PUBLIC LAW BOARD NO. 3514

Case No. 80

Award No. 70

Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes

-and-

DISPUTE: Consolidated Rail Corporation

STATEMENT OF CLAIM: Appeal of Trackman, K. Coston, to have his dismissal removed from his record and to be restored to the service.

The Claimant herein failed to protect his assignment on three days in October 1980. The Carrier, in consideration of the Claimant's previous attendance record, concluded that the Claimant had been excessively absent from his assignment, and he was dismissed from the service.

This Board has consistently held that the Carrier is not unreasonable when it expects regularity of work attendance so that it may manage its operations. The record here establishes that the Claimant admitted that he did not have permission to be absent on the three days in October 1980. Accordingly, in light of his previous attendance record and short seniority, the Carrier's decision cannot be considered unduly harsh.

AWARD

The claim is denied.

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Neutral Member

Employee Member

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