

ARTICLE V - PAY SYSTEM SIMPLIFICATION

PART A - GENERAL

Section 1 - General

The parties have agreed that the current pay system should be simplified. In agreeing upon a new pay system the following principles shall apply:

(a) The new pay system will neither create nor result in additional pay-related costs for a carrier, nor gains for its employees, nor losses for pre October 31, 1985 employees, except insofar as those employees acquiring seniority in train or engine service subsequent October 31, 1985 who, coincident with the establishment of Trip Rates pursuant to this Article, will have their Trip Rates calculated based upon elements of pay for which they were not eligible prior to the date of this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided herein, pay elements not specifically identified in Part B, Section 5 will continue to be covered by existing rules and will not be impacted by this Article.

(b) The provisions of the new pay system will have no effect on work rules except where a pay element is incorporated in a Trip Rate.

(c) Any pay element incorporated in a Trip Rate established hereunder will not be used to support a claim for that pay element relating to that trip, and carrier shall not be required to respond to any such claim.

Section 2 - Mutual Cooperation

The parties recognize that successful implementation of this Article is dependent upon the mutual cooperation of all involved. Therefore, a Joint Committee shall be established on each carrier party to this Agreement consisting of an equal number of organization and management participants. To the extent possible, the Committee shall consist of representatives from that property who participated in the negotiations leading to this Agreement. The initial responsibility of the Committee shall be to explain the intent of this Article to the affected employees and managers so that there will be a clear and consistent understanding as to the Article's purpose and intent.

PART B - THROUGH FREIGHT SERVICE

Section 1 - General

A new pay system shall be implemented as provided in this Part for all employees covered by this Agreement working in through freight (assigned and unassigned) service.

Section 2 - Trip Rates

(a) Each carrier shall develop Trip Rates for Starts in through freight service runs/pools. Separate Trip Rates shall incorporate the pay elements specified in Section 5 except as otherwise agreed by the parties or determined by the Disputes Committee established in Section 6 hereof. Once Trip Rates become effective for runs/pools, pay elements incorporated in such Trip Rates will not be used to support any claims for those pay elements relating to that trip. Pay elements not included in Trip Rates will continue to be covered by existing rules.

(b) A Trip Rate shall be developed for each separate run/pool except as otherwise provided in Section 9.

Section 3 - Computation of Trip Rates

(a) Trip Rates for through freight service runs/pools shall be derived as follows:

(1) add together all earnings attributable to the elements of pay to be incorporated in the Trip Rate actually paid to the employees (including extra employees) whose seniority in train service was established on or before October 31, 1985 ("Pre-85 Employees") for all through freight Starts involving service performed on such runs/pools during the Test Period;

(2) divide the earnings derived from the calculation in (1) above by the total through freight Starts made during the Test Period by the Pre-85 Employees (including extra employees) who performed service;

(3) the Trip Rate for each Start on such run/pool for all employees (including extra employees) shall be the dollar amount derived by the calculation set forth in (2);

(4) the earnings described in paragraph (1) above shall include all compensation attributable to the Starts described in paragraph (2) above and subsection (b) below.

(b) For purposes solely of this Article, the term "Start" shall mean a fully compensated trip performed by the pool/run (including extra employees), including other trips such as deadhead, hours of service relief, and turnaround service directly related to and performed by the pool/run.

(c) Test Period. The parties agree that the difference in the prevailing operating conditions on each Carrier signatory to this Agreement warrant the establishment of Test Periods being developed on an individual railroad basis, pool/run by pool/run. The objective in developing Test Periods will be to establish a measurement which reflects a 12-month period of "normalized operations". Normalized operations as defined and used herein will mean an operating pattern which is not adversely affected by the implementation of a major transaction such as an acquisition, control or merger involving two or more Carriers or any other unusual or extenuating circumstances. The Carrier will bear by a preponderance of the evidence the burden of substantiating its reasons for selecting the Test Periods proposed for runs/pools.

Section 4 - Computation and Application Adjustments

(a) In the computation and application of the Trip Rates described in Section 3 above, the adjustments set forth in subsection (b) and (c) shall be made, where appropriate:

(b) Computation Adjustments;

(1) If and to the extent that General Wage Increases and Cost of Living Adjustments (except as to pay elements which are not currently subject to wage adjustments) become effective during a Test Period, appropriate computation adjustments shall be made, but there shall be no duplication or pyramiding.

(2) Trip Rates shall be subject to adjustment for General Wage Increases and Cost of Living Adjustments (except as to pay elements which are not currently subject to wage adjustments) that become effective during the period from close of the Test Period to the effective date of the Trip Rate, but there shall be no duplication or pyramiding.

(c) Application Adjustments:

(1) General Wage Increases and Cost of Living Adjustments (except as to pay elements which are not currently subject to wage adjustments) that become effective on or after the effective date of a Trip Rate shall be applied, but there shall be no duplication or pyramiding.

