PUBLIC LAW BOARD NO. 4950

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NEW JERSEY TRANSIT RAIL OPERATIONS, INC.	:	
"Carrier"	:	Case No. 32
	:	Case No. 33
Vs.	:	Case No. 34
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BROTHERHOOD OF MAINTENANCE OF WAY EMPLOYES	:	Award No. 4
"Organization"	:	Award No. 5
•	:	Award No. 6

STATEMENT OF CASES

R. Coppinger Ten (10) days deferred six (6) months, effective 12/1/88.
Twenty (20) days suspension deferred nine (9) months.
Thirty (30) days suspension deferred one (1) year.

OPINION OF THE BOARD

In each of the above-listed cases, Claimant was issued the stated discipline for alleged violation of excessive absenteeism and being absent without permission. In each case, the Organization raises a number of defenses on behalf of Claimant.

The Board has determined that all three claims must be denied. In each case, Carrier has established that Claimant was absent on the days in question. Given the progressive nature of the discipline assessed against Claimant, it cannot be held that Carrier acted improperly.

<u>AWARD</u>

Claims denied.

W. B. Murphy Carrier Member

Organization Member

Neutral Member