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#### **COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

between

CHAN TV, A DIVISION OF GLOBAL TELEVISION NETWORK INC. (BCTV)

and

COMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY AND PAPERWORKERS UNION OF CANADA – CLC

(C.E.P.)

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#### **PARTIES**

This Agreement is made and entered into this 16TH day of January 2004.

BETWEEN: Global BC a division Global Television

hereinafter referred to as "The Company"

Party of the First Part

And: COMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY AND PAPERWORKERS UNION OF CANADA –CLC (C.E.P.)

hereinafter referred to as "The Union"

Party of the Second Part

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#### ARTICLE 1 Intent

- 1.1 It is the purpose of this Agreement, in recognizing a common interest between the Company and the Union, in promoting the utmost co-operation and friendly spirit between the Company and its employees, to set forth conditions covering rates of pay, hours of work and conditions of employment to be observed between the parties and to provide a procedure for prompt and equitable adjustment of grievances. To this end this Agreement is signed in good faith by the two parties.
- 1.2 To this end the Union agrees that it will co-operate with the Employer in the observance of the provisions of this Agreement and to maintain at all times in its negotiations with the Employer and its discussions with individual employees, the concept that each employee shall give a fair return of his services.

## ARTICLE 2 <u>Definition of Bargaining Unit</u>

2.1 The Company recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining agent for all persons employed in the Unit defined by the Canada Industrial Relations Board in its decision of June 9th, 1961, certifying CEP, and its

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amendment thereto as amended by the Board's Order of August 2nd, 1972, and any amendments thereto as mutually agreed by the parties or as ordered by the Canada Industrial Relations Board or in any of the job functions listed in the wage schedule under Article 30.

2.2 The Company will bargain collectively with the Union, as required by the certification above referred to, in respect to rates of pay, wages, hours and conditions of work for all employees as set out in 2.1.

### ARTICLE 3 Employee

3.1 The term "employee" as used in this Agreement shall mean any person, regardless of gender, employed in a classification included within the bargaining unit referred to in Article 2.1. It shall include any person employed in any job or classification created in the future which the parties by mutual consent decide to include within the bargaining unit. Provided that where mutual consent is not reached, such failure shall not become a subject for grievance under this Agreement, but may be referred by either party to the Canada Industrial Relations Board.

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3.1.1 Wherever in the wording of the Agreement gender is used, it shall be understood to include all genders.

# ARTICLE 4 Employee Categories

- 4.1 employees covered ΑII by this Agreement shall be considered full-time employees of the Company except as otherwise provided. These full-time employees shall be probationary employees for a period of six months from the date of their employment with the Company. During the probation period the Company at its discretion may release the employee at any time, and such release may be subject to the grievance procedure up to but not including arbitration.
- 4.2 A part-time employee is defined as one hired on a regular basis to work less than thirty-five (35) hours per week. Such employee shall be paid on an hourly basis at a rate equal to 1/80 or 1/75, whichever is applicable, of their bi-weekly salary. A part-time employee may work a standard work week when relieving a full-time employee.

Regular part-time employees shall be defined as those employees who work a minimum of 16 hours per week averaged over the previous twelve weeks.

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4.2.1 Part-time employees shall be paid on the salary scale of the group to which they are assigned and progression shall occur at 1040 or 2080 (which ever is applicable) hours worked for those employees working 40 hours per week or 975 or 1950 hours worked for those employees working a 37.5 hour work week. This calculation shall include all hours worked including paid sick leave.

- **4.2.2** All articles of this Agreement shall apply to part-time employees except as hereinafter provided:
  - (a) Article 16 Company Seniority; shall apply however, seniority shall be calculated and accumulate according to all hours of work including all hours on paid leave but excluding all hours worked prior to establishing part-time status. For example 173 hours equal one (1) month of seniority.
  - (b) Article 21 Lay-Off; Lay-off shall apply to regular Part-time employees, however, in the event of a lay-off, affected employees shall receive four (4) weeks' notice, or four (4) weeks' salary in lieu of notice. It is further agreed that Part-time employees shall be entitled to severance pay on a prorated basis. In the event a part-time

employee works in more than one job function, severance shall only apply to lost hours associated with the job function affected by the lay-off.

- (c) Article 22 Re-engagement; shall apply to regular Part-time employees, however, recall rights as set out in Article 22.3 shall not exceed six (6) months. In the event a regular part-time employee on lay-off works 16 or more hours per week averaged over the previous 12 week period their re-call rights shall be re-established for another six (6) months.
- (d) Article 27 Technological Change shall apply to a regular Part-time employee however the notice referred under Article 27.2.1 shall be 12 weeks or 12 weeks pay in lieu of notice.
- (e) Article 33 Tour of Duty; shall not apply, however, the minimum scheduled tour of duty shall be four (4) hours. All hours worked in excess of the scheduled hours shall be paid at one and one-half the basic rate for all hours worked. There shall be no assignment of split shifts except by mutual agreement between the employee, Union, and the Company. Any extension of the posted tour of duty may be refused with the exception of the

most junior part-time employee on location at the time of the shift.

- (f) Article 37 Days Off; Part-time employees working 24 scheduled hours or more per week shall have two (2) consecutive scheduled days off per week, designed by the Company, days off may be changed without penalty, by mutual agreement, between the Company, Union and employee. Part-time employees are exempt from the minimum weekend off provisions.
- (g) Article 47 Legal Holiday; shall not apply, however, part-time employees required to work on a statutory holiday shall be paid one and one-half (1 ½) times their regular rate for all hours worked with a minimum credit of four (4) hours and two times their basic rate for all hours worked over eight (8). In addition the employee will receive five percent (5%) of regular earnings over the previous thirty (30) calendar days.
- (h) Article 49 Sick Leave; shall apply however, part-time employees shall be entitled to accumulate one and one-half (1 ½) days of paid sick leave for every one hundred and seventy-three (173) hours worked, which shall include all hours worked.

(i) Article 50 – Regular part-time employees who work a scheduled shift of 24 or more hours per week shall be entitled, upon completion of a 3 month period, to the Health and Welfare benefits as contained in this Agreement, excluding Long Term Disability and Pension Plan. It is understood that the Company's portion of the employee benefit premiums will be paid on a prorata basis.

Those part-time employees who do not qualify for Health and Welfare benefits shall be paid fifty-cents (\$.50) per hour in lieu.

- **4.2.3** The provisions of Article 4.2 above will not be used for the purpose of eliminating or replacing full-time employees or to avoid the re-call from lay-off of full-time employees or avoid hiring full-time employees.
- **4.2.4** Part-time employees shall be probationary employees for a period of 1040 hours worked from the commencement of their employment within the job function.
- 4.2.5 A part-time employee may refuse additional work outside their regularly scheduled work assignment. However, parttime employees must submit in writing shifts that they are not available to work and shall

update that information when any change occurs.

- 4.2.6 Part-time employees shall be offered, on a seniority basis, all part-time (including sick relief) and/or temporary work for which they are qualified. Where such work would result in overtime and/or any other penalties (excluding night differential) then the Company may offer the work to the next senior qualified part-time employee. If a qualified part-time employee is unavailable then the Company may offer the work to a temporary employee. This Article shall exclude hours offered to an employee at the time of lay-off and rejected.
- 4.3 A "temporary employee" is defined as one hired on a sporadic, occasional basis for a particular show or occasion. It is further understood and agreed that the purpose in utilising temporary employees is not to lay-off regular or full-time employees nor exclude the hiring of regular or full-time employees where a regular job exists.

None of the Articles of this Collective Agreement shall apply to "temporary employees" except as hereinafter provided:

(a) Article 31 – Temporary employees shall be paid at a minimum hourly rate appropriate to the scale and step to which they are assigned in accordance with previous industry experience within the equivalent job function.

- (b) Article 33 Tour of Duty the following shall apply: basic hourly rate shall be paid at a minimum tour of four (4) hours.
- (c) Article 35 Posting of Schedules Temporary employees shall have their schedules posted (written in) as soon as reasonably possible after they are hired by the Company.
- (d) Article 37 Days Off; Temporary employees working 37.5 hours or more per week shall have two (2) consecutive scheduled days off per week, designated by the Company, however they are exempt from the minimum weekend off provisions.
- (e) Article 38 Work on Days Off shall apply subject to the application of Article 37.
- (f) Article 41 Overtime
- (g) Article 47 Legal Holiday; shall not apply, however temporary employees required to work on a statutory holiday shall be paid one and one half (1 ½) their regular rate for all hours worked

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with a minimum credit of four (4) hours and two times their basic rate for all hours worked over eight (8). In addition, temporary employees shall receive statutory holiday pay calculated at 5% of gross earnings over the previous 30 days.

- 4.3.1 Temporary employees will not be used to displace bargaining unit employees, or to avoid the recall from layoff of a bargaining unit employee or to avoid hiring regular or full-time employees.
- 4.4 The Company agrees to consult with the Union prior to any further permanent combination of job functions which will result in the elimination or displacement of regular employees or the hiring of said regular employees.
- 4.5 Part-time and temporary employees hired to perform bargaining unit functions will pay Union dues pursuant to Article 7 of this Agreement.
- 4.6 When an aggregate number of parttime hours worked in any one job function exceeds forty (40) hours per week on a regular basis (max. six consecutive weeks), the Company shall post a full-time position in that job function provided that the full-time

position can eliminate the need for the parttime position(s).

When the number of hours worked by any part-time employee in one or more part-time job functions averages forty (40) hours or more on a regular basis, (max. six consecutive weeks) the company shall post a full-time position provided that the full-time position can eliminate the need for the part-time position(s).

When an aggregate number of hours worked (excluding maternity and paternity leave) in any combination of job functions exceeds 910 hours (excluding overtime) in any 180 consecutive day window, the Company shall post a full-time position that reflects the combined job function provided that the full-time position can eliminate the need for the part-time position(s).

4.7 The Company shall provide the Union, on a monthly basis, a report of the name, classification, and hours worked by all employees in a part-time, or temporary capacity.

## ARTICLE 5 Management's Rights

5.1 It is recognized that the management of

the Company, the control of its properties and the maintenance of order on its premises is solely the responsibility of management. Before implementing new rules and regulations directly affecting the general working conditions, the Company will advise and explain such proposed rules and regulations to the Union.

- 5.2 Other rights and responsibilities belonging to the management of the Company and hereby recognized, prominent among which but by no means wholly inclusive, are: the right to decide the number and location of plants; and the amount and type of machinery and technical equipment required; the amount and type of supervision necessary; methods, procedures and standards of operation; judgement and final evaluation of personnel qualifications; operating schedules and the selection, procurement, designing and engineering of equipment which may be incorporated into the Company's plant.
- 5.3 It is further recognized that the responsibility of the management of the Company for the selection, direction, and determination of the size of work forces, including the right to hire, suspend or discharge for proper cause, or transfer, or promote or relieve employees from duty because of lack of work is vested exclusively

in the Company.

5.4 The management rights of the Company as above set forth, excepting only as they relate to control of the Company's properties and the maintenance of order on its premises, shall be exercised in all respects in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 6 No Strike Breaking

6.1 The Company will not assign, transfer, or require employees to go to any radio station, television station, transmitter (excluding rebroadcasting transmitter only), studio or property to perform the duties of persons at a location where a lawful strike of persons whose functions are similar to those covered by this Agreement is in progress. Nor will the Company originate a program or programs not normally fed to such facility, nor will the Company require any employee to perform the duty of other staff members engaged in a lawful strike.

#### ARTICLE 7 Union Dues

7.1 All employees of the Company, in the bargaining unit, who were members of the

Union as of March 1st, 1976, and any employee who was employed prior to March 1st, 1976 who subsequently joins the Union, and all new employees who join the Union, shall remain members of the Union, in good standing, as a condition of employment.

- 7.1.1 The Canada Labour Code, Part I, Section 95 (e), provides that: "No trade union or person acting on behalf of a trade union shall require an employer to terminate the employment of an employee because the employee has been expelled or suspended from membership in the trade union for a reason other than failure to pay the periodic dues, assessments and initiation fees uniformly required to be paid by all members of the trade union as a condition of acquiring or retaining membership in the trade union".
- 7.1.2 The Company will discharge any employee covered by the provisions of Article 7.1, within two (2) weeks after receiving written notice from the Union, that the membership of such employee has been revoked or cancelled in accordance with the Union's Constitution and By-Laws and provided further that there is compliance with Article 7.1.1.

- 7.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Company agrees to deduct bi-weekly, an amount equal to the uniform dues and/or assessments as levied by the Union. The deductions shall be based on the gross bi-weekly earnings of every employee in the bargaining unit, beginning at the date of hire. The present rate of deductions is equal to one and two-thirds percent (1.666%) of gross bi-weekly earnings. The Company will be notified by registered mail of any changes in the present rate of deductions.
- 7.3 The Company agrees to remit the monies so deducted to the Union or its nominee, monthly by cheque, payable at par in Canadian funds. The Company shall remit such dues by the fifteenth (15th) of the month following the month for which the dues are deducted, and shall include with such remittance a statement on computer disk in ASCII format, showing the following:
  - (a) the name, classification title and base salary of each bargaining unit employee;
  - (b) the amount of dues deducted on base salary of each bargaining unit employee.
  - (c) the name of any employee who has left or joined the Company since the last

dues remittance

7.3.1 A copy of this dues check-off list is to be forwarded to the Local Union Secretary at the time it is sent to the National Union Office.

#### ARTICLE 8 Non-Discrimination

- 8.1 The Company will not interfere with, restrain, or coerce the employees covered by this Agreement because of membership in or lawful activity on behalf of the Union. The Company will not discriminate in respect to hiring, tenure of employment or any term of employment against any employee covered by this Agreement because of membership in or lawful activity on behalf of the Union, nor will it discourage membership in the Union, or attempt to encourage membership in another union.
- 8.2 The Union agrees that it will not discriminate against, coerce or restrain any employee covered by this Agreement or attempt to do any of the foregoing because of his membership or non-membership, his activity or lack of activity in any labour organization.
- 8.3 No employee covered by this Agreement shall be required as a condition of employment to become a member of the Union.

### ARTICLE 9 Notification

- 9.1 The Company shall immediately (not later than five (5) days excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Legal Holidays) mail to the CEP office in Vancouver, and to the Local 814 Secretary, one (1) copy of each of the following:
- 9.1.1 Notice of hiring, promotion, transfer, resignation, leaves without pay (provided that the resignation or request for leave without pay is provided to the Company in writing), dismissal, suspension or any written disciplinary action affecting any employee within the bargaining unit.
- **9.1.2** Any written notice pertaining to the application or agreed interpretation of this Agreement.
- 9.2 Any notification to an employee required under the provisions of the Collective Agreement is understood to mean that the Company will notify the employee directly.
- 9.2.1 When an employee is not notified directly he shall confirm receipt of such notification to the Company as soon as possible. When this confirmation is made the Company's obligations under Article 9.2

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are considered fulfilled. The time of notification will be considered to be the time of receipt of the notification by the employee.

- 9.3 The Company shall, when notifying a person of his acceptance as an employee, provide in writing, the starting rate of pay and the classification to which he is assigned. A copy of this notice shall be sent to the Union in accordance with Article 9.1 of this Agreement.
- 9.4 The Company shall provide the Union, on a monthly basis, a list of the hours worked by all employees in a part-time, relief or temporary capacity.

