

## **REVIEW COMMITTEE**



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JOHN MOFFAT, CHAIRMAN

DECISION
LETTER DECISION

PRE-REVIEW REFERRAL

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## Pre-Review Committee No. 18789 Energy Delivery – Electric T&D – Tower

Robin Wix Company Member Local investigating Committee

Roy Runnings
Union Member
Local Investigating Committee

### Subject of the Grievance:

Company allegedly contracted work in the Tower Section of the Electric T&D Department in violation of Exhibit XVI.

#### Facts of the Case:

The work in question commenced in March of 2008 and was completed in June of 2008 and comprised of modification to approximately 88 towers. The contractor used was Henkels and McCoy, Inc. and they used a 14 person crew to complete the project. The staffing level in the Tower Section is down from previous years. Additionally, the Company agreed that there was no Notice of Intent submitted to the Union prior to the project being contracted out.

The Company and Union negotiated Letter Agreement 07-33 to provide stability in the Tower Section in an effort to keep new employees from bidding out. At the time of the signing of this agreement there were 28 employees in the Department. The Company is continuing working on a staffing plan and would like to fill another 34 positions.

The Company was compliant with the provision of Exhibit XVI when the contract was let. Tower Section is only a sub department of the Electric T&D overall number. Electric T&D has been below 15% overall contracting and attrition is permissible. This tower job was originally planned for the tower group but due to the time frame and the crews scattered around the system the decision was made to contract out the work

#### Discussion

The Union argued that the Tower section needs to be staffed up to handle this type of work and that there was plenty of time to plan for this work so it did not have to be contracted. The Company argued that the contractual obligations were met in this case and that in fact the

contracting percentage continues to drop and the Company is looking at filling additional positions.

# **Decision**

The Committee agreed to close the case with out adjustment.

John A. Moffat, Chairman

Review Committee

Date

Bob Choate, Secretary Review Committee

Date