

## **REVIEW COMMITTEE**



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DOUG VEADER, CHAIRMAN

DECISION

LETTER DECISION

PRE-REVIEW REFERRAL

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# Review Committee No. 20253 Business Manager's Grievance 10-04 Electric Operations – TSM&C – Various Locations

## Subject of the Grievance

This grievance concerns whether the work schedules established for the Electrician-Switching classification violated the Hours Clarification (Letter Agreement 89-131).

### Facts of the Case

The Electrician-Switching classification was established as a service classification in Letter Agreement 10-01. The Company initially staffed this new classification at 14 headquarters. The established schedules were Tuesday through Saturday (11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) and Sunday through Thursday (11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.).

The Hours Clarification (Subsection I.B6.b) designates the work periods of service employees as primary, secondary, afternoon, or night. An 11:00 a.m. start time is considered a secondary work period. The grievance argues the schedules violate the Hours Clarification because there are no primary work periods established for the Electrician-Switching classification.

### Discussion

The Company argued that there is no language in the Hours Agreement specifically prohibiting the establishment of a secondary work period when there is no primary work period. Never the less, there are Electricians who work a primary work period at the headquarters where secondary work periods were established. Hours Clarification Subsection I.A.2 very clearly allows "for a department schedule to include the schedules of employees in more than one classification within a normal line of progression". The Electrician and Electrician-Switching classifications are within the same line of progression.

The Union responded that it does not agree that a secondary work period may be established in the absence of a primary work period. The language clearly implies that any such work periods must be in addition to a primary work period. The Union believes that there must be an Electrician-Switching on a primary work period in order to have an Electrician-Switching on a secondary period.

Since the filing of this grievance, the Company has changed many of the 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. schedules to 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 pm due to operational reasons. At this point in time, there are only three headquarters with an Electrician-Switching on a secondary work period without an Electrician-Switching on a primary work period. The Review Committee has learned that these locations have changed their 11:00 am start time to a 7:00 start time. Given these changes, the grievance issue has become moot.

#### Decision

The Committee agrees to close this grievance on the basis that the issue is moot. This closure is made without prejudice to the positions of the parties.

## For the Company:

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