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### ARTICLE 10 Leave for Union Activities

- 10.1 Upon the request by the Union, the Company will release without loss of pay or other earned benefits, up to three (3) employees named by the Union to attend grievance meetings and four (4) employees for negotiation meetings. Not more than one (1) employee from each job function is to be released unless mutually agreed.
- **10.2** Leave without pay will be granted to any employee duly authorized to represent employees in order to:
- 10.2.1 Attend Executive Council meetings, Labour Conventions, Congresses, etc. A request for such leave shall be submitted at least fifteen (15) days in advance, and such leave shall not be in excess of seven (7) days, plus travelling time if necessary.
- 10.2.2 Accept a full-time elective position with the Union for a period not exceeding four (4) years, or a full-time appointive position with the Union for a period not exceeding one (1) year. Any additional yearly periods may be granted by the Company on receipt of a written request of the employee and the President of the Union.
- 10.2.3 It is agreed that not more than three (3)

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- employees shall be released at any one time in accordance with 10.2.1 and not more than one
- employee at any one time shall be released in accordance with Article 10.2.2.
- **10.2.4** Not more than one employee from each job function is to be released unless mutually agreed.
- 10.3 Leave provided for in Article 10.2.2 shall not constitute a break in continuity of service in the computation of seniority and with respect to Article 10.2.1, shall not constitute a break in continuity of service in the computation of seniority, severance pay, or other benefits under this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 11 Union Access to Premises

11.1 Representatives of the Union shall have access to the Company's premises to carry on inspection or investigations pertaining to the terms and conditions of this Agreement at any operating unit of the Company, at reasonable notice to the Company, and free from unreasonable interference from the Company. Such investigation or inspection shall be carried on at reasonable hours and in such manner as not to interfere unduly with the normal operations of the Company. The Company will furnish a suitable business

letter or a card of identification for the representative entitling him to admission to the premises of the Company and other places where employees covered by this Agreement may be working.

#### ARTICLE 12 Union Activities

12.1 The Union will not engage in Union activities other than those provided for in this Agreement during working hours or hold meetings at any time on the premises of the Company without Company permission.

## ARTICLE 13 Outside Employment

13.1 No employee shall accept outside employment where such employment is in direct competition with the Company, or adversely affects his work with the Company.

#### ARTICLE 14 No Strike Clause

14.1 The Union will not cause, nor permit its members to cause, nor will any member of the Union take part in a slow-down or a strike, either sit-down or stay-in or any other kind of strike or any other kind of interference or any stoppage, total or partial of any of the Company's operations during the term of this Agreement. The Company will not cause, or permit its employees to cause, engage in or permit a lockout of any of its operational locations during the term of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 15 Union Use of Bulletin Board

- 15.1 The Company agrees to the posting by the Union on scheduling boards, of announcements regarding elections, meetings, negotiation developments and internal affairs of the Union, provided such notices are authorized by management and approved by the Union.
- 15.1.1 The Company agrees to furnish three (3) Notice Boards exclusively for the posting of Union notices.
- 15.2 The Company agrees to provide space wherein the Union may locate a filing cabinet. Local Union Officers will be given free access to this cabinet at all times.

# ARTICLE 16 Company Seniority

16.1 Company seniority shall be deemed to have commenced on the date of hiring by the Company and shall be equal to the continuous length of service within the bargaining unit, except where the Collective Agreement provides otherwise.

- 16.1.1 Where an employee accepts a position outside the bargaining unit their seniority shall be considered unbroken if they return to the status of a bargaining unit employee within one year, after which, Company seniority as it applies to this agreement shall be lost.
- **16.2** Company seniority shall relate only to the order of lay-offs, promotions, severance pay and the choice of vacation periods, as provided for in the applicable Articles.

#### ARTICLE 17 Interruption of Service

17.1 Seniority shall cease to exist if the employee resigns, is discharged, or refused recall as referred to in Article 22.

#### ARTICLE 18 Vacancies, Promotions and Transfers

18.1 Any vacancy, promotion or transfer that is the result of a vacancy shall be posted for a minimum of five (5) days. The employee with the most Company seniority shall, if he meets the qualifications for the position as set by the Company, be transferred to fill a vacancy and/or be promoted to fill a vacancy. The employee will be given reasonable

assistance and time to train for the new job function. Nothing in this Article precludes the Company from hiring applicants from outside sources where no qualified employees apply and are accepted.

- 18.1.1 If ensuing vacancies are caused by promotions or transfers outlined above (18.1), they need not be posted for this five (5) day period if mutual agreement is reached between the Company and the Union. Such agreement will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 18.2 An employee promoted or transferred to fill a vacancy in any job function shall be on a trial period in such job function for a period of up to sixty (60) days. The Company may at any time during this trial period, return the employee to his former job function with no loss of seniority, if the employee is unable to satisfactorily perform the duties of the new job. At the conclusion of a successful trial period, the employee will be advised in writing that his promotion or transfer has been made permanent.
- 18.3 Without his consent, no employee shall be transferred or assigned to a position outside the bargaining unit and the employee will not be penalized for such refusal. However, an employee may be transferred temporarily to perform work in the "back shop" (i.e.

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carpentry, paint, prop or set areas).

- **18.3.1** No employee shall be transferred or assigned, except on a temporary per occasion basis, to another classification within the bargaining unit, except by mutual consent.
- 18.3.2 No employee shall be permanently transferred to a location outside the GVRD except where the entire facility is relocated. However, it is further agreed that employees currently working out of a location other than the Global BC facility shall not be permanently transferred to another location except by mutual consent.
- **18.4** Employees required to perform in a job function different from their regular function will not be penalized for errors committed during such performances, without considering the adequacy of training.
- 18.5 When an employee is promoted into a higher rated job function he shall immediately move into the higher salary group and receive a salary increase which is at least the equivalent of one (1) full increment in his former group plus the amount necessary to place him on step in the new group, and he shall automatically progress upward on his annual or semi-annual anniversary date of employment, i.e. the date for anniversary increases shall not be affected by any

change in job function.

When an employee's position is reclassified into a higher-rated job function, the employee shall immediately move to the closest step of the next highest increment in the new (higher) group and receive the appropriate salary adjustment. The employee shall then automatically progress upward on the annual or semi-annual anniversary date of employment.

18.5.1 An employee who is "over-scale" or at the top-of-scale with regard to wages, and who is subsequently promoted shall in lieu of the increment outlined in Article 18.5, receive an amount equal to the average increase in his former group (i.e. the total difference between the start and top rates divided by the number of steps = average), plus any amount necessary to place the employee on a step in the new scale.

#### ARTICLE 19 Upgrading

19.1 In the event that an employee is temporarily assigned to perform work which involves a meaningful function of a higher classification than that to which he is permanently assigned, he shall be paid two

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dollars (\$2.00) per hour with a minimum credit of four (4) hours. In the event that an employee is upgraded beyond an eight (8) hour tour of duty he shall be paid eight dollars (\$8.00) for every subsequent four (4) hours or part thereof. This clause shall not be used for the purpose of reducing the number of employees in the job function to which such employee is being upgraded. When an employee is upgraded through more than one wage classification (e.g. Group II to Group IV), the rate mentioned above will be doubled. At the time of such assignment an employee shall be verbally advised of the temporary upgrading and this shall be recorded on the employee's time sheets.

Employees temporarily assigned to perform the duties of Non-Bargaining Unit Supervisor or Manager shall be paid twenty (\$20) dollars for each eight (8) hour tour of duty or part thereof and the employee's hourly rate shall be adjusted accordingly.

19.1.1 The provisions of Article 19.1 shall not apply when an employee is assigned to work of a higher classification for training or trial, for a maximum of fifteen (15) days and where a qualified staff member is assigned to assist in such training. Further, 19.1 shall not apply when an employee temporarily relieves another employee in a higher classification for break periods or when a reporter performs news assignment editor

duties on weekend, statutory holidays or evenings, except where a news assignment editor would normally be required (eg. Election coverage, Royal or Papal visits).

- 19.2 In the event of a temporary upgrading of an employee for a period of more than one (1) day [but in no event may a temporary upgrading be of greater duration than three (3) calendar months with the exception of parental leave] the employee so temporarily upgraded shall be verbally advised at the time of his assignment to a higher classification. Such advice shall also stipulate the probable duration of such temporary upgrading.
- 19.3 Where upgrading involves a job combination(s) the duration of upgrading may be extended to a period of six (6) months. If the combination job function averages 16 or more hours per week and continues beyond six (6) months the employee shall be re-classified to the higher-rated job function and shall be placed on the new scale in accordance with the provisions of Article 18.5.
- **19.4** Training: Bargaining unit employees who are not classified as supervisory, senior or other comparable classifications shall be entitled to

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claim upgrading as per Article 19 when assigned to train other employees. The parties recognize that there is a difference between training and familiarization and there will be no requirement to pay upgrading for familiarization.

#### ARTICLE 20 Dismissals

- 20.1 Dismissal of an employee shall be for just and sufficient cause and it is agreed that dismissal may be subject to the grievance procedure. An employee dismissed for just and sufficient cause (except for gross misconduct) shall be entitled to two (2) weeks' notice or in lieu of such notice, shall be given two (2) weeks' pay plus accrued vacation pay and any severance pay earned under Article 51.
- 20.2 An employee, when resigning, will give the Company two (2) weeks' notice in writing and where possible three (3) weeks' notice.

#### ARTICLE 21 Lay-Offs

21.1 The Company will consult with the Local Union executive with respect to any planned lay-off prior to any discussions with those employees that may be affected. At this meeting the Company shall supply in writing

- a complete seniority list, names and classifications, of those affected and the reason for lay-off. It is understood that this consultation will be deemed strictly confidential and as such, the proceedings will not be disclosed to any other individual, prior to the Company notifying the individual employee(s). Notice of such meeting shall be a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours. When lay-offs are to be made, such lay-offs shall proceed in inverse order of Company seniority within those job functions and/or categories affected where the work has been reduced or eliminated; said job functions are listed in Article 30.
- 21.1.1 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a more senior employee in a job classification may offer to be laid off in the place of a more junior employee. If the offer is accepted by the company the more senior employee will waive his bumping rights and will receive the severance provided for in Article 21.3.1. This article shall not apply to lay-offs that occur under Letter of Understanding #7 Transfer of Work.
- 21.2 Any employee about to be laid off from one job function who has the necessary qualifications set by the Company for another job function may apply his Company seniority and revert to such other function. Such qualifications shall be set in a bona fide

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manner. No employee is to be displaced by a more senior employee unless the latter possesses the occupational qualifications of the job filled by the employee with less seniority. Employees must declare their intent to bump within two weeks of receiving layoff notice. An employee bumped under either Article 21 or 27 shall receive the notice appropriate to the applicable Article, plus the remainder of the notice period of the employee that bumped.

Notwithstanding employees may not exercise bumping rights to anchor classifications.

Employees who bump under this provision to another job function shall be paid at a level within the new group, that is closest to their current rate of pay.

Employees who bump under this provision to a higher job group shall be paid at a rate within the new group closest to but greater than their rate of pay prior to the bump.

- 21.2.1 Employees who bump into a different classification shall retain recall rights, for up to one year, as per Article 22, to their former classification.
- 21.2.2 Employees laid- off under Article 27, must declare their intent to bump within 2 weeks. However, should a bumping

opportunity, or job posting arise during the notice period that was not available at the time of declaration, the employee shall retain their right to bump or apply.

- 21.3 In the event of lay-offs, employees affected will receive eight (8) weeks' notice or eight (8) weeks' salary in lieu of notice, plus severance pay, and accrued vacation pay.
- 21.3.1 In the event of lay-offs, under either Articles 21 or 27, employees affected will receive two (2) weeks severance for each completed year of service up to fifteen (15) years, and three (3) weeks severance pay for each completed year of service, beyond fifteen (15) years to a maximum of fifty-two weeks. Up to two (2) weeks of the total may be actual notice with the balance paid in a single lump sum.
- 21.4 The Company shall advise the Union at least eight (8) weeks in advance of proposed layoffs. It shall be the intention of the Company to give full consideration for job vacancies within the bargaining unit to those employees who are to be laid-off.
- 21.5 While an employee is laid off, the Company will continue, with the exception of long-term disability, the total group health and welfare payments for a period of lay-off up to a maximum of six (6) months or until the

- employee is eligible for benefits at the new place of employment.
- **21.6** The Company agrees that it will not consistently schedule overtime in order to affect or extend lay-offs.
- 21.7 An employee who has reverted to a lower salary group and whose salary is higher than the maximum of this group, shall continue to receive the higher salary which shall be frozen (red-circled) until such time as the salary in the lower-rated job function reaches the employee's salary and then such employee will proceed on the scale in accordance with Article 29.
- 21.8 An employee on layoff who has worked on a part-time basis shall retain part-time status upon the expiration of recall rights. Seniority shall be calculated from the date of employment by the Company.

### ARTICLE 22 Re-Engagement

- 22.1 In the event an employee with one (1) year or more of Company seniority is laid off or is granted leave of absence or transferred to a position within the Company not covered by this Agreement:
- 22.1.1 Continuity of service for the purpose of

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Company seniority shall be considered unbroken if the employee returns to the status of an employee within one (1) year, or

- 22.1.2 If the employee returns to the status of an employee after one (1) year has elapsed, his company seniority upon returning shall be that which he had on the effective date of such lay-off, transfer or leave of absence.
- **22.2** In the event an employee with less than one (1) year of Company seniority is laid off:
- 22.2.1 And returns to the status of an employee before six (6) months have elapsed, Company seniority upon return will be that which the employee had on the date of such lay-off.
- 22.3 Where any full-time or regular part-time work becomes available for which a laid-off employee is qualified, the Company agrees to re-engage, in order of company seniority. The qualifications will be set in a reasonable manner. For the purpose of this Article "reengage" means to return to work in a full time or regular Part-time position.

Employees who are recalled or re-engaged under this provision to a job function other than previous function shall be paid at a level within the new group that is closest to their previous rate of pay.

22.3.1 Where any other part-time or temporary bargaining unit work becomes available for which a laid-off employee is qualified, the Company agrees to re-call, in order of company seniority. However re-call shall exclude all hours offered to the employee at the time of lay-off and rejected. The qualifications shall be set in a reasonable manner.

For the purpose of this Article "re-call" means to be called to work for any part-time or temporary work available.

Full-time employees laid off under Articles 21 or 27 shall be entitled to re-engagement or recall rights for one (1) year from the date of lay-off.

22.3.2 When an employee on lay-off has worked more than 910 regular (non-overtime) hours over any 180 consecutive day window, the employee shall be considered to have reverted to full-time status.

The Company will not manipulate or reschedule productions, projects and shifts in order to avoid the re-establishment of recall rights as described above.

In the event an employee on lay-off works 240 or more regular hours within a ten (10)

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consecutive week window, their recall rights shall be re-established for another twelve (12) months.

For the purposes of this Article "regular hours" shall exclude overtime. However, hours worked on a day-off (Article 38) to a maximum of eight shall be included.

- 22.3.3 Where an employee has been reengaged pursuant to this Article and has been paid severance in accordance with Article 21, the employee's seniority for the purposes of severance shall be considered that of a new employee.
- 22.4 The Company's responsibility will be considered fulfilled if the Company gives notice in writing, by registered mail to the former employee's last known address. The employee must notify the Company of his intention within seven (7) days of receipt of said letter.

# ARTICLE 23 Performance Reports

23.1 An employee shall be notified in writing, of any written expression of dissatisfaction concerning his work within ten (10) working days of cause for dissatisfaction becoming known to his Manager. They shall be furnished with a copy of any complaint or

accusation which may be detrimental to their advancement or standing within the Company. If this procedure is not followed, such expressions of dissatisfaction shall not become part of their records for use against them at any time. This Article shall not prevent verbal expressions of dissatisfaction, but such verbal expressions must be reduced to writing before becoming part of an employee's record.

