

REVIEW COMMITTEE



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JOHN MOFFAT, CHAIRMAN

- DECISION
- LETTER DECISION
 - PRE-REVIEW REFERRAL

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Local Investigating Committee

Grievance Issue:

This case concerns the bypass of an Electrician to upgrade to Subforeman A.

Facts of the Case:

The grievant is an Electrician with 31 years of service.

The grievant was previously demoted from Subforeman A to Electrician in 2004 for a series of safety infractions.

Since the demotion the grievant has been upgraded on occasion to Working Foreman B or Subforeman A. In 2007 the grievant was upgraded for around 100 days. The grievant's performance was closely watched by his supervisors and safety measures were taken so he did not do anything to put his crew or the public at risk.

The supervisor's observations were that the grievant hurries jobs and does not work safely; that the crew moral deteriorates; that he has problems working with other crew members which increases when he is given more authority. The supervisor did say that the grievant does a good job when working alone.

Discussion

The Union argued that the company did not demonstrate that the grievant is unqualified to work as a Subforeman.

The Company argued that supervision has provided a plan and opportunities for the grievant to demonstrate his ability to work in a bargaining unit supervisory classification. He has been told what deficiencies he needs to correct and to date he has not been able to show improvement. The Company has devoted time and resources to help the grievant and the grievant has still failed to

demonstrate that he is capable of leading a crew effectively. The Company followed the contractual provisions in Subsection 305.5 (d) of the Agreement in bypassing the grievant.

Decision

This case is closed without adjustment or prejudice to either parties' position.

John A. Moffat, Chairman

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Bob Choate, Secretary

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