

ARTICLE 31

SECTION A

COUPLING AND /OR UNCOUPLING HOS

(Taken from Arbitration Award dated at Washington, D. C., August 1, 1951, made effective September 1, 1951.)

(1) Rules, Agreements, interpretations or practices which prohibit or restrict the use of yardmen to couple or uncouple air, steam and signal hose, shall be modified so that there will be no prohibitions or restrictions on yardmen performing such work and no payment therefor will be made but where rules, agreements, interpretations or practices require payment to yardmen under conditions stated therein for coupling or uncoupling air, steam and signal hose, such rules, agreements, interpretations, or practices shall be changed to provide for the payment of \$2.69 (Present rate effective January 1, 1973 and future national wage adjustments are to be applied per Mediation Agreement May 1, 1969.)

(2) When yardmen are required by proper authority to couple or uncouple air, signal, and steam hose between cars, each member of the crew will be allowed an arbitrary payment of \$2.69. (See explanation of rate in Part 1 above.

(3) Payments provided in Part (2) will not apply to coupling or uncoupling air hose (1) between engine and cars, (2) between engine and caboose, (3) between caboose and cars, (4) between cars when cuts are made at crossings, (5) when couplings break after couplings have been properly made and movement by yard engine begun, (6) when air hose can be uncoupled without damage to equipment by simply "pulling the pin", nor to coupling or uncoupling tail hose.

(4) This arbitrary allowance shall be paid separate and apart from the work day and shall not be considered in arriving at overtime rate. The allowance is to be paid only once to a crew regardless of number of couplings or uncoupling of air hose during a tour of duty.

ARTICLE 31
SECTION B

TURN TABLES, SAFETY CHAINS,
VESTIBULE CURTAINS

Article 29
AS MODIFIED

Prohibition against coupling and uncoupling air, steam and signal hose was removed by Arbitration Award dated at Washington, D. C., August 1, 1951 and effective September 1, 1951.

Yardmen will not be required to handle turn tables or safety chains on either passenger or freight equipment where carmen are employed nor will they be required to unfasten vestibule curtains, or perform other than yardmen's work. (Interpretations - See Section D.)

SECTION C

RECORDS AND REPORTS

Article 29
MODIFIED

Yardmen will not be required to take car numbers or seals records, nor to make interchange reports, except as may be agreed upon between the proper officers of the Carrier and the Local Chairman. (Interpretations - see Section D)

SECTION D

INTERPRETATIONS

AWARDS
SUMMARIZED

Adjustment Boards have decided that under Sections B and C, above:

- (1) Yardmen may be required to handle and deliver the waybills for the cars they are delivering in interchange (Award #3 of SBA No. 3)
- (2) Yardmen may be required to verbally report all delays incurred in making interchange or transfers (Award #76 of PLB No. 37) and also report verbally or in writing (by notation on the interchange report) the time that an interchange delivery is completed (Award #3 of SBA No. 3).
- (3) Yardmen may be required to check inbound train against his list to facilitate their switching of that train (Award #69 of PLB No. 37).

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- (4) Yardmen may be required to contact yardmasters or other supervisors to determine disposition of cars under their control and may be required to seek out and locate other cars to be handled by their crew (Award #138 and #153 of PLB No. 37).
- (5) Yardmen may be required to make a list of the cars that they are picking up from an interchange track and then check the list against the waybills they are picking out of box, to determine that they have all the waybills and the correct ones. (Award #7 of SBA No. 568.)
- (6) Yardmen may be given (by radio or telephone) a list of car numbers for cars their crew is to handle. They should not be required to make any sort of list for anyone else if such list is not in connection with the work of their own assignment (Award #36 of SBA No. 234 and Award #7 of SBA No. 568).
- (7) Yardmen may be required to observe car class or destination cards on empty cars, then dispose of the cars in accordance with standing instructions (Award #63 of SBA No. 234).