- 23.2 The employee's reply to such complaint or accusation if received within ten (10) working days after he has been given the notice referred to in Article 23.1 above, shall become part of his record. If such reply is not so received, it will not become part of his record for use by him at any time.
- 23.3 An employee shall have access to his personnel performance file in the presence of his supervisor during office hours, once every six (6) months (or earlier in the case of a grievance), at a mutually agreeable time, but in no event later than three (3) days after the initial request.
- 23.4 The Company shall remove any unsatisfactory performance report which is two (2) years old, where the employee's record shows no related occurrences within the two (2) years preceding. It is further agreed that where an unsatisfactory

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performance report is removed in accordance with this Article, there shall be no reference made to such removal placed in the employee's file.

23.5 In the case of a grievance, an employee shall have the right to take a Union Steward or Local Officer with him to review his personnel performance file.

## ARTICLE 24 Duties and Responsibilities

- 24.1 The Company agrees to continue the present practice, as at the commencement of this agreement, of assigning all duties relating to the preparation, staging, audition, rehearsal, recording and/or broadcast of the Company's material to employees defined in Article 2.1 of the Agreement. Employees as defined in Article 2.1 of the Agreement shall install, set-up, modify, assemble, operate and maintain all the Company's television equipment used, owned, rented, leased and obtained by the Company, or any equipment obtained in the future to replace or supplement such equipment. This equipment shall mean all electronic, mechanical and optical equipment, and otherwise, used for broadcasting TV material, including that used in transmitting, control and/or conducting audio and video frequencies, and signals for use in broadcast, closed circuit broadcast. rebroadcast pick-up, relay, audition, rehearsal, recording, sound effects, visual effects, intercommunication equipment for broadcast purposes, and/or on air playback.
- 24.1.1 The parties agree that the Company may acquire material outside B.C. for possible use within the Company's programming and/or telecasts, provided that if Global BC equipment as outlined in Article

24.1 is used, a Global BC crew will be utilized; otherwise (when non- Global BC owned equipment is utilized) any use of bargaining unit personnel on out-of-province production or origination will be at the Company's discretion.

- 24.1.2 The parties agree to the interchange of equipment as described in Article 24.1 and personnel between Global BC and other business divisions of Global Communications Ltd. or Global Television Network Inc.
  - a) It is agreed that all mobiles are the property of Global Communications Ltd. or Global Television Network Inc. and as such, may be dispatched in any manner possible to meet operational mobile requirements within a given market.
  - For Global BC mobile productions produced by and/or aired on Global BC only bargaining unit personnel shall be utilised.

It is further agreed that any interchange of equipment shall not result in the direct or indirect displacement of bargaining unit persons.

24.1.3 The parties agree that the Generator

Truck when not in use for a Global BC production remains at the sole discretion and jurisdiction of Global BC. It is further agreed that bargaining unit personnel will not be displaced directly or indirectly as a result of the foregoing.

- 24.2 The Company agrees that it will not transfer, assign or subcontract any work or functions covered by this agreement to which employees are entitled under the terms of this agreement to any other employee(s) of the Company not covered by this agreement. The Company, however, reserves the right to subcontract highly specialized initial installation work when it is cost-effective to do so. It is agreed that there shall be no staff reductions or reductions of regular hours caused by the subcontracting of such work.
- 24.2.1 It is understood that the Company will be permitted to use "news" originating from "out of town" stringers or news services including the use of personnel and news gathering services from any business division or subsidiary of Global Communications Ltd. or Global Television Network Inc. provided such practice does not eliminate or replace bargaining employees and provided that any full-time or part-time positions are filled by bargaining unit employees. It is further understood that the Company will be permitted to use "news" originating from other sources provided that

such sources are not performing work under any prior arrangement or contract with the Company.

- 24.2.2 Where bargaining unit work currently being performed by bargaining unit employees, as set out in Article 24.1 is transferred or relocated to another location of the Company, said work shall continue to fall under the provisions of this collective agreement.
- 24.3 The Company itself shall not, nor shall it permit anyone to use its premises, facilities, or equipment owned, operated or controlled by it in any manner, which affects or changes the work, duties or working conditions of employees in the bargaining unit herein, unless employees in the bargaining unit are assigned to the work involved. In such instance the Company will negotiate with the Union as to the work to be performed, the wage to be paid therefore, and the wage rate of other jobs filled by employees represented by the Union which are made more onerous or difficult thereby. The new rate or rates shall be effective as of the date when the work was first performed. The Union agrees that the operation of the Company shall not be interrupted pending agreement upon the matters under negotiation in accordance with the provisions of this section.

- 24.4 The Company may use a specialist to maintain, test, adjust or repair any equipment or device operated or maintained by members of the bargaining unit, a member of the bargaining unit shall be assigned to assist or accompany such specialist in order to familiarize himself with the maintenance, and adjustment, or repair being performed by the specialist, if such duties of the specialist are to be assumed by members of the bargaining unit.
- 24.5 The Company agrees not to assign to persons outside the bargaining unit duties performed by members of the bargaining unit, but it is agreed that the following work practices by persons outside the bargaining unit as defined in Article 2.1 are recognized by the Union and the Company shall not be required to alter such practices.
- 24.5.1 Technical Directors using special effects, video switcher, camera control units, electronic video store and frame synchronisers in the area of the studio and mobile control rooms. The application of this Article with respect to Global BC studio production shall not result in the direct or indirect displacement of bargaining unit employees.
- **24.5.2** Engineering management staff may only perform maintenance functions for

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training purposes, familiarisation, acceptance testing, signal evaluation research and development, diagnostic analysis and in cases of emergency.

- **24.5.3** Announcers pre-taping the day's run in the audio recording booth.
- 24.5.4 Staff personnel who may be required to use portable technical equipment (eg. 1/2 inch VTR) in the making of presentations or screenings to clients, advertising agencies and Company executives.
- 24.5.5 Production staff may use VTR machines only for the screening of productions and the preparation of cue sheets to be used by CEP VTR editors in editing such productions. Producers may also use audio cassette recorders during rehearsals or auditions for non-broadcast use only.
- 24.5.6 The Design Director(s), Painter(s), and Carpenter(s) will be permitted to continue their present practices with reference to staging work. It is agreed that the Design Director(s) shall not in any circumstances move sets or flats in or out of the studio areas.
- 24.5.7 News Personnel will be permitted to

record and playback, on portable VTR machines (e.g. 3/4 inch machine), the incoming news feeds for the sole purpose of deciding what content is to be included in news programs. It is understood that this VTR recording can in no way be used for broadcast or pre-recording purposes.

24.5.8 The News Producer, News Director, Chief Editor and Technical Supervisor - News and ENG Supervisor, will be permitted to operate ENG equipment in the News Department for the purpose of familiarization and the establishment of methods, procedures and standards of operation provided that such action(s) have nothing to do with the broadcast of Company material.

It is further agreed that if there is a clear violation of this waiver as agreed between the parties or an arbitrator's decision upholding a Union grievance on this matter, the individual concerned will immediately lose the privileges contained herein. In the event of a proven violation and subsequent loss of privileges, the term of this waiver shall not be extended or transferred to another individual except that future incumbents shall be extended all provisions of this Article.

24.5.9 The Art Director will be permitted hands-on use of all equipment in the Computer Graphics Arts Department including mobile computer graphics

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equipment for the purpose of familiarization and the establishment of methods, procedures, and standards of operation provided that such action(s) have nothing whatsoever to do with the preparation, staging, audition, rehearsal, recording and/or broadcast of any company material.

- **Director-Computer 24.5.10** The Technical Graphic Arts will be permitted hands-on use of all equipment in the Computer Graphics Arts Department including mobile computer graphics equipment and will be included in the provisions of Article 24.5.1. It is further understood and agreed between the parties that the extent to which this bargaining unit work is permitted is limited to the Computer Graphic Arts Department and that his/her duties are not interchangeable with other Technical Directors duties referred to in Article 24.5.1. Other technical directors will not be permitted to perform the Technical Director-Computer Graphic Arts function.
- 24.5.11 Practicum Students: The Union agrees to allow the use of students on practicums to perform bargaining unit functions when such students are assigned to work under the supervision of a bargaining unit member. Students will not be used in such a way as to replace a bargaining unit employee on leave or vacation or to avoid

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payment of penalties or premiums to full-time or part-time employees.

Payment to students is left to the discretion of the Company.

- **24.5.12** Meteorologists from Environment Canada and weather announcers using and operating our Weather System.
- 24.5.13 As a result of broadcast equipment becoming increasingly software driven, the Union recognises that non-union personnel shall retain the right to perform "hands on" systems network management and diagnostic functions.
- 24.5.14 The Company shall be permitted to utilise outside experts/ specialists on all news programs for on-air commentary and/ or analysis in their area of speciality.
- 24.5.15 Program promotion (ie editing and post production voiceovers, tags, graphic components etc.) to be permitted within any business divisions of Global Communications Ltd. or Global Television Network Inc.
- **24.6** It is agreed that the provisions of Articles 24.1.1, 24.1.2, 24.5.4 and 24.5.5 shall not be used for the purpose of eliminating regular or full-time employees or to avoid hiring regular or full-time employees.

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- 24.7 The parties recognize that the intent of Article 24 is to have bargaining unit personnel operate and maintain all technical equipment as defined in Article 24. Therefore when a waiver of the foregoing Article 24 is deemed necessary the procedure shall be as follows:
  - (a) The Company shall within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving a request from an outside agency, notify the Union of all pertinent details concerning any waiver requirements.
  - **(b)** The Union shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, reply to the waiver request.
  - (c) The above time limits shall be exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and Legal Holidays.

### ARTICLE 25 Waivers

25.1 The Company recognizes that no provisions of this Collective Agreement may be waived by the Local Union Officers or by individual members. The responsibility for the granting or the refusal to grant waivers lies exclusively with the National Union through its Western Region office at Ste. 540, 1199 West Pender Street, Vancouver BC, V6E 2R1.

25.2 Where the Company for valid reasons wishes to temporarily suspend any of the provisions of the Collective Agreement, they shall, as early as possible, request a waiver from the Union. Such request will provide all pertinent information to allow the Union to assess the situation. Within twenty-four hours the Union will reply to the request, either granting the waiver or giving in writing the reasons for refusal.

## ARTICLE 26 Air Credits and Union Seal

- 26.1 Every audio/video tape recording and all programming produced for or by the company shall have the CEP seal legibly exhibited on the following:
  - (a) Tape Billboard
  - (b) End Credits
  - (c) All tape containers
- **26.1.1** Video credits may use an electronic graphic print-out of the abbreviation "CEP" in place of the CEP seal.
- **26.2** The Company shall give air credits to employees where, in its opinion, such credits are merited by their contribution to the performance in accordance with its current

policy.

## ARTICLE 27 Technological Change

- 27.1 In the event that the Company introduces or permits to be used any process, machinery or equipment which substitutes for, supplements or replaces any present process, machinery or equipment being operated as of the date of this Agreement by employees within the bargaining unit, such process, machinery, or equipment shall be operated and maintained only by employees in the bargaining unit herein set forth.
- 27.1.1 The parties recognize that some technological developments may result in the combination of job functions with those not included within the jurisdiction of the Union. Where such combination of job functions with those not covered by the jurisdiction of the Union takes place and where the balance of convenience favours the performance of such job function by non-bargaining unit personnel, such operation may be performed by non-bargaining unit personnel.

It is agreed that where a position is created as a result of technological change and/or the combination of job functions as a result of technological change, such position shall fall under the jurisdiction of the bargaining unit.

It is further agreed that no bargaining unit employees will be laid off as a result of the application of Article 27.1.1.

- 27.1.2 The introduction of Computer hardware and/or software shall be considered a Technological Change with respect to the application to this Article provided that such introduction has occurred within one (1) year of the displacement of an employee.
- 27.2 Should the introduction, replacement, supplementation or modification of any machinery, equipment or device which is or would fall under the jurisdiction of the employees in the bargaining unit, result in the lay-off (as distinguished from lay-offs caused by changes in programming) of employees, the Company recognizes additional moral obligations to such employees and agrees to the following conditions in fulfilment of such obligations.
- 27.2.1 The Company will give the Union and the employees as much advance notice as is practicable, but not less than six (6) months notification of such lay-offs or six (6) months pay in lieu of said notice plus all other benefits for the same period. Also the employees shall receive severance pay as outlined in Article 51.

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- 27.2.2 The Company shall in writing state the nature of the changes contemplated and the number of jobs likely to be affected. Upon receipt of such notice by the Union, the parties shall arrange a meeting or meetings, for the purpose of conducting discussions which will achieve an understanding to assure that any hardship to the employees affected shall be minimized. The Company will provide such employees reasonable time off during their normal work week without loss of salary, to be interviewed for positions outside the Company.
- 27.2.3 Where an employee(s) is displaced due to technological change, he shall be entitled to exercise bumping rights as per Article 21.2. Further, such employee shall maintain recall rights as per Article 22.3 during which time the Company agrees to re-engage said employee(s), based on seniority, to any vacancy or any vacancy that is the result of a promotion, that may occur within the bargaining unit. To obtain proficiency in his/her classification the employee(s) shall be given three (3) months after the date of re-engagement, which period may extendable to six (6) months upon mutual agreement between the Company and the Union. The employee shall receive reasonable and adequate training during

normal working hours and employees shall be paid at least the start rate within the classification. If the Company demonstrates that the employee has failed to show sufficient ability in the new position, the employment of the employee may be terminated or return to laid-off status if the employee still has re-call rights.

It is understood and agreed that there shall be no requirement to re-engage employees, as per Article 27.2.3, to the following job classifications:

- (a) Any supervisory category
- (b) ENG Camera
- (c) ENG Editor
- (d) VTR Production Editor
- (e) Maintenance Engineer
- (f) Master Control Operator
- (g) Studio Director
- (h) EFP Camera
- (i) Any senior classification
- (j) Computer graphics operator

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### ARTICLE 28 Grievance Procedure

- **28.1** It is mutually agreed that it is the spirit and intent of this Agreement to adjust, as quickly as possible, grievances arising from the application, administration, interpretation or alleged violation of this Agreement.
- 28.2 The parties recognize that the "Canada Labour Code" provides that any employee may present his personal grievance to his employer at any time. Any such grievance shall be subject to consideration and adjustment as provided in the following articles on Grievance Procedure.
- 28.3 In the event of a dispute between any member or members of the bargaining unit and the Company, in reference to the application, administration, interpretation or alleged violation of this Agreement, the following shall be the procedure for adjustment and settlement thereof:
- Step 1: The grievance shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof delivered to the President of the Company or his designee, or the International President of the Union or his designee, within ten (10) working days of the arising of such grievance. A copy shall also be simultaneously delivered to the employee designated by the employees as their

Chairman of the Grievance Committee.

- Step 2: The grievance shall be discussed with the President of the Company or his designee and the Local Grievance Committee consisting of not more than three (3) members. Such meetings shall take place within five (5) working days of the filing of such grievance. Appropriate records of such meetings shall be kept.
- Step 3: If the grievance is not settled within ten (10) working days after the meeting described in Step 2, the dispute shall be discussed between the President of the Company and the International President or their designees for further discussion and consideration.
- Step 4: In the event that the representatives of the Company and the Union cannot reach agreement, either party may, by registered mail within thirty (30) days of the meeting described in Step 3 submit the dispute to binding arbitration. The parties shall, within ten (10) days of the sending of the notice requesting arbitration, select a mutually acceptable arbitrator. If the parties are unable to agree on the selection of an arbitrator within these ten (10) days, the Federal Minister of Labour shall be requested to appoint the arbitrator. The cost and/or expenses of such arbitration shall be borne equally by the Company and the

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Union, except that no party shall be obligated to pay the cost of a stenographic transcript without express consent. The person elected/appointed in accordance with the above, must agree prior to his/her appointment, to render an award within thirty (30) days from the date of the last day of the hearing.

