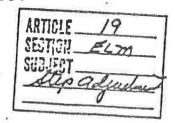


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Re: F. Hennrick

Traverse City, MI 49684

H1C-4B-C 18651

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On February 7, 1984, we met with your representative to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether the grievant was placed in the proper step after voluntarily requesting an assignment to a lower level position.

After further review of this matter, we mutually agreed that no National interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. This is a dispute over the application of Part 422.261 of the Employee and Labor Relations Manual. Therefore, this case is suitable for regional determination.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to Step 3 for further consideration by the parties.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as acknowledgment of our agreement to remand this grievance.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Lang

Labor Relations Department

Kenneth D. Wilson

Assistant Director

Clerk Craft Division

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