as amended), or if no such person survives the employee, for the benefit of his estate.

(d) Exclusions:

Benefits provided under paragraph (b) shall not be payable for or under any of the following conditions:

- (1) Intentionally self-inflicted injuries, suicide or any attempt thereat, while sane or insane;
- (2) Declared or undeclared war or any act thereof;
- (3) Illness, disease, or any bacterial infection other than bacterial infection occurring in consequence of an accidental cut or wound;
- (4) Accident occurring while the employee driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or if an employee passenger who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs in any way contributes to the cause of the accident;
- (5) While an employee is a driver or an occupant of any conveyance engaged in any race or speed test;
- (6) While an employee is commuting to and/or from his residence or place of business.

(e) Offset:

It is intended that this Article IV is to provide a guaranteed recovery by an employee or his personal representative under the circumstances described, and that receipt of payment there under shall not bar the employee or his personal representative from pursuing any remedy under the Federal Employers Liability Act or any other law; provided, however, that any amount received by such employee or his personal representative under this Article may be applied as an offset by the railroad against any recovery so obtained.

(f) Subrogation:

The carrier shall be subrogated to any right of recovery an employee or his personal representative may have against any party for loss to the extent that the carrier has made payments pursuant to this Article.

The payments provided for above will be made, as above provided, for covered accidents on or after January 1, 1972.

It is understood that no benefits or payments will be due or payable to any employee or his personal representative unless such employee, or his personal representative, as the case may be, stipulates as follows:

“In consideration of the payment of any of the benefits provided in Article IV of the Agreement of October 7, 1971, (employee or personal representative) agrees to be governed by all of the conditions and provisions said and set forth by Article IV.”

Savings Clause

This Article IV supersedes as of January 1, 1972 any agreement providing benefits of a type specified in paragraph (b) hereof under the conditions specified in paragraph (a) hereof; provided, however, any individual railroad party hereto, or any individual committee representing employees party hereto, may be advising the other party in writing by December 1, 1971, elect to preserve in its entirety an existing agreement providing accident benefits of the type provided in this Article IV in lieu of this Article IV.