- 28.4 The arbitrator shall not have the power to change, modify, extend or amend the provisions of this Agreement, but shall have the power to direct, if considered proper, that any employee who has been suspended, discharged, or otherwise disciplined without just and sufficient cause, shall be reinstated with any other benefit under this agreement which may have been lost.
- 28.5 In dismissals and matters of general concern where time is of the essence the matter shall be discussed between the representatives of the Company and the Union, and if not satisfactorily settled, either party may refer the matter to arbitration as provided in Step 4 of Article 28.3.
- 28.6 <u>Time Limits:</u> Any time limit mentioned under grievance procedure shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays, and Statutory Holidays, and may be extended by mutual consent.
- 28.7 Employees shall suffer no loss of pay or

other benefits while attending grievance meetings with the Company.

#### **ARTICLE 29**

#### **WAGE INCREASES**

#### March 1, 2004 - February 28, 2005

- a) Increase all salary scales by a percentage increase of two and three quarters (2.75%) percent.
- b) Annual salary increment increases to continue to be paid to all eligible employees during this period.
- c) An employee who is currently being paid a salary above the top of his/her salary scale will receive a salary increase (added to his/her salary) of two and three quarters (2.75%) percent computed against the top of his/her actual salary scale.

#### March 1, 2005 - February 28, 2006

- a) Increase all salary scales by a percentage increase of two and one half (2.50%) percent.
- b) Annual salary increment increases to continue to be paid to all eligible employees during this period.
- c) An employee who is currently being

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paid a salary above the top of his/her salary scale will receive a salary increase (added to his/her salary) of two and one half (2.50%) percent computed against the top of his/her actual salary scale.

#### March 1, 2006 - February 28, 2007

- a) Increase all salary scales by a percentage increase of two and one quarter (2.25%) percent.
- b) Annual salary increment increases to continue to be paid to all eligible employees during this period.
- c) An employee who is currently being paid a salary above the top of his/her salary scale will receive a salary increase (added to his/her salary) of two and one quarter (2.25%) percent computed against the top of his/her actual salary scale.

#### Rates

#### 29.1 The following rates are minimum:

#### **BI-WEEKLY**

	March 1 2004	March 1 2005	March 1 2006
GROUP 1:			
Start	1225	1255	1284
6 months	1283	1315	1345

1 year	1345	1379	1410	
2 years	1402	1437	1469	
3 years	1452	1488	1522	
4 years	1503	1541	1575	
5 years	1559	1598	1634	
6 years	1611	1651	1689	
7 years	1660	1702	1740	
GROUP 2:				
Start	1486	1523	1557	
6 months	1545	1584	1620	
1 year	1609	1649	1686	
2 years	1674	1716	1754	
3 years	1745	1788	1829	
4 years	1837	1883	1925	
5 years	1973	2022	2068	
6 years	2140	2194	2243	
7 years	2315	2373	2426	

	March 1 2004	March 1 2005	March 1 2006
GROUP 3:			
Start	1690	1732	1771
6 months	1748	1791	1832
1 year	1808	1854	1895
2 years	1906	1954	1998
3 years	1988	2038	2084
4 years	2080	2132	2180
5 years	2181	2236	2286

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6 years	2315	2373	2426
7 years	2494	2556	2614
GROUP 4:			
Start	1619	1660	1697
6 months	1684	1726	1765
1 year	1741	1784	1824
2 years	1833	1879	1921
3 years	1894	1941	1985
4 years	1958	2007	2053
5 years	2055	2106	2154
6 years	2133	2186	2236
7 years	2232	2288	2339
8 years	2352	2411	2465
9 years	2487	2549	2606
10 years	2660	2727	2788

	March 1 2004	March 1 2005	March 1 2006
GROUP 5:			
Start	1880	1927	1971
6 months	2005	2055	2101
1 year	2080	2132	2180
2 years	2145	2199	2249
3 years	2285	2342	2395

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4 years	2417	2477	2533
5 years	2615	2680	2741
6 years	2862	2933	2999
Group 6			
Start	2783	2853	2917
1 year	2923	2996	3064
2 years	3068	3145	3216
Engineering			
Start	2487	2549	2606
2 years	2660	2727	2788
3 years	2833	2904	2969
System Engineer	2913	2986	3053
Supervisor	2964	3038	3107

### **ARTICLE 30**

### Salary Groups

**30.1** Groups for the purpose of salary classification shall be as follows:

### Group 1

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Cable Person; Dolly Operator; Studio Assistant; Telephone Co-ordinator; Scanner Monitor; Driver; Script Assistant.

#### Group 2

ENG Operator; Staging Technician; Teleprompter Operator; Boom Operator; Camera Operator; Lighting Person; Sound Technician; Video Operator; VTR Librarian; ENG Editor Assistant; Shipper/ Receiver; News Librarian; Scheduling Assistant; Scheduling Co-ordinator News; Production Assistant; Writer; Make-Up Artist; Engineering Storeskeeper.
Senior Designation; Group 1 employees on a

### merit basis.

#### Group 3

**ENG** Camera Assistant; Senior Senior Teleprompter Operator; MCR Operator; Studio Director, Senior Lighting Person; Senior Camera Operator; Senior Sound Technician; Operator, Production, Senior VTR Librarian; Ottawa-ENG Camera Operator, Victoria-ENG Camera Operator; Courtroom Artist; Videotape Operator; EFP Camera Person; Robotics Operator; Microwave Van Operator; Senior Graphics/Designer; Font Shipper/Receiver; Operator; Associate Producer; Camera Coordinator; P/A Director; Senior Writer; Night Assignment/Writer; Scheduling Supervisor. Senior Designation; Group 2 employees on a merit basis.

#### Group 4

ENG Camera Operator; Senior Studio Director; Lighting Director; Senior MCR Operator; Senior Operator, Production; Director Photography Electronic; ENG Editor; Senior Videotape Operator; Senior EFP Camera Person; Senior Robotics Operator; Senior On-Air Operator; Senior Graphics/Designer; Senior Font Operator; Feed Co-ordinator; Microwave Van Operator/Editor; Reporter 1; Sports Reporter/Anchor; Scheduling Supervisor; Equipment Facilities Co-ordinator; Producer; Director /PA; Line-up Writer; Maintenance Engineer.

Group 3 employees on a merit basis.

#### Group 5

Senior ENG Camera Operator; Senior ENG Editor; On-Air Supervisor; Art Director; Senior Reporter; Senior Producer; Senior Sports Reporter/Anchor; News Anchor 1; Anchor/Producer; New Bureau Reporter; Video Journalist; Any employee on a merit basis.

Group 6 Senior News Anchor.

**Group A** Engineering Storeskeeper

**Group B** Maintenance Engineer

Group C Senior Engineer

**Group D** System Engineer

Group E Supervisor

30.2 The duties of a Studio Director-Trainee shall be limited to Studio 4, News and all other small productions of a similar nature.

#### **ARTICLE 31**

#### **General Wage Provisions**

- 31.1 Employees shall be paid according to the wage schedule in Article 29 at a step of the salary group to which they are assigned with credit for years of service within the salary group and any credit for industry experience, educational qualifications recognized by the Company at the time of hiring.
- 31.1.1 The parties also recognize that the Collective Agreement allows the Company to promote an employee, on a merit basis, to the next higher job group. The Union also acknowledges that, should the promotion be deemed inappropriate for any performance related reason, the Company reserves the right to transfer the employee back to his original job group which he/she held immediately prior to the promotion with the appropriate wage adjustments.

It is agreed that the foregoing shall only apply to those merit increases made after March 1,

1993 or March 1, 1998 with respect to non-technical news staff.

- 31.2 Progression up the salary schedule within each salary group on an increment step shall automatically occur on the pay period closest to the employee's semi-annual or annual anniversary date of employment with the Company.
- 31.3 Each employee will complete a timesheet daily as prescribed by the Company, and this timesheet will be signed by the employee and kept in a place prescribed by the Company. The Company will provide photocopies of each corrected timesheet to the employee and these will be attached to the pay cheque for the period in question. It is the responsibility of the Company to calculate the employee's pay on the basis of the information supplied on the timesheets. The Company will provide a breakdown of the pay calculations and such breakdown will be recorded on the employee's pay cheque stub. In the event of any dispute arising regarding pay cheques or time sheets the employee involved and the Local President of the Union shall have access to the employee's pay records upon reasonable notice to the Company.
- 31.3.1 Employees assigned off premises shall submit timesheets as soon as is possible upon returning from such assignment.

- **31.4** All overtime must be authorized or approved in advance by a Company Supervisor/Manager, except in emergency circumstances when the approval must be obtained as soon as possible.
- 31.5 When an employee reports late for an assignment he may be subject to a reduction in pay when such lateness is not due to circumstances beyond the control of the employee (e.g. Act of God). For purposes for determining the amount of reduction, the employee's total tour of duty may be reduced by the period of lateness calculated to the end of the quarter (1/4) hour in which the employee reported for duty.
- 31.6 Payment for overtime work, premiums and penalties will be made not later than the pay period following the pay period that such overtime, etc. is worked, provided the employee's timesheet is filled out as described in Article 31.3.
- 31.7 Full time salaries will be paid on every second Friday for the two (2) week period ending the following Sunday. However, the employee shall be paid the working day before, should the pay day fall on a Legal Holiday (Article 47).

Part time wages for the two (2) week period

ending on Sunday will be paid on the second following Friday. However, the employee shall be paid on the working day before, should the pay day fall on a <u>Legal Holiday</u> (Article 47).

- 31.7.1 All current full-time employees will receive their pay via an electronic transfer of their net pay from the Company's payroll to their bank account. All requirements for typed cheques (e.g. Holiday advances) must be submitted in writing to payroll ten (10) calendar days before pay day.
- 31.7.2 All part-time, relief, temporary and recall employees will continue to be paid via payroll cheques. Such cheques will be available by 0800 hours on the pay day.
- 31.8 The parties recognize that certain employees are receiving salaries higher than those specified in Article 29 as a result of individual negotiations prior to this Agreement. It is agreed that no employee shall suffer a loss of income as a result of the wage scales herein negotiated.
- **31.9** The terms "basic rate", "regular rate", etc. are understood to mean the basic hourly rate of the employee involved.
- 31.10 For purposes of computing an employee's hourly rate of basic pay, his/her bi-weekly salary shall be divided by 80.

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31.11 Each year the Company will include with the T4 slips issued to employees, CEP dues receipts, or total amount of dues deducted at source and forwarded to CEP. All T4 slips will be issued no later than February twentieth (20th) of each year.

#### ARTICLE 32 Work Week

32.1 Employees may have the option, subsequent to operational requirements, to work either a standard work week or optional work week as hereafter defined.

Both forty (40) hour weeks shall obtain and shall commence at 12:01 a.m., Monday. The hours of work shall be exclusive of the first meal period and inclusive of all second and subsequent meal periods and break periods, except where otherwise provided in Article 39 (Meal Periods).

The standard work week shall consist of five (5) times eight (8) hour days.

The optional work week shall consist of four (4) times ten (10) hour days.

Those employees choosing the optional work week shall be paid at straight time wages up to ten (10) hours; two (2) times the basic rate for hours worked or credited up to fourteen

- (14) hours; and two and one-half (2 1/2) times the basic rate for all hours worked or credited over fourteen (14) hours.
- **32.1.1** The work week for non-technical staff (excluding reporters) shall be five days per week and seven and one-half (7.5) hours per day for thirty seven and one half (37.5) hours per week.

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#### Hours worked/credited Payment

0 - 10 Basic 10 - 14 2 times basic Over 14 2 1/2 times basic

It is recognized the availability of the optional work week cannot fit nor apply to all departments in all areas of the Company. There will be no mixing of the optional work week with the standard work week in any one (1) work week.

Employees scheduled to work the optional work week will have three (3) consecutive scheduled days off, wherever operationally possible. It is agreed that this shift pattern may be cancelled by either party with six

weeks notice.

32.2 The parties recognize that many negative factors resulting from shift patterns in broadcasting do exist and that it is advantageous to reduce, as much as possible, the impact such factors have on the employee and his/her family and on the Company and its work schedule. The parties therefore agree to meet during the term of this Agreement, to discuss and implement changes to the shift patterns in an effort to minimize these negative factors. purpose of such meetings is not to actually reduce the forty (40) hour work week but rather to provide a flexible means of reaching that amount through a different shift pattern other than the standard eight (8) hour-five (5) day week. No ongoing changes in the present shifts will occur unless mutually agreed by both parties.

## ARTICLE 33 Tour of Duty

33.1 A tour of duty shall mean the authorized and or approved time worked by an employee during the day, with a minimum credit of eight (8) hours calculated to the last one quarter (1/4) hour in which work was performed. Where a shift extends beyond midnight and the majority of hours scheduled occur before midnight the shift shall be

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considered to fall wholly within the calendar day in which it starts, however, where the majority of hours scheduled occur after midnight the shift shall be considered as falling wholly within the day in which it ends.

33.2 There shall be no assignment of split shifts.

# ARTICLE 34 Excessive Hours and Safety

- **34.1** The Employer agrees to give proper attention to the health and safety of its employees.
- 34.2 The Company agrees to adhere to all the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act of British Columbia and the "Canada Labour Code" and all rules and regulations thereto and any other statute provincially or federally dealing with the safety and health of the Company's employees.
- 34.3 Having due regard to health and safety, the Company agrees to try to equalize the work load so that any individual employee is not repeatedly scheduled excessive hours of work.
- **34.4** When dangerous or hazardous work is involved, all reasonable safety and precautionary measures shall be taken by the Company. No employee shall be

disciplined or discharged for refusal to work on a job or in any work place or to operate any equipment where he has reasonable grounds to believe that it would be unsafe or injurious to his health to do so or where it would be contrary to applicable Federal, Provincial or Municipal regulations or legislation. Problems involving safety and health are to be discussed between the Safety Committee members prior to calling in inspectors from either the Federal Department of Labour or the Workers' Compensation Board. Where precautionary measures, as agreed by the Safety Committee, have not been taken, an employee's refusal to undertake such work will in no way be held against the employee or prejudice his employment with the Company. The representatives of the Safety Committee will advise employees immediately if, in their opinion, they consider any matter referred to them to be safe or unsafe, healthful or unhealthful.

34.5 An employee may, before performing potentially hazardous duties, request the assistance of another employee. The Company will not deny any reasonable request. On assignments involving climbing on remote locations or work involving high voltage on remote locations a minimum of two (2) employees shall be assigned.

- 34.5.1 The Company shall consider the capability of an employee for assignments involving climbing, and will recognize valid inability to perform such assignments.
- **34.6** For all time worked involving climbing of transmitting and/or receiving masts, employees will be paid an additional one-half (1/2) the basic hourly rate of the employee computed separately from the work week.
- 34.7 The employer agrees to supply adequate protective clothing, safety footwear and/or safety device equipment for employees on assignments (e.g.remotes, towers) where conditions require their use, and to supply other special attire where required by the employee. It is understood that such protective clothing and/or safety device equipment are and remain the property of the Employer and shall be returned in good condition on demand.
- 34.8 The Company shall appoint an officer to act as liaison with an officer appointed by the Union to discuss safety requirements related to bargaining unit members. Where agreement cannot be reached by this Safety Committee either or both parties may apply to Labour Canada to supply a Safety Officer to determine what recommendations or procedures should be carried out.

