

Award No. 18127

Docket No. TE-18596

NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD

THIRD DIVISION

John B. Criswell, Referee

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PARTIES TO DISPUTE:

TRANSPORTATION-COMMUNICATION DIVISION, BRAC

PENN CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (New York and Northeastern Regions, except Springfield Division)

STATEMENT OF CLAIM: Claim of the General Committee of the Transportation-Communication Division, BRAC, on the Penn Central Company, T-C 5705, that:

CLAIM NO. 1

Carrier File: 20-9-15 (TE68.39) Committee File: 11-102-79

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CLAIM NO. 2

Carrier File: 20-9-123-S (TE68.31) Committee File: 11-102-75

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Reference to your time claims for 8 hours at Dresden account held off regular assignment, April 29 and 30, May 1, thru 14 (2 claims May 12) are denied as there is no rule in the agreement that has been violated. Rate of pay at Himrods is higher than Dresden rate.

/s/ R. W. Burke"

[Letterhead of]

"TRANSPORTATION-COMMUNICATION EMPLOYEES UNION

Pottersdale, Penna. 16871

July 5, 1968

File 11-68-RJS Claimant: R. S. Beaty June 4, 1968

Mr. G. E. Raynor Asst. Trans. Supt.-Labor Relations Penn Central Company 320 Central Avenue Rochester, New York 14605

Dear Sir:

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R. S. Beaty was not relieved of position at Himrods Jct., N.Y. within 10 days after April 19, 1968 to assume position at Dresden, N.Y., even though a qualified extra man was available to effect such relief.

POSITION OF EMPLOYES:

Article 27(a) states that the successful applicant for a position will be notified and placed on the position within 10 days from the expiration date of the notice. Date of notice in this case being April 19, 1968.

An extra employe fully qualified to assume R. S. Beaty's duties at Himrods Jct. was available during this 10 day period and could have been placed on this position to allow R. S. Beaty to assume duties at Dresden. This extra employe was G. E. Bottorf.

Since the carrier chose to ignore the provisions of TCEU Agreement covering assignment of positions, Article 27 (a), the rate of pay at Dresden, N.Y., 9:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. trick, provides the basis for compensation to which R. S. Beaty is entitled. The claims were subsequently progressed on the property in the usual manner up to and including the Assistant General Manager, Employe Relations (now Superintendent-Labor Relations and Personnel) who is the highest officer of the Carrier designated to handle such disputes on the Region. Claim No. 1, quoted above, was denied in a letter dated November 15, 1968, and Claim No. 2, also quoted above, was denied in a letter dated October 1, 1968.

OPINION OF BOARD: In these two claims, the Organization charges the Carrier with violation of the Agreement for not timely placing an employe on a position for which he had been the successful bidder. Both parties, in arguments to this Board, agree that there was such a violation, but contest whether or not the section of each claim concerning compensation should be allowed.

We find that the Claimant, during the period cited, was filling an assignment with the actual earnings higher than they would have been had he been on his regular assignment, thus sustaining no loss in pay or work opportunity.

Petitioner mentions Award No. 28 of Special Board of Adjustment No. 421 in its presentation as parallel to the case at hand, as does the Carrier.

That Award says, in part:

"... In view of the fact that Claimant increased his earnings by virtue of being diverted to the vacancy at Int. 26, and since there is no showing that any other employe was improperly deprived of work or pay, we conclude that Part 2 of the claim should be denied."

Following that Award, we sustain Paragraphs 1 of Claims 1 and 2, and deny Paragraphs 2.

FINDINGS: The Third Division of the Adjustment Board, upon the whole record and all the evidence, finds and holds:

That the parties waived oral hearing;

That the Carrier and the Employes involved in this dispute are respectively Carrier and Employes within the meaning of the Railway Labor Act, as approved June 21, 1934;

That this Division of the Adjustment Board has jurisdiction over the dispute involved herein; and

That the Agreement was violated.

AWARD

Paragraphs 1 of Claims 1 and 2 sustained; Paragraphs 2 of Claims 1 and 2 denied.

NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD By Order of THIRD DIVISION

ATTEST: S. H. Schulty Executive Secretary

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 30th day of September 1970.

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