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Transmission Troubleman/Cableman Ad Hoc Committee Decision

- DECISION  
 LETTER DECISION  
 PRE-REVIEW REFERRAL

Golden Gate Region Grievance No. 2-1463-87-35  
P-RC 1230  
Review Committee File No. 1654-87-7Subject of Grievance

The case involves the use of a Distribution Troubleman to respond to a trouble call concerning a 115 KV transmission line.

Facts of the Case

On Sunday, March 3, 1987, a sailboat boom contacted a 115 KV transmission line between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. in Foster City. The fire department contacted the Belmont operator who in turn called the San Mateo operator. The San Mateo operator contacted the Transmission Operations supervisor at approximately 3:30 p.m. The Distribution Troubleman who was on duty was called to respond; however, he was involved at a job in Half Moon Bay and was unavailable. The Distribution Troubleman who lives in Newark was then called, and he responded to the call.

At the time that the call came into the San Mateo Center, it was known what the trouble was and where it was located. There were no lines down, and no physical work was required at the job site. What was required was the completion of an Accident Report and either an inspection or patrol of the line.

During normal work hours, this job would have been assigned to the Transmission Section.

The grievant, a Transmission Troubleman, told the Local Investigating Committee that he was at home and available for work. He resides in South San Francisco, and has indicated that he could have been at the job site in 35-45 minutes--he would have had to go to the Martin Service Center first. It would normally take the Newark resident Distribution Troubleman approximately 45 minutes to respond to the job site.

This assignment was very short in duration; the Distribution Troubleman received a two-hour minimum overtime payment.

Discussion

The Ad Hoc Committee had considerable discussion over the use of Transmission Troubleman vs. Distribution Troubleman for emergency overtime assignments. The Transmission Troubleman Agreement states that these are day

employees and, therefore, aren't considered to be service employees. However, given the type of work performed by this classification and the provisions of Title 212, it was agreed that these employees would receive an emergency callout in situations where patrol or inspection work is required to determine the extent or nature of a problem.

### Settlement

Based on the foregoing discussion and the facts of this case, it was agreed that the Transmission Troubleman should have received the callout as it was known transmission trouble requiring a patrol or inspection of the transmission line. The grievant is entitled to a two-hour minimum overtime payment.

This case is considered closed on the basis of the foregoing.

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