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## ARTICLE 35 Posting of Schedules

- 35.1 Each employee's schedule for any week shall be posted in a scheduling office as early as possible, but in no event later than twelve (12:00) noon on the Wednesday ten (10) days prior to the week in question. It is the intent of the foregoing to ensure that each employee is advised of his work schedule at the earliest possible time.
- **35.1.1** Each employee's schedule shall clearly state daily starting time, finishing time, non-inclusive meal periods, and days off.
- 35.1.2 In the event that the employee's schedule for any week is not posted in accordance with Article 35.1 and 35.1.1 the previous weekly schedule shall carry over until a new schedule is posted, subject to all provisions of the Collective Agreement.
- 35.2 After this posting, there shall be no reduction in the number of hours scheduled for any day in the week without notice being given by twelve noon (12:00 p.m.) [three p.m.(3:00) for News-E.N.G. personnel] of the day prior. If such notice is not given, the employee shall be credited with all hours originally scheduled.
- 35.3 An employee's days off will not be changed

after twelve (12:00) noon, Wednesday of the week (5 days) prior to the scheduled work week, unless mutually agreed.

## ARTICLE 36 Change of Starting Time

- 36.1 Notice of change of starting time shall be given as much in advance as possible, but no later than twelve (12:00) noon (three [3:00] p.m.for News-ENG Personnel), of the day prior to the day of the change. If such notice is not given the employee shall be credited with all hours originally scheduled plus any additional hours. This article does not apply to an employee who is covering the first (1st) day of illness of another employee. This article does not apply to an employee who is required to work for another employee who is absent due to compassionate leave as defined in Article 52. First day of illness of another employee shall be defined to include a day for which the Company did not receive notification of that employee's illness by twelve (12:00) noon of the day prior, seven (7:00) p.m. for News-ENG personnel.
- **36.1.1** No penalty will be paid to News-ENG personnel if change of starting time is made because of "unexpected events" assignments. (see definition)
- **36.2** Prior to going on leave of four (4) days or more, when a schedule covering the period

of the leave is not posted an employee shall be given a written pre-arranged time to report back. This time, however, may be rescheduled later but not earlier than the pre-arranged time. The Company must make a reasonable effort to notify the employee of such change. The Company shall be considered to have made a reasonable effort when a registered letter of notification has been mailed to the employee's normal mailing address and arrives prior to the pre-arranged reporting time.

- 36.3 In the event of illness, an employee will make every reasonable effort to notify directly the supervisor in charge of scheduling or the employee's immediate supervisor at least one (1) hour in advance of the commencement of the employee's shift. It is the Company's responsibility to inform the employee of any change in his schedule.
- **36.4** It is the intent of the foregoing to insure that each employee shall be apprised of his daily work schedule at the earliest possible time.

### ARTICLE 37 Days Off

37.1 One (1) scheduled day off shall be defined as twenty-four (24) hours plus the turn-around period of twelve (12) hours for a total of thirty-six (36) hours. Two (2) scheduled

days off shall be defined as forty-eight (48) hours plus the turn-around period of twelve (12) hours for a total of sixty (60) hours. Three (3) and four (4) scheduled days off in separate work weeks shall be defined respectively as seventy-two (72) hours plus the turn-around period and ninety-six (96) hours plus the turn-around period. When the two (2) scheduled days off are separated as provided in Article 37.5, there shall be eighty-four (84) hours between the end of the last tour and the beginning of the next tour.

- 37.2 An extra day off or day off in lieu is defined as twenty-four (24) hours plus the turn-around period and shall be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.
- 37.3 There shall be two (2) consecutive days off in each work week or conterminously (i.e. Sunday and Monday). It is recognized by the parties that circumstances may arise where an individual is required to work six (6) consecutive days in a work week. However, the Company agrees that under circumstances will an employee scheduled to work more than ten (10) consecutive days. The Company shall make every effort to schedule the days off on weekends as frequently as possible and will endeavour to avoid requiring an employee to work more than two (2) weekends in a row. The Company may average these weekends off over a three (3) consecutive month

period; however, an employee must receive a minimum of five (5) weekends (i.e Saturday and Sunday) off during any three (3) consecutive month period. An employee who does not receive the minimum number of weekends off during this three (3) consecutive month period shall receive one (1) times his basic rate of pay for all hours worked and/or credited for each tour of duty on the Saturday and/or Sunday in question. The payment shall be in addition to any other payment received under the terms of this Agreement.

- 37.3.1 Notwithstanding the above, Article 37.3 shall not apply to employees hired specifically for a position posted as involving regular weekend work (i.e. consecutive, successive weekends). Any employee hired to work regular weekends under this Article shall be informed in writing that it is a condition of their employment.
- 37.4 The five (5) days in any work week need not necessarily be consecutive; they may be separated by the two (2) consecutive days off.
- **37.5** Two (2) scheduled days off may be separated by a holiday only when no work is scheduled on that holiday.

# ARTICLE 38 Work on a Day Off

- 38.1 An employee may refuse to work on a scheduled day off. However, if all qualified employees in that job function refuse to work, the Company may assign the work to any qualified employee, in the inverse order of Company seniority and this assignment of work cannot be refused but otherwise, an employee will not be penalized for refusing to work on a scheduled day off. When an employee is asked to work on an ongoing special project in which he has been previously involved, such a request to work on such day off will not be unreasonably denied. When an employee works in accordance with the above, on a scheduled day off/extra day off, work performed on that day shall be compensated as follows:
- 38.1.1 If work is performed or credited on one (1) day off in a week, time and one-half (1/2) computed separately from the work week, for all hours worked with a minimum credit of four (4) hours. Each employee shall be notified of their scheduled hours.

For News-ENG personnel if the assignment is due to "unexpected events" (see definition) there will be no scheduling or notification of hours.

- 38.1.2 If work is performed or credit on any two (2) days or more conterminously scheduled days off, double time (2) shall be computed separately from the work week and shall apply to second and subsequent days off worked with a minimum credit of four (4) hours per day. Each employee shall be notified of their scheduled hours.
- 38.1.3 Should the hours worked or credited on a day off exceed the scheduled hours or eight (8) hours, an additional one-half (1/2) times the basic rate over and above the rates contained in Article 38.1.1 and 38.1.2 will be paid on these excess hours.
- 38.1.4 Should the hours worked or credited on a day off exceed twelve (12) hours, all time worked or credited in excess of twelve (12) hours will be paid at an additional one (1) times the basic rate over and above the rates contained in Articles 38.1.1 and 38.1.2.

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0 – 8 8 – 12 Over 12 (Art. 37.2.3)	1 ½ x basic 2 x basic 2 ½ x basic	2 x basic 2 ½ x basic 3 x basic		

- 38.2 Employees involved in unscheduled overtime (i.e.overtime which is scheduled and/or worked without notice being given to the employee by twelve (12:00) noon on the day prior to the day involved) who are assigned unscheduled overtime in excess of two (2) hours beyond the scheduled finishing time of a tour of duty shall be compensated at onehalf (1/2) times his basic rate in addition to any other payments received under this Agreement, for work performed in excess of the two (2) hours referred to above. If the employee is assigned a second extension of unscheduled overtime, the additional onehalf (1/2) rate shall apply from the beginning of the originally assigned overtime. Unscheduled overtime will not be paid to an employee who is covering the first (1st) day of illness of another employee. First day of illness of another employee shall be defined to include a day for which the Company did not receive notification of that employee's illness by twelve (12:00) noon of the day prior.
- 38.2.1 News-E.N.G. employees will not be paid for unscheduled overtime if overtime is a direct result of unexpected events assignments (see definition). No penalty will be paid to News ENG personnel when start time of a "local crew" must be changed after three (3:00 p.m.) the day prior if a crew out of

town cannot return that day as planned due to an unexpected event.

- 38.3 Notice of cancellation of assigned work on a scheduled day off or extra day off shall be given no later than twelve (12:00) noon [three (3:00) p.m.for News-ENG personnel] of the day prior to the day in question. If such notice is not given, the employee shall receive four (4) hours pay at the straight time rate, computed separately from the work week, provided the employee is released from duty for the entire tour of duty.
- 38.4 Employees assigned to rebroadcast transmitter duties may be required to work on their days off. However, compensating time off at the applicable rate for each hour worked on regular days off will be given within forty-five (45) days of return to base. If the Company is unable to schedule mutually acceptable compensating time off within forty-five (45) days of return to base, the employee shall have the option of receiving the monetary compensation.

### ARTICLE 39 Meal Periods

**39.1 First Meal Period:** To all tours of duty a first meal period of sixty (60) minutes shall be scheduled beginning not earlier than the start of the third (3rd) hour of the tour and ending

not later than the end of the fifth (5th) hour of such tour. By mutual agreement, the meal period may be less than one (1) hour, provided that overtime rates shall be paid for the period of

time not taken, or the tour of duty may be reduced by the period of time not taken.

39.1.1 Notwithstanding Article 39.1, maintenance, master control, on-air VTR and ENG editors shall continue the present practice of receiving inclusive meal breaks in lieu of the first meal periods (ie. eat on the job). It is understood that meals may be eaten at any convenient time within the eight (8) hour tour of duty. Such employees will continue to be allowed to eat anywhere in the building, operational requirements permitting, but are not allowed to leave the building during inclusive meal breaks.

In the event a meal period is not given under this Article, thirty (30) minutes shall be added to the end of the shift.

Article 39.4 does not apply to inclusive meal breaks received in accordance with this Article.

39.1.2 ENG Camera and Reporter personnel shall be given a thirty (30) minute inclusive meal period that shall be assigned between the start of the third hour and the end of the sixth hour.

Newly included unionized news personnel shall continue the present practice of receiving a non-scheduled meal period. In the event a meal period is not given under this Article, thirty (30) minutes shall be added to the end of the shift.

- 39.1.3 In the event that a meal is interrupted or not given, as per Article 39.1.2, thirty (30) minutes shall be added to the end of shift as time worked.
- 39.1.4 Where a regular part-time employee is scheduled for a regular (on-going) four hour tour of duty the meal period shall be considered inclusive and credited as time worked.
- 39.2 Second and Subsequent Meals: In tours of duty of ten (10) hours or more during which a first meal period was scheduled/assigned a second meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes shall be scheduled. This second meal period shall be scheduled within the third (3rd), fourth (4th), or fifth (5th) hour after the scheduled completion of the first (1st) meal period, as defined in Article 39.1 or 39.1.1.

In tours of duty of thirteen (13) hours or more during which a second (2nd) meal period was scheduled/ assigned a subsequent meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes shall be scheduled. For each three (3) hour block worked beyond thirteen hours subsequent meal periods shall be scheduled within the third (3rd), fourth (4th), or fifth (5th) hour after the scheduled completion of the previous meal period.

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Completed	
Hours Worked	Meal Periods
0 - 9	1
10 - 12	2
13 - 15	3
16 - 18	4
19 - 21	5
etc.	etc.

In the event that a second (2nd) or subsequent meal period is not assigned or taken, thirty (30) minutes shall be added to the end of the tour for each meal period missed and shall be paid for at the appropriate rate. Time added to the end of tours because of missed meal periods shall not be used in the computation of Turnaround or Night Differential.

Eleven dollars (\$11.00) shall be paid in compensation for the cost of the second (2nd) meal and each subsequent meal, whether received or not.

39.2.1 Article 39.2 above shall apply to the

optional work week as described in Article 32 (Work Week), with the exception that the second (2nd) meal period will only occur during tours of duty of more than ten (10) hours and fifteen (15) minutes.

39.3 Meal periods scheduled within the time limit window(s), as described in Article 39, which are later displaced but still within the window shall not be subject to encroachment allowances. Where meal periods are displaced outside the window, encroachment allowances shall be paid. Where a previous meal was never received within a tour, second or subsequent meal periods that are displaced in any manner will be subject to encroachment allowances.

Encroachment allowances shall be calculated from the end of the window. The allowance shall be one half (1/2) of the employee's basic hourly rate for each hour or part thereof worked with a minimum credit of one (1) hour.

The encroachment allowances as described above shall not compound.

Note: A "first" meal period could be received after the "second" or "subsequent" meal. The earliest meal period given which is an hour in length shall be considered the first meal regardless of where it falls within

the shift.

For News-ENG personnel no compensation will be paid for meals displaced during that portion of an assignment falling within the definition of an "unexpected event" (see definition).

39.3.1 For the purposes of calculating meal encroachment regarding second (2nd) and subsequent meal periods, employees who receive inclusive first meal breaks (Articles 39.1.1 and 39.1.2) shall be considered to have received their first (1st) meal period during the fifth (5th) hour of their tour of duty.

Any employee who works an inclusive first meal shall receive scheduled second and subsequent meals. Where second and subsequent meal periods are not scheduled, the employee shall self-assign the meal, when operational requirements permit. If operational requirements do not permit and such meal periods cannot be taken, thirty (30) minutes shall be added to the time recorded for the tour and if applicable, meal encroachment allowance shall be paid.

- **39.3.2** In the event that meal encroachment is fifteen (15) minutes or less, no penalty shall apply.
- **39.4** In the event a remote location is so situated that no facilities to obtain an appropriate

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meal are readily available for the crew during their assigned meal period, the Company shall:

- 39.4.1 Allow the crew sufficient added time and supply them with adequate transportation to travel to where an appropriate meal can be obtained or,
- **39.4.2** At its own expense, furnish the crew with an appropriate meal.
- 39.5 Employees shall not be required to travel from their normal place of employment to other studios or remote locations within the area during their meal periods, or any part thereof.

### ARTICLE 40 Break Periods

- **40.1** Employees shall be entitled to and shall receive rest periods as follows:
  - (i) A fifteen (15) minute rest period between the beginning of a tour of duty and the scheduled meal period.
  - (ii) A fifteen (15) minute rest period between the scheduled meal period and

the end of a tour of duty.

- (iii) These break periods shall not be assigned during the first or last hour of a tour of duty or as part of a meal period. During live productions, these break periods shall not be assigned during the first or last half (1/2) hour of a Tour of Duty or as part of a meal period.
- (iv) On a tour of duty of more than eight (8) hours an employee shall not be required to work more than three (3) hours (e.g. 11th, 14th, 17th, etc.) without a break being assigned.
- (v) When an employee is required to work through a break period, fifteen (15) minutes for each such break period shall be added to the end of the shift as time worked. The fifteen (15) minutes added to the end of the shift shall be paid for at the appropriate rate and will not be used for the purpose of extending the tour of duty as it relates to the computation of meal penalty, or turnaround, or night differential.
- (vi) For News-ENG personnel it is understood that the assignment of break periods will be flexible provided that said breaks are not unreasonably withheld.

# ARTICLE 41 Overtime

- 41.1 Employees shall have the right to refuse to work scheduled overtime by notifying the Company of such refusal within forty-eight (48) hours of the schedule being posted. Furthermore, the employee shall have the right to refuse any overtime scheduled or assigned thereafter. When an employee is asked to work on an ongoing special project in which he has been previously involved, such a request to work such overtime will not be unreasonably denied.
- 41.1.1 All overtime, that is the result of a shift extension, shall be offered to full-time employees on shift, at the same location, within the job classification. If all qualified full-time employees in the job classification refuse to work, the Company may assign the work to any qualified employee in inverse order of Company seniority within the bargaining unit.
- **41.1.2** No employee in exercising the foregoing right of refusal will be penalized for refusing to work such overtime.
- **41.2** When an employee works overtime in accordance with Article 41.1 such overtime hours shall be compensated as follows:

- 41.2.1 All time worked or credited in excess of eight (8) hours or seven and one-half (7.5) for non technical news staff, [but less than twelve (12) hours] in one (1) day, shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the hourly rate of the employee, computed separately from the work week.
- 41.2.2 Should the time worked or credited exceed twelve (12) hours, all hours worked or credited in excess of twelve (12) hours will be paid at an additional one-half (1/2) times the basic rate over and above the rates contained in Article 41.2.1.

