

LABOR RELATIONS



Mr. William H. Young
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Washington, DC 20001-2144

Re: I94N-4I-C 98000468
Class Action
North Platte, NE 69101-9998

Dear Mr. Young:

Recently, our representatives met in prearbitration discussion of the above-referenced grievance.


After reviewing this matter, we mutually agree that no national interpretive issue is presented in this case. Accordingly, we agree to remand this grievance to the National Business Agent for further processing in accordance with the following understanding:

The issue in this grievance is whether a local district policy is in violation of Handbook M-39, Section 271.g when it states that the six-week analysis period starts with the most recent Friday prior to the date of the special inspection request and works backward for six consecutive weeks.

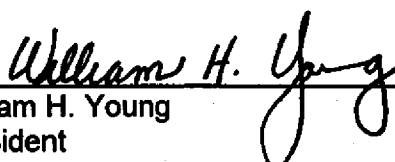
While it is anticipated by the parties that a request for a Special Route Inspection pursuant to 271.g of Handbook M-39 will be based on reasonably current data, the local district policy as described above is unreasonably restrictive and will be rescinded.

This agreement is without prejudice to management's right to argue that a request for special inspection under 271.g was unreasonably delayed, or the union's right to contend that such argument is without merit.

Sincerely,



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