

NATIONAL RAILROAD **ADJUSTMENT** BOARD

THIRD DIVISION

Award Number 25363
Docket **Number** X-25421

Eckehard Muessig, Referee

(Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen

PARTIES TO DISPUTE: (

(Central Vermont Railway, Inc.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM: Claim of the **General** Committee of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen OR the Central Vermont Railway, Inc. that:

(a) The Central Vermont Ry., Inc. has violated Article VIII - November 16, 1971 agreement, as amended January 8, 1982 of the National Agreement, between the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen and the Central Vermont Ry., Inc.

(b) That C. S. **Manning** be reimbursed his moving expense of \$353.15 for **moving** household goods from Randolph, VT to **Monson**, MA on November 29 and 30, 1982, and shall be allowed transfer allowance of \$400. Claimant was forced to move his residence due to abolishment of his **position as** Leading Maintainer, Randolph, VT on July 17, 1982. [Carrier's file #8385-6]

OPINION OF BOARD: This claim for reimbursement for the expense of moving household goods arose after the Claimant's position had been abolished, and he moved his household **goods** to another residence.

While the Board is not unaware of certain procedural issues brought forth in this dispute, under the circumstances herein, we will address the substantive issues of record. Accordingly, in that regard, the Carrier's contentions that the abolishment of the Claimant's position came about as a result of a **reduction-in-force**, under the provisions of Article 27 of the Controlling Agreement, are reasonable and supported by the evidence. Therefore, reimbursement of moving expenses was not required and the claim must fail.

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 Employees involved in this dispute are respectively Carrier and Employees 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 not violated.

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Claim denied.

NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD
By Order of Third Division

Attest:


Nancy J. Dwyer - Executive Secretary

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 29th day of March 1985.