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GENERAL CHAIRMAN  
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Dear Mr. Boldra:

Reference our March 10, 2004, conference discussion of the above claims involving Utility Yardmen who were attached to assist a foreign line crew in the performance of yard work on BNSF trackage. A listing of the claims involved is attached.

Under the principles set forth in the attached Award 112 of Public Law Board 37 and Awards 200, 267 and 277 of Special Board of Adjustment 574, the commingling of a BNSF crew with a foreign carrier's crew in these circumstances would be improper. It was agreed that the same principle will apply with regard to the use of a Utility Yardman assisting a foreign crew, and instructions to that affect would be issued to the appropriate Carrier Operating Officers.

In order to dispose of the outstanding claims, it was agreed that the Claimants would be allowed one-half day at yard rate of pay each claim without prejudice to either party's position as to what the appropriate remedy should be.

If this accurately sets forth our conference discussion and settlement, please sign one copy of this letter and return it for my file. Please advise in the usual manner when payment is accomplished.

Sincerely,

R. D. Kerley  
General Chairman

AGREED:

  
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R. A. Boldra  
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