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REVIEW COMMITTEE DECISION DECISION LETTER DECISION PRE-REVIEW REFERRAL

San Jose Division Grievance No. 8-418-80-5.
 Review Committee File No. 1492-80-18

Subject of the Grievance

This grievance is based upon Company's continuing practice of assigning employees in the Gas Mechanic's classification to set gas meters larger than 300 cu. ft. per hour. It is the grievant's contention that this work assignment falls within the Measurement and Control Mechanic's Job Definition. Grievant further contends that there are two (2) Apprentice Measurement and Control Mechanics at the Belmont headquarters who should have been upgraded to the Measurement and Control Mechanic classification and assigned to set all meters larger than 300 cu. ft. per hour.

Discussion

The Joint Statement of Facts indicates that the classifications that deal with meter sets are Service Mechanic, Serviceman, Gas Mechanic and Measurement and Control Mechanic. It further indicates that there has not been a Service Mechanic in the Peninsula District of San Jose Division since around 1965. The Joint Statement of Facts further indicates that by letter dated April 6, 1967, and later reaffirmed by letter dated April 13, 1979, the Division established the practice of assigning the installation of meter sets over 300 cu. ft. capacity to Gas Mechanics with the provision that if the Gas Mechanic observed any malfunctions during the installation, the meter should be turned off. They were then to utilize the appropriate classifications within the Gas Measurement and Control Group. The Review Committee noted that no grievances have been filed, prior to this case, where these letters were at issue.

Decision

In view of the long-standing practice in the Peninsula District of San Jose Division, the Review Committee is not in a position to alter the practice. This case is considered closed without adjustment or prejudice to the position of either party on the basis of the foregoing.

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San Jose Division
Gas Department
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Utilization of Gas Mechanics
for Meter Set Work

April 6, 1967

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS:

At the meeting held last week to discuss changes in the new Physical Agreement and job definition changes, certain questions pertaining to utilization of Gas Mechanics for meter and regulator set work were not completely answered. Since this meeting we have discussed this subject with personnel in General Office Gas Distribution Department. The following should help to clarify some of the questions that were not completely answered at the meeting:

Present employees in the Gas Mechanic classification, or employees in other classifications who have been Gas Mechanics and have had experience in large volume metering and regulation work, may be utilized to install and put into operation all types of large volume meter and regulator sets. Putting such sets into operation could include any necessary regulator pressure adjustments. If, during this operation, regulators are observed to malfunction, the meter set should be turned off and any necessary regulator maintenance or repair work should be done by utilizing classifications within the Gas Measurement and Control Group.

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DIVISION OR DEPARTMENT SAN JOSE GAS
FILE NO 741 x 468
RE LETTER OF
SUBJECT Gas Mechanics Setting Large Meters

April 13, 1979

MESSRS: R. P. BAUR
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At the April 12, Superintendent's Meeting, the question arose concerning a Gas Mechanic setting large meters.

Gas Mechanics can set all sizes of meters and regulators. (See Performance Requirements Guidelines, Tab 3, Gas Mechanic, Page 4, paragraphs C.1 and C.2.)

The only clarification required is, "What size or type meter can be turned on by a Gas Mechanic?" The last sentence of paragraph C.2 states, "Large displacement meters (rotary, Connersville, etc., are turned on by the M&C Mechanic."

You should instruct your supervisors that Gas Mechanics can be used to install all sized meters and regulators.

Until we hear differently, Gas Mechanics may turn on all sets as stated in my April 6, 1967 letter, copy attached.


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