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Hours worked/credited	Payment	
0 – 8	Basic	
8 – 12	1 ½ x basic	
Over 12	2 x basic	

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41.2.3 Employees involved in unscheduled overtime (i.e. overtime which is scheduled and/or worked without notice being given to the employee by 12:00 noon on the day prior to the day involved) who are assigned unscheduled overtime in excess of two (2) hours beyond the scheduled finishing time of a tour of duty shall be compensated at one-half (1/2) times his basic rate in addition to

any other payments received under this Agreement, for work performed in excess of the two (2) hours referred to above. If the employee is assigned a second extension of unscheduled overtime, the additional one-half (1/2) rate shall apply from the beginning of the originally assigned unscheduled overtime. Unscheduled overtime will not be paid to an employee who is covering the first (1st) day of illness of another employee. First day of illness of another employee shall be defined to include a day for which the Company did not receive notification of that employee's illness by twelve (12:00) noon of the day prior.

News-ENG personnel will not be paid an additional penalty for unscheduled overtime if such overtime is a direct result of an "unexpected events" assignment. (see definition)

**41.2.4** By mutual agreement time off in lieu of overtime may be taken at the applicable rate. Time off is to be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.

#### ARTICLE 42 Call-Back

42.1 Call-back is defined as those hours credited to an employee who, having worked and/or been credited with at least the minimum tour

- of duty (Article 33), is called back to perform further work on the day in question.
- 42.2 If an employee is scheduled, assigned or notified of a call-back prior to the time of leaving the place of work on the day of the call-back, all intervening hours shall be considered hours worked and part of the tour, and the tour shall be considered continuous.
- 42.2.1 In the case of News ENG Camera and reporter personnel all intervening hours shall not be considered hours worked and the tour therefore shall not be deemed continuous, provided the individuals involved agree to accept. Under these circumstances a minimum credit of four (4) hours shall be paid at the rate of one-half (1/2) times their basic rate above the rate being earned prior to the end of their shift.
- 42.3 An employee scheduled, assigned, or notified of a call-back after having left his place of work on the day in question, shall be paid at the rate of one-half (1/2) times basic above the rate being earned prior to leaving the place of work with a minimum of four hours credit. Call-back under these conditions shall be computed separately from the work week.
- **42.3.1** An employee with a reasonable and legitimate excuse may refuse to work call-

back as outlined in Article 42.3 and shall not be penalized for such refusal.

- **42.3.2** In the event that all qualified employees refuse to work call-back as defined in Article 42.3.1 the Company may assign the required duties to any qualified employee within the bargaining unit in inverse order of seniority.
- **42.4** When an employee works between the hours of four (4:00) p.m.and midnight, callback shall apply (rather than change of start time) if less than seven (7) hours have elapsed from the time the employee was released from his shift.

# ARTICLE 43 Turn Around Period

- 43.1 A turn around period is the period of at least twelve (12) hours between the end of one tour of duty and the commencement of the next tour of duty, or between the end of a callback and the commencement of the next tour of duty, whichever is later.
- 43.2 All time scheduled and/or worked, and any meal period, during any of the above turn around periods shall be compensated for in addition to the regular basic rate, at one-half (1/2) times basic for the portion of such assignment which encroaches on such turn around period, except that the compensation

shall be one and one-half (1 1/2) times the basic rate, in addition to the regular basic rate, for the portion of such assignment which encroaches on the four (4) hour period immediately following the end of the employee's original schedule or any extension thereof, and shall be one (1) times the basic rate, in addition to the regular basic rate, for the portion of such assignment which encroaches on the fifth (5th), sixth (6th), seventh (7th), or eighth (8th) hours immediately following the end of the employee's original schedule or any extension thereof.

### **RECAP**

Hours between stop and start time	Compensation
0 – 4	1 ½ x Basic
4 – 8	1 x Basic
8 – 12	½ x Basic

- **43.3** No payment shall be made for the following encroachments:
- **43.3.1** On a shift where an employee is released from duty for the entire tour of duty to attend negotiation or grievance meetings with management.
- **43.3.2** Encroachment on a swing-in shift where employees are on a regular rotating shift

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pattern, in conjunction with an employee's regular scheduled days off.

- **43.3.3** When an employee is on vacation, turnaround will not apply to the first shift back.
- **43.4** In cases where an employee is released prior to the scheduled finish time of his tour of duty, encroachment on the turnaround will be computed from the time of release.

# ARTICLE 44 Night Differential

44.1 When an employee works between 0100 hours (1:00 a.m.) and 0700 (7:00 a.m.) all hours shall be compensated for at an additional two dollars (\$2.00) per hour, with a minimum payment of two dollars (\$2.00). Night differential shall not be deemed overtime or part of basic pay. Individuals working a graveyard shift (e.g. a shift encompassing all the hours from 0000 - 0700) shall also receive \$2.00 night differential for the hour between 0000 - 0100.

# ARTICLE 45 Transportation and Travel Expenses

### 45.1 Travelling Expenses

The Company agrees to reimburse each employee for all authorized and/or approved expenses when travel is authorized by the

Company.

- **45.1.1** If an employee is authorized to use his own automobile for transportation in connection with his duties, he shall be reimbursed at the rate of .40 cents/km.
- 45.1.2 When a regular full time or part-time employee is required to work at a studio or remote location other than their normal place of employment, they shall be credited with all time consumed in transit between such normal place of employment and any other studio or remote location and return, except as provided in Article 45.6. However, if such location is closer to the employee's home than their normal place of employment, the Company at its discretion, can assign the employee to start and end their shift at the remote location. Further, the Company will pay for parking for those employees assigned to start their shift at the remote.

All other employees can be assigned to start and end their shift at the remote location.

**45.1.3** It is expressly agreed that the use of an employee's car (excluding reporters) in executing the business of the Company is not compulsory, and he/she may at his discretion decline to do so.

It is further understood that if a reporter is unable to drive for bona fide reasons (i.e. medical, loss of license) excluding criminal misconduct, the company will take no disciplinary action.

- 45.2 When an employee on Company business is involved in an accident resulting in damage to their car and the amount of the damage cannot be recovered from any other person or persons, the Company agrees to reimburse the employee to a maximum of \$500.00, such amount being regarded as the deductible amount on the employee's car insurance policy.
- 45.3 If any employee requires higher automobile insurance rates due to using his personal car for business purposes, the Company shall reimburse him for any additional premium charged above the "Pleasure Only" and "Work Only" insurance rates.
- 45.4 Employees on remote assignments who do not receive a per diem allowance (Article 45.4.1) shall receive a meal allowance for each meal to which he is entitled under the provisions of Article 39 if the meal entitlement was earned within the time frame that the employee was on the actual remote and not at the station. Where there is prior knowledge that the meal will not be able to be received and is scheduled at the end of the shift knowing that encroachment allowances will ensue, the employees shall

still be paid for the meal as a remote meal. The encroachment allowance, if applicable, will be paid from the beginning of the second hour of the window (as defined in Article 39.4).

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Breakfast \$13 Lunch \$15 Dinner \$24 Subsequent Meal \$14

**45.4.1** Employees on remote assignments which require overnight accommodation shall receive a per diem allowance to cover the cost of miscellaneous expenses for each completed twenty-four (24) hour period as follows:

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When absences involve fractions of a day employees shall be entitled to receive the appropriate meal allowance(s) as per Article 45.4.

Where exceptional conditions require higher per diems than those contained herein, the Company may provide an additional amount based on conditions at the locations concerned.

News/ENG employees shall continue the present practice of reimbursement for all reasonable actual expenditures supported by receipts.

- **45.4.2** Employees on remote assignments which require overnight accommodation shall receive suitable single occupancy accommodation at Company expense when such accommodation is available at the location concerned.
- **45.4.3** Per diem allowance shall be in addition to the following allowable expenses:
  - (a) The cost of first class transportation, including chair or parlour car seat, economy class air travel, except that if the continuous air travel exceeds eight (8) hours it shall be first class (charter flights are considered first class), and, when applicable, automobile mileage allowance.
  - (b) The cost of taxis and limousine service between residence and station or airport at point of departure and return; and between station or airport and hotel, at point of destination.
  - **(c)** The cost of vehicles for the transport of equipment.

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- (d) The cost of extra assistance in handling equipment.
- (e) The cost of telegrams and long distance telephone calls required for Company business.
- (f) The cost of laundry on out-of-town assignments of more than five (5) days.
- (g) the cost of the first five (5) minutes of a phone call to home base on the first day and every five (5) days thereafter on out-of-town assignments.
- (h) The Company shall pay the cost of traveller's cheques to employees when estimated travel expenses exceed \$150.00.
- **45.4.4** It is agreed that an application for an advance to cover travelling and location expenses will be made as far in advance as possible of an employee's departure time, and that an accounting of any such expenditures with receipts, will be submitted for approval within five (5) working days of an employee's return to home base.
- **45.4.5** Where an employee is assigned outside Canada, any advance will be paid in the currency of the destination country if the exchange rate is greater than par.

### 45.5 Travelling Conditions

For pay purposes, employees engaged only in travelling shall be credited with all time consumed when travelling on an assignment of the Company except as provided in Article 45.6. Such time will be computed:

- (a) From the scheduled time of the carrier's departure, when the employee leaves from his home for travel by common carrier.
- (b) From the assigned hour of departure from his home when the employee travels by automobile direct to the assignment.
- (c) From the time he leaves his normal place of employment when the employee reports there before proceeding to travel.
- (d) From the assigned hour of departure from his lodging when an employee is using overnight accommodation.
- **45.5.1** Time credited for the return journey under the above conditions will be computed in the same manner.
- **45.5.2** The Company agrees to maintain adequate liability insurance on all vehicles

owned or rented by the Company which it requests any employee to drive.

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- **45.5.3** Employees returning from remote assignments which extended over a period of more than ten (10) calendar days, shall have their scheduled day(s) off assigned immediately upon their return.
- 45.5.4 Employees shall not be required to be on remote assignments in excess of fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days, except by the mutual consent of the parties.
- **45.5.5** Requests by employees not to be assigned to overnight remotes on a temporary basis will not be unreasonably denied.

#### 45.6 Travelling - Waiver of Time Credits

When travelling is on a common carrier between 0800 hours and 2400 hours, local time, full-time shall be credited up to and only for the first eight (8) hours of travel.

45.6.1 When travel is on a common carrier between 0001 hours and 0800 hours, local time, and suitable sleeping facilities are available, no credit shall be allowed. For the purposes of this section, a single occupancy berth or a first class seat on a plane is construed to be suitable sleeping facilities. When travel is designated by the Company

on conveyances which do not have suitable sleeping facilities, full-time credit shall be allowed.

- **45.6.2** The turn-around provisions of Article 43.1 will apply from the time an employee completes his travel.
- **45.7** Notwithstanding Article 45.4.1, the Company reserves the right on out-of-town assignments, where accommodation is provided, to make inclusive package arrangements. The inclusive package will provide for suitable meals including special diet meals when required, accommodation and/or travel.

An allowance of ten dollars (\$10.00) per person per day will be provided for each employee to cover miscellaneous expenses. It is agreed that there will be no shared accommodation.

### ARTICLE 46 Vacations

46.1 Except as modified by subsequent clauses of this Article, employees shall be entitled to an annual vacation with pay or separation pay in lieu thereof, in accordance with the following table:

Service	Duration	of	Payment	

	Vacation	
Less than 12 mo.	1 day per completed calendar month	4 %
12 mo. To 96 mo.	15 days	6 %
96 mo. To 180 mo.	20 days	8 %
180 mo. & over	25 days	10 %

**Service** = Seniority as defined in Article 16 computed as of March 31st of each year.

**Duration** = Duration of vacation in working days.

Payment = % of gross earnings since April 1st of previous year.

- **46.2** Every employee shall be entitled to have at least three (3) weeks of his vacation period consecutively unless requested otherwise by the employee and approved by the Company.
- **46.3** In the event that a statutory holiday occurs during an employee's vacation, one (1) additional day for each such holiday shall be added to the vacation credits.
- **46.4** An employee may request to begin and end his vacation in conjunction with his days off, plus any additional days added because of

Article 46.3 and such request will not be denied.

- 46.5 A minimum of (4) four weeks shall be scheduled between April 1st and November 30th and preference shall be given on the basis of Company seniority, within the job functions listed in Article 30. The employee's application shall be submitted in writing on a form prescribed by the Company by April 1st. Failure to submit such application will result in vacation periods being assigned by the Company. Vacation schedules shall be posted by April 21st of each year. Vacations may be granted outside the vacation period when requested by the employee and approved by the Company. Applications outside the vacation period will not be unreasonably denied.
- 46.6 Upon termination of employment an employee (or his estate in the case of death), shall receive accrued vacation pay earned in accordance with provisions of Article 46.1, plus pay for any vacation period previously earned but not taken.
- **46.7** In special circumstances and with the leave of the Company, employees may be allowed to waive their vacation period and allow their vacation credits to accumulate from year to year in accordance with the Canada Labour Code.

- 46.8 In the event that an employee desires leave without pay, he shall apply in writing to the Company stating the reason for such leave. No employee shall suffer loss of seniority or other benefits as a result of such leave, which may be granted at the sole discretion of the Company.
- 46.9 Employees shall have the right to refuse work during their vacation period. However, if the employee agrees to work during their vacation period, she/he shall be compensated as per Article 38 (Work on a Day Off).

### ARTICLE 47 Legal Holiday and Payment

**47.1** The following shall be paid holidays:

New Year's Day
Good Friday
Victoria Day
(Empire Day)
Canada Day
(Dominion Day)
(Empire Day)
Remembrance Day
British Columbia Day
(1st Monday in August)
Christmas Day
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Plus any day duly proclaimed by Federal, Provincial, or Municipal Authority as a public holiday. In addition to the holidays listed above, one (1) additional holiday per calendar year will be available at the mutual discretion of the employee and the PAGE 108 BCTV

Company. In the case of new employees, the one (1) additional holiday shall not be credited to the employee until the completion of twelve (12) months employment with the Company.

The credited additional holiday shall be taken within the calendar year, however, new employees when credited with their first holiday earned in accordance with the foregoing, shall receive this holiday within six (6) months from their first (1st) year anniversary date of employment with the Company.

A second (2nd) additional holiday as described above will be granted; however, if Heritage Day becomes a Federally recognized statutory holiday, this additional day will not be granted, but Heritage Day will be added to the present list of paid holidays listed under Article 47.1. Failure of an employee to take an additional holiday will not result in any penalty payment by the Company.

**47.1.1** If any of the above days fall on a Sunday and the day following is proclaimed a holiday by Federal, Provincial, or Municipal Authority, the Sunday shall be deemed to be the holiday for the purposes of this Agreement.

- 47.1.2 If a holiday falls on a scheduled work day and the employee is not required to work he/she shall receive his/her normal basic pay for such day [eight (8) hours] at the basic rate.
- 47.1.3 If a holiday falls on a scheduled work day and the employee is required to work, she/he shall receive two and one-half (2 1/2) times her/his basic rate (which amount shall include her/his basic rate) with a minimum credit of eight (8) hours, except that all hours worked and/or credited in excess of eight (8) hours per day will be paid at an additional one-half (1/2) times the basic hourly rate. Further, all hours beyond twelve (12) in the day shall be paid at a further additional one-half (1/2) times the basic hourly rate of the employee.
- 47.1.4 If the holiday falls on a scheduled day off he shall, at the employee's option, receive either one (1) additional day's pay for that week, or add one (1) day to his annual leave or be given one (1) day off with pay at a mutually agreeable time.
- 47.1.5 If the holiday falls on a scheduled day off and an employee is required to work, he shall receive three (3) times his basic rate with a minimum credit of eight (8) hours, except that all hours worked and/or credited in excess of eight (8) hours per day will be paid at an additional one-half (1/2) times the

basic hourly rate. Further, all hours beyond twelve (12) in the day shall be paid at a further additional one-half (1/2) times the basic hourly rate of the employee.

