

## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between  
BNSF RAILWAY  
And  
SMART-TD

In a joint effort to provide more predictable time off to trainmen in unassigned service, the following fatigue mitigation pilot is agreed to:

For a period of two (2) months, the following will apply to trainmen on the **Barstow Yard** extra board

- 1) BNSF will designate a schedule of rest days for each position on the switchmen's extra board at **Barstow, CA**. The primary criterion will be the needs of service. Each extra board rest day position will then be advertised, consistent with rules governing advertisements, and awarded to the senior applicant at the close of the bulletin period. Rest days will commence at midnight on the first day of that particular extra board position (subject to the provisions listed in item #5 of this Agreement)

**EXAMPLE 1** – At Terminal A, Sunday through Wednesday are identified as the days of the week with the least demand for extra switchmen. With four extra employees assigned to that extra list, two positions could be assigned Sunday/Monday rest days. The two remaining positions could have Tuesday/Wednesday rest days.

**EXAMPLE 2** – Using the same scenario as Example 1, the extra board is increased by two positions. Following an increase to the extra board, the existing positions will be maintained and the two new positions added with one having Sunday/Monday rest days and the other with Tuesday/Wednesday rest days.

**EXAMPLE 3** – Using the same scenario as Example 1, the extra board is reduced one position. BNSF will determine which position should be reduced. The employee holding that position will then be entitled to exercise seniority as described in Paragraph 2 of this Agreement.

**EXAMPLE 4** – After several additions and subtractions to the board described in Example 1, it is determined that the rest day assignments no longer represent the needs of service. All rest day assignments may be changed. The new positions may be bulletined for the exercise of seniority as provided for in existing Agreements governing assignments of positions at this location.

- 2) Employees who exercise seniority to this extra board after the initial advertisement may displace to any unfilled position or displace the junior employee assigned to the extra board.
- 3) In order to observe the rest days assigned to one of the positions on this extra board, the employee must hold the position prior to the beginning of the assigned rest days and when a switchman holds the position prior to the beginning of the rest days, they will be entitled the appropriate compensation.
  - a) Any switchman who displaces to a position on this extra board at any time during the assigned rest days will not be entitled to observe the rest days and must be available to be called to work.

- b) Should that exercise of seniority result in the switchman working 6 or 7 days in that work week, those additional days will be paid at the straight time rate.
- 4) Assignment of regular rest days will not reduce, change, or modify existing Yardmen's Extra Board Guarantee at this location except as follows:
  - a) An extra board switchman who lays off during his assigned work days will have his guarantee reduced by 1/11<sup>th</sup> of the maximum payroll period guarantee for each "day", or portion thereof, that they are laid off in that payroll period.
  - b) The term "day" shall remain as currently defined in existing extra board agreement application to this location (e.g. 24 hour period, midnight to midnight, etc.).
  - c) If an extra board switchman has more than two (2) unpaid layoffs in a pay half, they will forfeit guarantee for that pay half.
- 5) Employees will be expected to protect service until 2359 prior to their rest day commencing. If an employee is worked into their assigned rest day, the rest time will be automatically extended to the amount necessary to ensure the employee receives 48 consecutive hours of rest.
- 6) This Memorandum of Agreement only modifies existing agreements to the extent set forth, and all other schedule rules, agreements and/or other rights remain in effect.

This agreement shall take effect on September 12, 2023 and shall remain in effect for a minimum of 60 days. After the initial 60 days, either Party may cancel this pilot by giving 15 days' advanced written notice to the other Party. The Parties agree to discuss this pilot every 30 days for the duration of the pilot.

For BNSF Railway Company:

For SMART-TD



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