(2) Trip Rates applicable to employees covered by rules adjusting compensation based on the employee's length of service with the carrier (such as Article IV, Section 5 of the UTU Implementing Document A of November 1, 1991) shall be adjusted by such rules.

(d) Each Trip Rate established pursuant to this Article shall be used solely to compensate employees for a Start in the involved run/pool. The Trip Rate shall not modify existing rules governing payment for personal leave, vacation, etc.

Section 5 - National Pay Elements

(a) The following pay elements shall be incorporated in each Trip Rate except as otherwise agreed by the parties or determined by the Disputes Panel established in Section 6 of this Part:

- (1) payments attributable to mileage or time;
- (2) payments attributable to terminal/departure/yard runarounds;
- (3) payments attributable to conversion of the employee's assignment to local freight rates;
- (4) payments made, pursuant to agreement, to employees in lieu of being afforded meal periods, and penalty payments made to employees attributable to violations of rules relating to employees eating en route in through freight service (this does not apply to non-taxable meal allowances);
- (5) payments made to an employee resulting from being required, in accordance with existing agreements, to "step-up" in the employee's pool, which for this purpose shall mean taking a turn in such pool earlier than would otherwise be the case due to other sources of supply being exhausted.
- (6) payments attributable to initial terminal delay;
- (7) payments attributable to final terminal delay;
- (8) payments attributable to deadheading;
- (9) payments attributable to terminal switching (initial, intermediate, and final).

(b) In the establishment of Trip Rates for runs/pools pursuant to this Article, the parties may mutually agree to modify the National Pay Elements specified above, and/or to include additional pay elements, with respect to such Trip Rates. Pay elements not expressly included in Trip Rates will continue to be covered by existing rules.

Section 6 - National Disputes Committee

A National Disputes Committee ("Disputes Committee") is established for the purpose of resolving any disputes that may arise under this Article. Such Committee shall consist of the President of the UTU and the Chairman of the NCCC, and a neutral Chairman selected by the parties, or absent agreement, appointed by the National Mediation Board. Each partisan member may select others to serve on the Committee at his discretion. If the partisan members of the Committee are unable to agree on resolution of any dispute within ten (10) days after convening, the matter will be referred to the neutral Chairman for resolution. The neutral Chairman will resolve the dispute within ten (10) days after referral of the matter. Each party shall bear its own costs and shall equally share the fees and expenses of the neutral. Any resolution by the Committee or by the neutral shall be final and binding and shall be enforceable and reviewable under Section 3 of the Railway Labor Act.

Section 7 - New Runs/Pool

Trip Rates for new runs/pool that existing agreements permit to be established may be so established based on Trip Rates for comparable runs/pools. Any dispute regarding such matters may be referred by either party to the Disputes Committee.

Section 8 - Material Changes

Trip Rates established pursuant to this Article shall be established in such a manner as to make them stable. If subsequent material changes occur that significantly affect a run/pool, the Trip Rate for such run/pool shall be adjusted to fairly reflect the changed circumstances occasioned by the material change. If the parties cannot agree on such adjustment, the matter may be referred by either party to the Disputes Committee. The burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence shall rest on the party that contends that a material change that significantly affects a run/pool has occurred.

Section 9 - Implementation

(a) Runs/pools Trip Rates for runs/pools shall be implemented as follows:

Carrier will serve notice on the authorized Organization representative(s) that will include the following information:

(1) Identification of runs/pools involved;

(2) Test Period Proposed (consistent with Section 3(c));

(3) Proposed Trip Rate(s) for the runs/pools, together with a summary of the underlying data supporting computation, based solely on incorporation of National Pay Elements set forth in Section 5 above;

(4) Any proposed modifications to the National Pay Elements and/or additional pay elements to be incorporated with respect to the proposed Trip Rate(s) for the runs/pool, and a summary of the underlying data supporting computation of such Trip Rate(s).

(b) The parties shall meet within thirty (30) days after service of the carrier notice to discuss the carrier proposal and any related proposals made by the Organization. At the request of the Organization, carrier will provide opportunity to review all relevant carrier data supporting the proposed Trip Rate computations.

(c) Trip Rates for the runs/pools shall become effective as follows:3

(1) On the date agreed to by the parties;

(2) Absent agreement or a written referral to the Disputes Committee, thirty (30) days after service of the Carrier notice, where Trip Rate is based solely on incorporation of the National Pay Elements; or

(3) Where the matter has been referred to the Disputes Committee, on the effective date of such Committee's resolution of the dispute.

(d) If the parties are unable, despite best efforts, to reach agreement on implementation of a Trip Rate for a run/pool, either party may refer the dispute to the Disputes Committee. The burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence shall rest on the party that proposes implementation.

