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Re: Local Vancouver, WA 98660 H4R-5G-C 38788

Dear Mr. Smith:

On April 21, 1988, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether routes should receive allowance for two safety talks per week.

The facts in this case indicate management is conducting two safety talks per week. One safety talk is being conducted when the regular carrier is on duty, the other is conducted when the RCR is on duty.

It is our position that no national interpretive issue involving the terms and conditions of the National Agreement is fairly presented in this case. However, the union did not agree.

During our discussion, we mutually agreed that the following would represent full settlement of this case:

Relief employees are compensated based on the evaluation of the route. If local management continues to give two safety talks per week, another five minutes must be included in the route evaluation. Mr. Steven R. Smith

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to settle this case.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

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Andrea B. Wilson Grievance & Arbitration Division

Steven R. Smith Director, Labor Relations National Rural Letter Carriers' Association