**47.1.6** It is understood that the provisions of Article 41.2.3 will apply to this Article when unscheduled overtime is worked.

Hours	Article	Article	Article
worked/	47.1.2	47.1.3	47.1.5
Credited			
0 – 8	8	2 ½ x	3 x Basic
8 – 12	hrs/Basic	Basic	3 ½
over 12	-	3 x Basic	
	-	3 ½ x	
		Basic	

- N.B. Recap does not show application of Article 41.2.3.
- 47.1.7 With respect to Articles 47.1.3 and 47.1.5 an employee at his own option shall be permitted to add one (1) day to his annual leave or be given one (1) day off with pay at a mutually agreeable time, and this shall result in a reduction of eight (8) hours times the basic rate only from the holiday payment earned under either Article 47.1.3 or 47.1.5. The employee shall indicate

his option on his weekly time sheet for such

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holiday.

- **47.2** Any period of time off allowed by the Company for:
  - (a) Employee's participation in organized recreational activities.
  - (b) Because of inclement weather.
  - (c) And for any other reason, shall not be considered as a holiday for the purpose of this Agreement. It is understood that such time off shall be granted at the discretion of the Company, having due regard to the work requirements in each department. Such authorized time off which falls within the assigned worked day of an employee shall be considered as time worked.

# ARTICLE 48 Scheduling of Christmas and New Year's Holidays

- **48.1** Before November 15th of each year the Company will ascertain the wishes of the employees regarding scheduling of Christmas and New Year's holidays. An employee shall be scheduled off on either:
  - a) Christmas Day or
  - b) New Year's Day

based on seniority and the employee shall not be scheduled to work past 7:30 p.m. on the eve of the holiday which he requested and receives off.

- **48.2** These Christmas and New Year's holiday schedules shall be posted not later than the 30th of November.
- **48.3** It is recognized that normal shift patterns will be affected by the Christmas and New Year's schedules and turn-around will not apply on these statutory holidays. (i.e. Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day).

#### ARTICLE 49 Sick Leave

- 49.1 An employee who is absent because of illness or incapacity shall receive sick leave computed on the basis of one and one-half (1 1/2) days for each calendar month of seniority, cumulative from year to year to a maximum of one hundred and nineteen (119) days subject to the following:
  - (a) In instances where it appears that a pattern of absence is developing, the Company may request from an employee, satisfactory proof of illness for absences of three (3) days or less from a qualified

- medical practitioner. The Company undertakes to verbally inform the employee of any perceived sick leave abuse prior to requesting written certification.
- (b) If requested to do so by the Company, the employee shall offer satisfactory proof, e.g. medical examinations, at the expense of the Company, for illnesses that exceed three (3) consecutive work days.
- 49.1.1 The first fifteen (15) working days of disability shall be paid at one hundred percent (100%) of salary provided the employee has sufficient sick days in the bank. In the event an employee has insufficient sick bank days to cover the first fifteen days, the company shall pay an amount equivalent to the employment insurance rate or greater, subject to the sole discretion of the Company.
- **49.1.2** Following fifteen working days of disability, the employee shall be paid an amount equivalent to eighty five (85%) percent of the net basic salary the employee was receiving at the time he/she first became eligible for sick leave.
- **49.1.3** Notwithstanding Article 49.1.2, the Company may elect to have an employee

paid an amount higher than the said eighty-five (85%) percent, where the employee qualifies for payments pursuant to the aforementioned Article 49.1.

- **49.1.4** Eligibility would commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month coincident with or next following three (3) months of employment.
- **49.1.5** Payments of premiums contemplated by Article 49.12.2 shall be set by a third party insurer selected by the company. Employees through payroll deduction will pay fifty (50%) percent of the premium costs associated with such insurance.
- 49.1.6 The Insurance company would have full responsibility to adjudicate and administer claims.
- **49.2** Absence because of illness or incapacity shall not interrupt an employee's vacation credits, sick leave credits or health and welfare benefits as in this Agreement.
- **49.3** Should an employee fall sick while on authorized leave of absence, sick leave will not be paid until the expiration of that leave.
- **49.4** If an employee, having received sick pay under Article 49, subsequently receives a settlement or judgement for lost wages he shall reimburse the Company for any amount

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received. The employee is required to reimburse the Company only for the amount received in a settlement or judgement which may not necessarily be equivalent to the sick pay received from the Company. The amount of reimbursement to the Company shall in no event exceed the amount of sick leave pay received from the Company.

#### **ARTICLE 50**

#### **Health and Welfare Plans**

**50.1** The Company agrees to continue to make available to eligible employees the following benefits at the following premium sharing ratios:

### The Company shall pay 80% of the following premiums:

1. B.C. MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN

#### 2. EXTENDED HEALTH

- \$25.00 deductible per person or \$50.00 per family based on 100% reimbursement
- Plan includes: prescription drugs, ambulance, registered nurse, hearing aids, private hospital room, and vision care of \$150.00 every two years for adults and every year for dependent

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children when prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses are purchased for employee, spouse, or dependent children under nineteen years of age.

#### 3. DENTAL

- 80% of basic services
- 50% of full upper and/or lower dentures
- 50% of major restorative no dollar limit
- 50% of orthodontic services for dependent children only \$1,500 per lifetime

### The Company shall pay 50% of the following premium:

- 1. GROUP LIFE INSURANCE
  - Single employees covered at one (1) times annual salary; employees with dependants
  - at three (3) times annual salary; and retired employees \$5,000.

### **Employee Paid:**

- 1. LONG TERM DISABILITY
  - 60% of normal monthly earnings payable after 119 days to age 65 if totally disabled.
- 2. VOLUNTARY ACCIDENTAL DEATH &

#### DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

Provides coverage in the event of an accident resulting in death, dismemberment or loss of use of limbs, anywhere, anytime - 24 hours a day in multiples of \$10,000 subject to a maximum of \$500,000.

#### 3. VOLUNTARY GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

Coverage is available in increments of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$500,000.

An evidence of insurability form must be completed by employees who wish to apply for this coverage.

- **50.2** Pension Plan: The Company Pension Plan now in existence shall continue to be made available to all employees on a voluntary basis and at no less a level of benefit during the term of the Agreement. The Company shall notify the Union of any change(s) to the terms or conditions of the Pension Plan.
- 50.2.1 The Parties agree to meet during the term of this Agreement for the purpose of reviewing the Pension Plan. The Company shall furnish to the Union any data related to the bargaining unit portion of the Pension Plan as may be necessary to carry out such review.

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- **50.2.2** Should the Union decide to implement a Pension Plan for bargaining unit members during the term of this Agreement, the following shall apply:
  - (a) The Company agrees that it shall provide such payroll deduction services as may be required to facilitate the operation of a Union Pension Plan; and
  - **(b)** Any employee contribution deductions for such Union Pension Plan shall be subject to written authorization from the employee involved.

### ARTICLE 51 Severance Pay

**51.1** Severance pay will be paid in accordance with the Canada Labour Code, except that "dismissal for gross misconduct" will be substituted for "dismissal for just cause".

### ARTICLE 52 Compassionate Leave

52.1 When an employee is required to be absent from work due to a death in his immediate family, (i.e. legal guardian, husband, wife, common-law spouse, same sex spouse, child, father, mother, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law,

common-law spouse's immediate family, grandparents), he will be granted compassionate leave of absence of up to three (3) days, for the purpose of attending/arranging the funeral.

- **52.1.1** When travelling time is necessary, up to two (2) additional days with pay shall be granted.
- **52.2** The Company at its discretion will continue the past practice of granting time off to employees for medical, dental, and eye appointments where reasonable notice is given.
- **52.3** The employer will consider requests for specified leave for emergencies, e.g. birth of a child, critical illness in the immediate family, however, payment for such leave will be at the sole discretion of the Employer. Such leave,

where granted, shall not be classified as part of an employee's annual vacation or sick leave.

### ARTICLE 53 Paternity Leave

**53.1** A male employee whose spouse becomes pregnant will be given leave of absence without loss of seniority on the occasion of the birth of his child on the following basis:

- (a) The employee will inform the Company at least one (1) month before the desired leave of absence which may be before and/or after the birth, and will supply a medical report confirming that his spouse is pregnant and indicating the anticipated date of delivery.
- (b) leave of absence with full pay and benefits shall be granted for a period of four days.
- (c) additional periods of leave may be granted at the discretion of the employer.
- (d) for the purposes of this clause, "spouse" includes common-law wife.
- (e) unscheduled overtime (Article 41) will not apply to employees covering persons on Paternity Leave.

### ARTICLE 54 Maternity Leave

- **54.1** Maternity Leave will be in accordance with the provisions of the Canada Labour Code which may be amended from time to time.
- **54.2** Employees who have completed one (1) year of service and who return to work after

maternity leave will receive unused sick leave credits to make up the difference between unemployment insurance benefits (UIC) received and their regular wages.

First Payment - 50% upon their return to work.

Second Payment - 25% after three months of continued employment.

Final Payment - 25% after six months of continued employment.

Note: All other questions pertaining to this Article shall be referred to the Canada Labour Code for resolution.

### ARTICLE 55 Jury Duty

55.1 Employees called to serve on juries or to obey a subpoena shall receive their regular salaries in addition to their jury or witness compensation provided that the employees concerned shall return to work if released before 1:00 p.m.and further provided that employees shall not be required to work any tour except the normal day shift tour during periods when serving on juries or appearing as a witness.

### ARTICLE 56 Education, Seminars, Etc.

- 56.1 The Company shall, after approval, reimburse an employee for fees paid by an employee, as tuition, for any industry related courses including Workers' Compensation Board (W.C.B.) Industrial First Aid Certificate courses. Payment is to be made after successful completion of such courses.
- 56.1.1 After above approval is granted the Education Fund Joint Committee shall, if requested and if funds are available, advance the cost of tuition to the employee. Should the employee not successfully complete the course such employee shall be responsible to repay any monies advanced and if necessary the Company shall recover such advanced fund from the employee's pay cheque to a maximum of \$200 per month.
- 56.2 The Company shall pay a monthly bonus (not to be included in base rate) to each bargaining unit member [to a maximum of two (2) at any one time]. The members may hold either of the two tickets and will be reimbursed as follows:
  - (a) St. John's Ambulance ticket \$50 per month.

- (b) Valid Industrial First Aid Certificate
  - "A" Ticket (valid for 3 years) \$125.00 per month
  - "B" Ticket (Valid for 2 years) \$110.00 per month
  - "C" Ticket (Valid for 1 year) \$95.00 per month

The intent of this clause is to have the two (2) designated bargaining unit members contribute towards the fulfilment of the Company's obligations under the Workers' Compensation Act and therefore the selection shall be made after prior consultation with the Union.

**56.3** When an employee is advised by the Company to attend seminars, educational courses, etc. pertaining to the television industry, he/she shall receive eight (8) hours basic pay for each day or part thereof in attendance and travel.

It is understood that all penalty clauses except turn-around shall be waived when an employee is attending an education course or seminar.

**56.4** The parties agree to the establishment of an educational fund. Each party will contribute one thousand dollars (\$1000) to start the

fund and the fund will be maintained by each full-time employee contributing one dollar (\$1.00) per month and the Company contributing one dollar (\$1.00) per month per full time employee.

The fund will be administered by both parties through a joint committee of two (2). Unanimous agreement of the committee will be required for approval of any application.

### ARTICLE 57 <u>Joint Union-Management Committee</u>

57.1 Whereas the parties recognize that both are being confronted with new and increasingly complex situations, both the Union and the Company agree to meet periodically during each year of this Agreement in a sincere effort to establish and maintain a Union-Management relationship that, without any sacrifice of principle of either party, will provide for honest discussion and an efficient way to resolve differences and reach a greater understanding of respective problems.

## ARTICLE 58 Employee Assistance Program

**58.1** It is recognized by the parties that drug and alcohol addictions and medical disorders

associated with family, financial and health concerns are an ever increasing problem in today's society. In an effort to provide a more compassionate means of assisting and rehabilitating personnel affected by such illnesses, the parties agree to the establishment of a permanent committee to be comprised of one (1) nominee from each of the parties, with these two (2) members selecting a third (3rd) person to serve as Chairman. The methods and manner of operation will be decided by the committee itself, however, no disciplinary action of a permanent nature will be taken by the Company against an employee without prior consultation of this committee.

**58.1.1** All communications, pamphlets, notices, etc. will contain both the CEP and Company logo.

### ARTICLE 59 Existing Benefits

59.1 The Company recognizes that on or before the commencement of this agreement employees in the bargaining unit enjoyed certain benefits and privileges not referred to herein. The Company agrees not to alter or change these benefits except as they may be specifically amended herein, in such manner as to discriminate against employees in the bargaining unit. The Company further agrees it shall not alter a job function for the sole purpose of removing it from the bargaining unit.

### ARTICLE 60 Classification Changes

- 60.1 The Parties agree to maintain a Classification Committee, which shall meet jointly, as required, to discuss job descriptions and classification matters. The Committee shall be comprised of three (3) Union members and three (3) Company members.
- **60.2** Where available the Company shall furnish the Union with up to date copies of all bargaining unit job descriptions.
- 60.3 Where a new job classification is created or the functions and/or duties of any job classification are substantively changed, either party may refer the matter to the Classification Committee for discussion and resolution of any differences that may arise with respect to the job title and/or rate of pay.
- **60.4** Should the Committee fail to resolve the differences between the parties, such issues that remain unresolved may be referred by either Party to binding mediation.

Remuneration for a new or significantly changed job shall be based on existing salary schedules.

The cost of the Arbitrator shall be paid by the Union. The selection or the Arbitrator shall be by mutual agreement.

### ARTICLE 61 Clothing and Grooming Allowance

- **61.1** Employees working on-camera on a regular basis are required to meet specific standards regarding appearance and to assist them the Company agrees to provide the following:
  - a) a minimum benefit for appropriate clothing equivalent to \$1300 per year for regular anchor persons, weather broadcasters, and public affairs persons, provided in equal amounts of \$650 effective as of March 1st, 2001 and \$650 on or after August 1 of each year.
  - b) a minimum benefit for appropriate clothing equivalent to \$800 per year for regular reporters or other performers, provided in equal amounts of \$400 effective as of March 1st, 2001 and \$400 on or after August 1 of each year.
  - c) reimbursement to be made upon receipt of purchase.

61.2 For the purposes of this Article, employees referred to in (a) above, are those employees assigned to appear on-air on a daily basis for the duration of a program or segment, who have performed in that role in the previous six (6) months. Employees referred to in (b) above are those employees assigned to appear on air a minimum of 2 times per week in a reporter or other role, for a portion of a program, or a promotional or feature presentation other than a sustaining program, who have performed in that role in the previous six (6) months.

### ARTICLE 62 Duration of Agreement

62.1 This agreement shall commence on the 1st day of March 2004 and remain in force for a period of three years ending on the 28th day of February, 2007 and from year to year thereafter unless either party notifies the other by registered mail, not more than one hundred twenty (120) days and not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of expiry, or anniversary of such date, of its intent to modify the agreement, or until seven (7) days after a Report of a Conciliation Board has been received by the Minister of Labour of desire to modify this Agreement. If such notice is given as specified above, a meeting shall be held within twenty (20) days for the purpose of negotiations and further meetings

shall be held as frequently as possible until settlement is reached or until either party makes application for conciliation.