(e) If either party concludes that implementing a Trip Rate for a run/pool is inappropriate, it shall promptly notify the other party of its conclusion. The parties shall meet and make a reasonable effort to resolve the matter after review and discussion of all relevant information. If the parties are unable to resolve the matter despite their best efforts, either side may refer the matter to the Disputes Committee. The burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence shall rest on the party that proposes not to implement a Trip Rate with respect to the run/pool involved.

(f) The parties mutually intend to work diligently with the ultimate objective of developing Trip Rates for through freight runs/pools. If either party believes that the rate of progress in developing Trip Rates is insufficient, it may refer the matter to the Disputes Committee, and it shall bear the burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence.

(g) Trip Rates for runs/pools should be implemented as expeditiously as possible, but in any event, all of them shall be implemented no later than thirty (30) months after the date of this Agreement, unless the parties otherwise agree or the Dispute Committee otherwise decides.

(h) In the event that Trip Rates are not implemented for runs/pools on a carrier by the date specified in subsection (g) above, effective next day thereafter, the dual basis of pay shall be eliminated with respect to post October 31, 1985 employees on such runs/pools (including extra employees) and such employees will be paid on the same basis as Pre-85 Employees represented by UTU with respect to the national pay elements identified in Section 5 of this Par, provided however, that where the carrier has taken all actions required in this Part to implement Trip Rates with respect to the above-referenced runs/pools as described in this Section and the trip rate issue(s) is/are in the dispute resolution process described in this Article, such runs/pools will be governed solely by the outcome of such dispute resolution process.

PART C - OTHER CLASSES OF SERVICE

Trip Rates will be established for other classes of road service (road switchers, local freight, etc.) consistent with the terms, conditions, principles and guidelines as currently established in this Article and consistent with each class of service.

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Article V - Pay System

Simplification

Q-1 May the parties subject to the local negotiations that establish Trip Rates agree to include other components (including overtime) in Trip Rates?

A-1 Yes, provided there is mutual agreement to do so.

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Q-2 If an employee is subject to entry rates and rate progression at the time Trip Rates are established, is such employee to receive the applicable percentage, i.e., 75%, 80%, 85%, etc., of the newly established Trip Rate?

A-2 Yes, as provided in Article V, Part B, Section 4 (c)(2) and Article VI.

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Q-3 Under Article V, Parts B and C, will Trip Rates be developed and implemented on the same basis described therein for engineers and firemen (where applicable) on those properties where UTU is the duly designated representative for such employees under the Railway Labor Act?

A-3 Yes.

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Q-4 Once a Trip Rate has been developed, are future general wage increases and cost-of-living allowances applicable to the entire Trip Rate?

A-4 Yes, except as provided in Article V, Part B, Section 4 (c)(1).

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Q-5 Once a pay element has been incorporated in the calculation of the trip rate, will claims for that pay element be considered by the Carrier?

A-5 No. Claims for such pay elements incorporated in the Trip Rate will not be considered by the Carrier and will not be responded to.

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Q-6 Will all claim settlements or arbitration decisions related to pay elements that are included in Trip Rates be incorporated in the Trip Rate calculation?

A-6 Yes, for those settlements or decisions that are based on events that took place during the applicable Test Period, but were not included during the initial Trip Rate calculation.

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Q-7 Where a pool/run consists entirely of post - 85 employees, will the earnings attributable to them be computed as if they were pre - 85 employees?

A-7 Yes, but where the parties determine that recomputing earnings to determine as to what elements of pay to be incorporated in the Trip Rate would have been paid to pre - 85 employees is not feasible, the parties may use data from a comparable run (comparable in length, running time, and other operating characteristics) to determine the value of such pay elements, which will be included in the Trip Rate computation.

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Q-8 Will earnings paid to extra employees working in the pool be included in the test period?

A-8 Yes, as provided in Article V, Part B, Section 3.

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Q-9 After the establishment of Trip Rates, the Carrier required additional work of a crew so as to violate a work rule not included in the Trip Rate calculation. Is such penalty payment still applicable and, if so, at what rate?

A-9 Yes, penalty payments not included in the Trip Rate will still be payable at the same amount at which paid prior to the establishment of Trip Rates. For example, if a certain penalty payment is paid as a basic day prior to the establishment of Trip Rates and that penalty payment is not included in the Trip Rate, the proper penalty payment would still be a basic day after the implementation of Trip Rates.

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Q-10 How will an employee covered by the Trip Rates be compensated for personal leave days, holiday pay and/or vacation pay?

A-10 Compensation for personal leave days, holiday pay and/or vacation pay, will continue to be paid in accordance with rules and practices in existence prior to establishment of Trip Rates. If those rules and practices require payment of earnings of a trip, Trip Rates, if established, will apply.

