Award No. 9100 Docket No. 8873 2-BN-EW-'82

The Second Division consisted of the regular members and in addition Referee Carlton R. Sickles when award was rendered.

( International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

Parties to Dispute: (
( Burlington Northern Inc.

## Dispute: Claim of Employes:

- 1. That in violation of the current agreement and years of past practice, System Wiremen R. E. Dickson, J. M. Berg and J. W. Fortney headquartered in Portland, Oregon were arbitrarily denied payment of actual necessary meal expenses incurred in performance of work out of headquarters at the direction of the Burlington Northern Inc.
- 2. That the Burlington Northern Inc., was procedurally defective by not denying the initial claim within the time limits provided for in Rule 29 paragraph (a) of the controlling agreement.
- 3. That accordingly, the Burlington Northern Inc., be ordered to reimburse System Wiremen R. E. Dickson, J.M. Berg and J. W. Fortney, for all withheld actual necessary expenses incurred in performance of work in the month of April, 1979, plus 10% interest.

The 10% interest claimed account the expenses incurred were out of pocket expenses and therefore, justifiable in view of bank interest charges at then current rates.

Amount of claim and dates are as follows:

- R. E. Dickson April 9 \$4.15 + 10% = \$4.57
- R. E. Dickson April 10- 4.65 + 10% = 5.12
- R. E. Dickson April 11- \$4.10 + 10% = \$4.51
- R. E. Dickson April 16 \$4.15 + 10% = \$4.57
- R. E. Dickson April 17- \$4.15 + 10% = \$4.57
- J. M. Berg April 10 \$4.20 + 10% = \$4.62
- J. M. Berg April 16 \$4.50 + 10% = \$4.95
- J. W. Fortney April 9 \$4.85 + 10% = \$5.34
- J. W. Fortney April 10- \$4.55 + 10% = \$4.90

## Statement:

The above question was submitted to the Second Division of the National Railroad Adjustment Board by the above referred to organization in exparte form, hearing thereon was waived, and the Division is now in receipt of a request from the employes that the case be withdrawn.

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## AWARD

Claim dismissed.

NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD By Order of Second Division

Attest: Acting Executive Secretary

National Railroad Adjustment Board

Rosemarie Brasch - Administrative Assistant

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 2nd day of June, 1982.