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Mr. Myron Becker
Director, Labor Relations
CSX TRANSPORTATION
500 Water Street, J-455
Jacksonville, FL 32202

RE: EMPLOYEES REQUIRED TO DRIVE COMPANY VEHICLES

Dear Myron:

Local Chairman Dewayne Bell contacted the Committee, and advised that a trainmaster had instructed train service employees, as part of their duties, to drive a company provided vehicle.

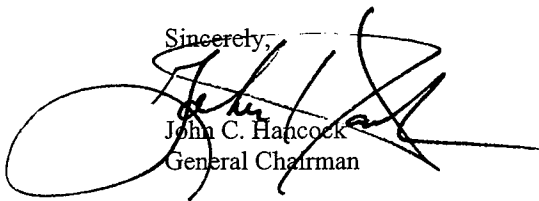
Please be advised that there is no contractual authority within the Schedule Agreement, nor has it been a part of the established working conditions, for train service employees to drive company provided vehicles or transport other employees in the performance of their duties. Accordingly, the general requirement of such activity would constitute the promulgation of a new rule requirement upon train service employees.

This is not to say, however, that train service employees do not drive company provided vehicles in the performance of their duties. We have made agreements with CSXT to drive company provided vehicles, the most recent being the Waycross Utility Agreement. The fact that the UTU has made agreements with CSXT to operate a carrier provided vehicle lends support to our previous statement that, as a part of normal duties, such is not within our scope work.

Notwithstanding, this is not to say that the UTU would be averse to providing such service given we reach agreement between the parties to cover this additional scope work. As we have related to you many, many times, we are more than willing to make agreements to provide transportation services; i.e. transport relief and pick-up Hours-of-Service Relief crews and other needs. Transportation vehicles include Gators, carry-alls, etc.

Please advise if the Carrier wishes to discuss this matter further. In the meantime, please advise all company officers of our position that train service employees cannot, in the normal exercise of their scope work, be required to drive company provided vehicles, except where noted by special agreement already in place.

Sincerely,


John C. Hancock
General Chairman

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