

REVIEW COMMITTEE

7.1 -Just cause for discipling for inappropriate comments & actions toward a female employee.



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D.J. BERGMAN, CHAIRMAN

☐ DECISION
☐ LETTER DECISION
☐ PRE-REVIEW REFERRAL

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ENCON Grievance No. 3-2176-91-1 P-RC 1529

October 15, 1991

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Subject of the Grievance:

A Written Reminder was issued to an Electrician for inappropriate comments and behavior towards a female employee.

Facts of the Case:

On November 16, 1990 a Written Reminder was issued to an Electrician for comments and actions towards a female Apprentice Electrician. The grievant denied doing anything inappropriate, but did agree that he "got on her" about work related matters.

Several other employees in the work group were interviewed and substantiated some of the inappropriate comments.

It should be noted that the female involved has been off work and not available for interview or testimony.

Discussion and Decision:

The Committee agreed that the grievant did make inappropriate statements to the female employee on more than one occasion. The Union, however, opined that a Written Reminder was too severe a step in the disciplinary process. The Company is of the opinion that a Written Reminder may, in fact, be the correct level of discipline depending on the circumstances and the infraction. The Committee agreed that issues of this sort should be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

In this instance, the Company agreed to reduce the level of discipline to an Oral Reminder because the accuser was not available for testimony, and the grievant was unable to face his accuser. This case is settled without prejudice and considered closed and should be so noted in the minutes of the Joint Grievance Committee.

DAVID J. BERGMAN, Chairman Review Committee

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