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Q-11 Can either party, i.e., UTU or Carrier, submit a dispute over the Trip Rate implementation to the National Disputes Committee?

A-11 Yes.

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Q-12 At what point is it appropriate for a dispute to be referred to the National Disputes Committee?

A-12 After notice has been served pursuant to Article V, Part B, Section 9(a) and carrier has proposed a Test Period for a particular run/pool, if an impasse develops, either party may refer a dispute to the National Disputes Committee.

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Q-13 Does a Trip Rate proposed by the Carrier, based solely upon the incorporation of the National Pay Elements set forth in Section 5, become effective thirty (30) days after the Carrier's notice is served, absent agreement between the parties?

A-13 Yes, unless the UTU representative(s) make a timely written referral of the matter to the National Disputes Committee.

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Q-14 If Trip Rates are not established by the date specified in Article V, Part B, Section 9(g), can the Carrier delay the application of the national pay elements set forth in Article V, Part B, Section 5

to post October 31, 1985 employees effective the next day after that date by simply referring the matter to the National Disputes Committee?

A-14 No. Under those circumstances, Article V, Part B, Section 9(h) provides in part that, effective on the next day after the date specified in Article V, Part B, Section 9(g), post October 31, 1985 employees on runs/pools for which Trip Rates have not been implemented by such date "will be paid on the same basis as Pre-85 Employees represented by UTU with respect to the national pay elements identified in Section 5 of this Part," and the National Disputes Committee will resolve the Trip Rate issue(s) in dispute if such is referred to the Disputes Committee by either party. However, disputes pending before the National Disputes Committee prior to such date over any issue will be governed solely by the outcome of the dispute resolution process as provided in Article V, Part B, Section 9(h).

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Q-15 Does the implementation of Trip Rates permit road crews to perform any additional work (moves) at the initial, intermediate or final terminals over and above that permitted by existing agreements?

A-15 Article V, Part A, Section 1(b) provides that the provisions of the new pay system will have no effect on work rules except where a pay element is incorporated in a Trip Rate.

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Q-16 In computing overtime will the Trip Rate be used?

A-16 No. Overtime will continue to be applied as it is now.

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Q-17 Will Trip Rates be applicable to both the working trip and the deadhead trip?

A-17 Yes. Where Trip Rates are implemented, employees will receive the Trip Rate for both the deadhead and the working trip. Multiple Trip Rates will not be paid when service and deadhead(s) are combined during a tour of duty.

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Q-18 Road extra board employees are used to provide Hours of Service relief as well as protecting other road assignment vacancies. How will these employees be compensated when performing service once Trip Rates are established?

A-18 A road extra board employee called to provide hours of service relief, in straight away or multiple trip turnaround service, will be paid the Trip Rate of the service for which called. When called to fill vacancies, road extra board employees will be paid the appropriate Trip Rate of the assignment for which called.

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Q-19 What constitutes a "material change"?

A-19 Article V, Part B, Section 8 provides a process for adjustment of an established Trip Rate in response to a subsequent material change, i.e., one that significantly affects the run/pool.

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Q-20 What elements of pay will be included in a yard Trip Rate?

A-20 This determination will be made, where the parties agree to implement a yard Trip Rate, on a basis that is consistent both with yard service and with the terms, conditions, principles and guidelines set forth in Parts A and B of Article V.

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Q-21 How will the "12 month period of normalized operations" be determined in calculating Trip Rates?

A-21 The 12 month Test Period will be proposed by the carrier in its notice, with the burden of substantiating such period as reflecting "normalized operations" for the pool/run placed on the carrier.

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Q-22 Will the establishment of Trip Rates in any way affect Crew Consist provisions?

A-22 No.

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Q-23 Will pay elements not specifically included in Trip Rates continue to be applicable?

A-23 Yes.

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Q-24 How will Trip Rates be determined for new runs/pools since there is no "Test Period"?

A-24 As provided in Article V, Part B, Section 7.

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Q-25 Will the establishment of Trip Rates have any affect on local agreements providing for mileage and/or earnings regulations?

A-25 No. Such local agreements will continue to apply.

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Q-26 Does the 12 month period of Normalized Operations contemplated by this Article have to be consecutive?

A-26 Yes, if the 12 consecutive months actually reflect Normalized Operations.

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Q-27 Are additional mileage or time payments, such as constructive mileage or terminal mileage payments, afforded certain group(s) of employees as a result of other agreement rules or provisions

other than the October 31, 1985 National Agreement to be included in the earnings used to develop a Trip Rate?

A-27 No.

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Q-28 Does the term "yard runarounds" refer to road crews who are called in order but depart the initial terminal out of that order?

A-28 Yes.

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Q-29 Will implementation of Trip Rates change a protected employee's test period average or test period hours?

A-29 No.