## PUBLIC LAW BOARD 5137 AWARD NO. 103

Parties to Dispute:

Union Pacific Railroad Company

(formerly Chicago & North Western Railway Co.)

and

United Transportation Union

Statement of Claim:

Claim of Collector Michael E. Gulley for reinstatement with vacation and

seniority rights unimpaired as a result of investigation of January 10, 2000.

Findings:

When a passenger attempted to evade paying fare on December 3, 1999, and verbally abused Claimant, an altercation ensued. While there is some basis for a charge of Rule 1.6, the record is replete with testimony that in this contest of wills, the Claimant was not the instigator. He is to be returned to work on a leniency basis, but without back pay.

Award:

Claim sustained in part.

FRANCIS X. QUINN

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