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3483 S. Campbell, Su. O
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Sincerely,

10-20-97 13:21 RCVD

cc: Mr. Don Hahs, VP, BLE
Mr. Paul Thompson, IVP, UTU
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Mr. Lou Rees - Please post on bulletin boards, convenient to the employees involved, advising where and when accomplished.

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BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY

T.R. MURPHY
GENERAL CHAIRMAN

3433 S. CAMPBELL, SUITE O
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October 28, 1997

Mr. D. L. Greer
BLE Local Chairman, Div. 172
3100 McCann Road, Apt. 1302
Longview, TX 75605

Mr. L. A. Brower
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers
3941 Fun Valley
Memphis, TN 38125

Dear Sirs & Brothers:

Attached, please find a copy of a letter wherein the carrier has served this Committee Notice under Section 4 of the Norfolk & Western Conditions, of a trackage rights transaction over the merged UP-SP, in the Houston-Memphis corridor.

The Notice, as you will see, describes the carrier's intent to establish a 6-day a week local to operate between Little Rock and Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as well as an Engineers' Extra Board at Pine Bluff.

I would appreciate it if you would provide me with your thoughts and comments on the carrier's Notice. As of this date there is no meeting date with the carrier to discuss the Notice. As soon as a date is set, I will advise you.

Fraternally yours,



T. R. Murphy
General Chairman

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att.

1-800-864-5351

Little Rock
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Possibly - Monday

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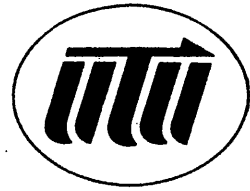
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GENERAL COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT GO-001
BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILROAD
SAND SPRINGS RAILWAY

November 10, 1997

Mr. A. W. Stewart
Local Chairman L-818
3305 Denbury Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76133

Mr. C. D. Sanders
Local Chairman L-1420
60084 Tubb Drive
Amory, MS 38821

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Enclosed for your review and consideration is copy of proposed initialed Letter of Understanding concerning the Carrier's Section 4 Notice served to establish a 6-day local operation between Little Rock and Pine Bluff, Arkansas and a temporary extra board at Pine Bluff.

Also enclosed is a ballot for your use in voting your preference concerning adoption of this understanding, which should be returned to this office not later than close of business on **December 10, 1997**, in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope.

If you have any questions concerning this Letter of Understanding, please advise.

Fraternally,

C. M. Vahldick
General Chairman

CMV/cp

cc: R. L. Marceau, Vice President
P. C. Thompson, Vice President
W. R. Scopel, S&T-818
M. W. Kent, S&T-1420

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Mr. Carl Vahldick, GC
United Transportation UnionOFFICE OF THE
GENERAL CHAIRMAN
UTU

Dear Mr. Vahldick:

This letter will confirm our discussions about the trackage rights operations covered by our October 17 Notice, specifically the Little Rock - Pine Bluff turnaround local and the temporary Pine Bluff extra board.

The following will apply to these operations:

1. The Little Rock - Pine Bluff line will be included in the territory of the Memphis West zone of the Midwest Seniority District.
2. Anyone on the Midwest Seniority District roster may bid for the Little Rock - Pine Bluff turnaround local.
3. It is understood that the moving benefits of the New York Dock Conditions will apply to the successful bidder, or that person may elect a single payment of \$35,000 in lieu of all the benefits of the New York Dock moving benefits package. It is also understood that the receipt of such benefits will bring the successful bidder under the provisions of Article 2, Section 5 of UP-SP Trackage Rights Implementing Agreement 1.
4. If a position on this assignment goes no-bid, it ^{will} may be filled by a temporary transfer under the provisions of the parties' Temporary Transfer Agreement. *No force assignments.*
5. While the Pine Bluff temporary extra board is in place, temporary vacancies on this assignment will be filled from that source; thereafter, they will be filled by the Memphis West extra board.
6. The Pine Bluff temporary extra board will be established from the date bulletins are awarded until the bi-directional operation starts. At that time, this board shall cease to exist. It is understood that this arrangement is entirely without any prejudice or precedent on the issue of the propriety of establishing extra boards at outlying points.
7. The Pine Bluff temporary extra board will protect vacancies on the Little Rock - Pine Bluff local; and it may dogcatch that local; and

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dogcatch trains from Memphis that tie up at or south of Hunter, and trains from Shreveport that tie up at or north of Buena Vista.

8. Anyone on the Midwest Seniority District roster may bid for the Pine Bluff temporary extra board.

9. The one year period for continuous Held Away from Home Terminal Payments under Article 3, Section 6 of UP-SP Trackage Rights Implementing Agreement 1 will be extended for the duration of this assignment. *agreement*

10. Successful bidders for the Pine Bluff temporary extra board will for the duration of the assignment, be provided lodging at Pine Bluff and a daily meal allowance of \$40 (or \$80 if the employee elects to provide his own lodging). *Temporary vacancy agreement*

11. If the Pine Bluff extra board is used to dogcatch trains from Shreveport that tie up north of Buena Vista, the productivity fund share for that dogcatch trip will be allocated to the Shreveport/Marshall Zone. Any other trips off this extra board will be allocated to the Memphis West zone fund.

Please indicate your acceptance of these understandings by signing this letter.

Sincerely,

WAB

Accepted:

CV

General Chairman - UTU

cc: