PUBLIC LAW BOARD NO. 1925

Award No. 25

Case No. 25 Docket No. 25

Parties

Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees

to

and

Dispute

Southern Pacific Transportation Company
-Texas and Louisiana Lines-

Statement of Claim:

- 1. Carrier violated the effective Agreement by unfairly and without just cause, declined to reimburse Claimant Albert Solomon his actual necessary expenses while away from his headquarters, Houston, Texas.
- 2. Claimant Solomon shall be paid amount for expense incurred from January 20, 1976, to February 20, 1976 and expenses from February 20, 1976 through February 24, 1976.

Findings:

The Board finds, after hearing upon the whole record and all evidence, that the parties herein are Carrier and Employee within the meaning of the Railway Labor Act, as amended, that this Board is duly constituted by Agreement dated March 23, 1977, that it has jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter, and that the parties were given due notice of the hearing held.

Claimant, a System Machine Operator, on the Lafayette Division here seeks the monetary difference between what he originally claimed for expenses at Woodville and Kountze, while away from his Houston headquarters, on Saturdays and Sundays, filed on his separate expense accounts for continuous expenses, January 21, 1976 to February 24, 1976, and what he was actually allowed. Said difference amounts to \$196.95.

There is no difference between the parties that under Article 16, an employee covered thereunder is entitled to reasonable expenses. Claimant, however, was not so held, and absent some permissive arrangement to the

expenses he was not entitled as claimed.

In the particular circumstances involved this claim will be denied.

Award:

Claim denied.

A. J. Cunningham Employee Member

R. W. Hickman, Carrier Member

Arthur T. Van Wart, Chairman

and Neutral Member

Issued at Houston, Texas, May 8, 1978.