PUBLIC LAW BOARD NO. 2699

PARTIES TO DISPUTE: Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes

and

Union Pacific Railroad Company

STATEMENT OF CLAIM:

Claim in behalf of Section Foreman J. B. Martinez, Wyoming Division, for removal of discipline and pay for time lost between May 25 and July 25, 1979, in connection with alleged responsibility for derailment of Rosebud Spur, April 27, 1979.

FINDINGS: By reason of the Agreement entered into by and between the parties on August 31, 1978, and upon all the evidence and the whole record, the Board finds that the parties are employes and carrier respectively as defined in the Railway Labor Act, as amended, and that it has jurisdiction.

After an investigation held on May 9, 1979, the Division Engineer on May 24, 1979 dismissed Claimant from service of the Carrier. Employes presented a claim for reinstatement and for loss of earnings in a letter dated July 5, 1979. On July 24, 1979, the Division Engineer wrote to the then Assistant General Chairman, R. D. Hardesty "that the Carrier is agreeable for reinstating Mr. Martinez on a leniency basis with no pay for lost time, but with seniority and vacation rights unimpaired. Mr. Martinez should promptly arrange to report to Section 2144 to accept his former duties". Claimant returned to work and was reinstated on July 25, 1979. By letter dated July 30, 1979 Mr. Hardesty rejected the proposal made by the Division Engineer on July 24, 1979. In that letter Mr. Hardesty wrote:

I assume by your letter, the second part, whereas we can work on the claim was not declined and Mr. Martinez returned to work 7-25-79.

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These facts are comparable to those in Case No. 5. Here, too, there is no validity to an assumption that the claim for lost earnings remains before this Board after Claimant was reinstated as an employe of the Carrier. The Division Engineer's letter of July 24, 1979, is unmistakably clear.

The findings in Award No. 3 are applicable here and are affirmed. For all of the reasons stated in said Award No. 3, the Board finds that the claim was settled in full when the Claimant return to work on July 25, 1979. There is, therefore, no valid claim before this Board.

AWARD

Claim dismissed.

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Chairman and Neutral

E. R. MYERS, Caprier Member

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DATED: Somber 5, 950