62.2 The parties to this Agreement declare that it contains responsibilities and obligations for each such party and that in signing this Agreement, it binds the parties during the Agreement, to do everything they are required to do by the Agreement, and to refrain from doing anything they are not permitted to do by this Agreement. The parties further understand and declare that in the case of any provisions of this Agreement are now or hereafter inconsistent with any Statute of Canada or any Order-in-Council or Regulations passed there under, such provisions shall be to that extent deemed null and void or shall be applied in such manner as will conform with law.

62.3 IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES
HERETO HAVE CAUSED THIS
AGREEMENT TO BE EXECUTED BY
THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED
EPRESENTATIVES ON THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY
OF JANUARY, 2004.

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#### **LETTER OF INTENT #1**

#### **Definitions**

#### **News/ENG Employees**

Persons employed in the News Department as News/ENG Editors, News/ENG Camera Operator, Reporters and News/ENG Assistants.

#### **Unexpected Events**

Events of major political, economic or social importance of which the Company had not or could not be expected to have prior knowledge, i.e.death of a politician or celebrity, or a provincial crisis.

Note: A provincial crisis may be defined as an item of concern or impact to the majority of the provincial population, e.g.Vancouver Island and/or the Lower Mainland.

#### **Expanded Definition of Unexpected Events**

For the purposes of the unscheduled overtime sections of this Agreement except where otherwise specified, unexpected events shall also include events requiring response of emergency services of fire, police, or ambulance of which the Company

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had not or could not be expected to have prior knowledge.

### Common-Law Spouse

A common-law spouse is defined as a cohabitant of one (1) year or more who has been publicly represented as a spouse.

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#### **LETTER OF INTENT #2**

#### **Professional Activities**

- The primary objective of the News Department is the presentation of excellent news programming and such performance must be achieved in a competitive market situation. The first professional obligation of the employee shall be to the employer.
- 2. (a) Unless the employer and/or the employee is required by law or by a court of competent jurisdiction or other competent authority to do so, no employee shall be required by the employer to give up custody of or disclose knowledge, information, notes, documents and company tape recordings, films, film prints, negatives, videotapes, documents or the sources thereof to any party other than the employer.
  - (b) Where the employer has authorized the employee in writing to release for broadcast, material whose source is to be kept confidential then if the employee is proceeded against under the law on account of this refusal to surrender, disclose or authenticate the foregoing, the employer shall meet all the expenses incurred by the employee. The employer shall further compensate such employee against

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monetary loss, including but not limited to fines, damages or loss of pay provided the employee has not knowingly falsified such material for broadcast and provided that such material has been obtained in accordance with accepted journalistic practices.

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- 3. An employee's byline/credit shall not be used over their protest. Substantive, factual changes in script/material content shall be brought to the employee's attention before broadcast. The employee shall be given the reason(s) for the change(s). Where it is not possible to reach an employee and providing all reasonable efforts have been made to do so, the Company shall have the option of dropping the byline/credit of the employee before broadcast.
- 4. Except in the case of an allegation of defamation, where a question arises as to the accuracy of the material for broadcast, no major editorial change(s), retraction or apology shall be aired without prior consultation of the employee concerned or without every effort being made to first consult the employee. Except where libel has been proved, no criticism of an employee's work will be broadcast without presenting such criticism to the employee concerned and providing that employee with equal time for reply in the same broadcast.

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# LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #3 News Bureau

It is agreed between the parties that the following rates shall apply at the Victoria News Bureaus:

#### VICTORIA ENG CAMERA - GROUP III

It is further agreed that all provisions of the collective agreement shall apply to the above noted employees and further that their permanent place of employment shall be recognized as Victoria.

There shall be no transfer of employees between news bureaus and/or the Burnaby studios except by mutual agreement between the parties.

Where the Company does establish additional news bureaus, employees shall be hired under the terms and conditions of the existing collective agreement or under such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon between the parties. Agreed to at Burnaby, B.C. this 16th day of January, 2004.

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**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #4** 

# **Special Productions**

The parties agree that the Company may use the services of non-bargaining unit personnel, who will have access to Company equipment and facilities, for specific work projects of a fixed duration. Such work projects shall include independent productions, commercial ventures and other revenue generating projects which might otherwise not be obtainable by the Company.

The intent of this Article is to allow the Company to be competitive in these areas, and is not intended in any way to affect the long term security of members covered by this Collective Agreement. It is further agreed that no bargaining unit persons will be displaced either directly or indirectly as a result of the implementation of this letter.

In all such endeavours the Company shall attempt to make maximum use of bargaining unit members covered by this Agreement.

The Company agrees to pay dues to the Union for any non-bargaining unit personnel used under the terms of this letter, who perform work that would fall within a job function contained in this Agreement. Dues shall be calculated at the current rate applied to bargaining unit employees, based on the top of scale rate for the applicable job function.

The Company will inform the Union of any project or production that is being contemplated under this Letter prior to any agreement being signed. Further it is understood and agreed that this article may be cancelled by either party with 30 days notice. However, for any project where a signed agreement exists and the union has been notified in advance, such project will be allowed to continue up to completion of a minimum of one season's series to a maximum of 12 months of production.

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#### **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #5**

#### **Anchor Contracts**

It is understood and agreed that the employer and News Anchors may enter into individual contracts of employment on the following conditions and understandings:

- a) This agreement represents minimum rates, fees and conditions of employment and nothing in this agreement shall be deemed to prevent the employee and the employer form agreeing in writing to an individual contract containing specified terms (including rates) and conditions in excess of the minimum provisions of the collective agreement. An employee entering into an individual contract shall be entitled to exercise all of the benefits and protection to the provisions of this agreement.
- b) A copy of any individual contract shall be forwarded to the CEP National Representative in Vancouver for review (not approval) prior to any contract coming into effect. The contents of the individual contract shall be deemed to be strictly confidential and shall not be disclosed by the CEP National Representative to any other person, firm or corporation without the written agreement of the Employer and the

employee.

- c) If the Collective agreement and the personal service contract conflict, the Collective agreement shall apply, however, where the personal employment contract exceeds the terms of the agreement, or sets terms and conditions of employment where the collective agreement is silent, the employment contract shall apply.
- d) It is understood and agreed, due to the nature of Broadcasting and audience acceptance, the Company reserves the sole right to recruit, select, determine and assign all anchor (talent) personnel, unless otherwise specifically excluded in this agreement.

In the event the Employer seeks to replace an anchor person, the following procedure shall apply:

- the Employee affected and the Union shall be informed in writing:
- within 10 days of receiving notice, the employees shall select one of the following options:
  - (i) to receive the lump sum severance payment outlined in their individual anchor contract, and forfeit all rights and privileges under the collective

agreement

(ii) to exercise all rights and privileges under the collective agreement.

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# **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #6**

# Re: News Bureau

A news bureau shall be considered equivalent to the Company's premises at 7850 Enterprise, and therefore shall not be deemed a remote location. In addition, any location the Company chooses to staff on a regular basis within the GVRD shall not be considered a remote location. An employee who is required to start at one of the above mentioned locations shall receive notice before noon, five (5) working days before the change of starting location.

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#### **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #7**

#### **Transfer of Work**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 24, where the Company transfers bargaining unit work to a Global Television Facility or to any print media facility (including to any Division of Southham Inc.), and where this results in the direct or indirect displacement of bargaining unit employees, said employees shall retain bumping rights in accordance with Article 21.2. In addition to the foregoing the following provisions shall apply:

Where there is mutual agreement between the Company and the employee option (a) or (b) may be exercised;

- a) Where the Company offers alternative employment, the employee may accept a transfer to another job classification and shall receive appropriate and adequate training. It is agreed that no other bargaining unit persons will be displaced as a result of exercising this option.
- b) The Company may offer the opportunity to relocate to a related Company. Where this option is exercised full severance and reasonable relocation expenses shall be paid.

Where mutual agreement with respect to options (a) or (b) cannot be achieved, the employee affected shall receive the following severance package:

- 1) 3 months notice and 3 months pay in lieu of notice.
- 2) a severance payment of 4 weeks per year of service and pro-rated for partial year of service to a maximum of 78 weeks.
- 3) a retraining or equivalent benefit of \$5000 for employees with 1 to 24 years of service, and \$7500 for employees with service of 25 years or more.

It is further understood and agreed that the above severance will be offered to the entire bargaining unit with first right of refusal to the department affected on a seniority basis and subsequently on a seniority basis throughout the remainder of the bargaining unit. Employees choosing to accept the severance package must notify the Company within two weeks.

In the event that those employees who are directly or indirectly affected wish to retain their employment, the Company agrees to offer the package to any department, on a seniority basis, that the affected employee

believes represents a reasonable opportunity for successful retraining. Vacancies created by this process shall be filled, on a seniority basis, by those wishing to retain their employment and they shall be provided reasonable and adequate training. The individual shall have 3 months to demonstrate proficiency to an acceptable level. The training period and the demonstration of proficiency shall occur prior to but not exceed the 3 months notice period as described in (1) above. If additional training time is required the employee may utilize additional time drawn from the 3 month payment in lieu of notice period.

Any employee that volunteers to take a severance package in order for someone else to retain their employment shall remain at work during the trainee's training period and shall only receive the package if the trainee successfully completes the training period.

If no other employees choose to accept the severance package or if the individual does not achieve proficiency they must accept the above severance package.

It is understood employees who accept the above package shall relinquish all reengagement rights and re-call rights and shall be considered terminated.

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#### **APPENDIX A**

# **Harassment Policy**

#### Policy Statement

Global Television Ltd and the Global Television Network Inc. and the Communications Energy and Paperworkers Union are committed to providing a working environment which is at all times supportive of the dignity and self esteem of employees, and that is free of discrimination and harassment in accordance with the Canadian Human Rights Act.

To facilitate this commitment the Company and the Union will communicate this policy to all employees, provide opportunities for education and training as deemed necessary, and establish a fair and impartial mechanism for dealing with complaints.

#### **Definition**

Harassment includes all conduct and comment that is prohibited by the Human Rights Code, including conduct, comment or behavior that is based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, political belief, religion, marital status physical or mental disability, age, sex and sexual orientation, and which is unwelcome or is of such a nature that it would be reasonable to

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assume that it is unwelcome.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, harassment will include, but is not limited to:

- a) use of insulting or derogatory language;
- b) unwelcome physical contact, such as touching or petting;
- c) offensive remarks, jokes or innuendo;
- d) display of pornographic, racist or other offensive or derogatory material;
- e) threats, demands or suggestions that an employee's work status (i.e. continuation of work, promotional or training opportunities) is or would be affected by that employee's response.

Harassment complaints must be processed through the harassment policy. Any employee who is in violation of this policy may depending upon the circumstances, be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment.

#### Prevention and Procedure

- a) This policy will be made available to all employees. New employees will receive a copy during sign-up orientation.
- b) All employees have the opportunity to receive education and /or training where applicable to enable them to recognize potential problems assist with policy

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enforcement issues and in understanding the complaint procedures.

c) Harassment/discrimination will be considered to have taken place if a reasonable person ought to have known that such comment and/or conduct was unwelcome, aggressive or threatening. A harassed employee should clearly if possible communicate to the harasser that the offending behaviour is objectionable and unwelcome. The harasser should be asked to stop. The harassed employee should remind the harasser that the behaviour is contrary to policy.

This is often the simplest and most effective way to put an end to harassment and employees are encouraged to take this action. However, employees are not obliged to confront the harasser and if a person experiencing harassment is unwilling or unable to do so, or if the misconduct continues after confrontation, the affected employee should report the offensive behaviour as outlined below.

The harassed employee should at all times, keep a written record of all relevant facts (e.g. – dates, times, witnesses, nature of the offending behaviour, how the harassed employee responded to the offending behaviour, as outlined below.)

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- d) An employee experiencing harassment may meet with any two (one of whom must be non-union) Complaint Officers to review the complaint procedure, definition of harassment, etc. The complainant will be informed of the alternate courses of action including formal investigation of the complaint.
- e) All incidents of harassment should be reported as quickly as possible. Incidents that are reported after a significant period of time has elapsed will be more difficult to investigate and resolve,
- f) It is a principle of fundamental justice that in all circumstances, an individual who is accused of harassment will be informed of the allegations made against them, all the particulars supporting the allegations and be provided with the opportunity to fully respond to the allegations and have their responses properly considered.

The complainant will be provided with the particulars of the respondent's defense and will have a chance to reply.

# **Complaint Officers**

 Four employees will be designated (2 bargaining unit and 2 non-bargaining unit) to serve as the Complaint Officers for the PAGE 152 BCTV

purposes of conducting a fair and unbiased investigation into the allegations of harassment. The Complaint Officers will be selected with consultation by both the Company and the Union and include both male and female representatives.

2) Complaint Officers will have full authority to investigate the merits of the complaint and, while respecting the principles of confidentiality and fairness for both the complaint and respondent, conduct as quick and thorough an investigation as possible. The most senior Company Human Resource Officer or designee shall be kept apprised of all proceedings during the investigation.

# Investigation and Resolution

- A victim of harassment may meet with any two of the complaint Officers (one of which must be non-union) to review the complaint procedure, definition of harassment, etc. The complainant will be informed of the alternate courses of action including formal investigation of the complaint or taking no further action if the complainant decides not to proceed.
- If the complainant chooses to pursue the matter formally then a formal investigation will be undertaken. The complainant

must submit a signed, written complaint to trigger the investigation. The complainant will be kept informed of the progress of the investigation and input will be encouraged wherever possible.

3) Once an incident is reported, the Complaint Officer will conduct a swift and thorough investigation and will attempt to mediate a resolution to the complaint. The investigation will be conducted on an extremely confidential basis in that only those persons who, in the opinion of the Complaint Officer need to know about the complaint for the purpose of conducting an investigation, will be advised.

Any employee contacted during the course of an investigation will be advised by the Complaints Officers to keep the matter confidential.

- 4) If the matter remains unresolved the complaint Officers will submit a written report to the most senior Company Human Resources Executive or designate outlining the facts, issues and credibility. The most senior Company Human Resources Executive or designate will meet with the Complaint Officer to discuss recommendations.
- 5) The most senior Company Human Resources Executive or designate will then

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decide the issue and forward the decision, in writing, to the complainant and respondent. The decision will be implemented immediately unless a further appeal ensues.

#### Appeal Procedure

The complainant or respondent may appeal any decision of the most senior Company Human Resources person or designate. Notice of intent to appeal must be made in writing to the most senior company Human Resources person or designate within seven days of receiving a decision.

Upon notice of intent to appeal, the complaints Officer (in consultation with the complainant and respondent) and the most senior Human Resource officer or designate will attempt to agree on an outside Disputes Resolution Officer from the list provided in Schedule "B" .If no agreement is reached within seven days from the date of the notice of intent to appeal. then the selection will be in rotation, starting with the first available on the list who can investigate and issue a decision within 60 days.. On the second event where mutual agreement fails to select a Dispute Resolution Officer, the rotation will start at the person next in line, on a first available basis. This system of rotation will continue for all further cases where

mutual agreement is not possible.

The appeal itself must be delivered, in writing, to the Disputes Resolution Officer no later than thirty days following this persons selection. The appeal must include a brief statement of facts and list the issue or issues being appealed. A copy of the original complaint and the report being appealed must be included with the appeal. Any other information the person initiating the appeal feels is relevant or important should also be included.

The Disputes Resolution Officer will, as soon as possible following receipt of the written appeal, review all the facts. The Disputes Resolution Officer may, at their discretion, seek any additional pertinent information. They may interview the complainant, the respondent, and other employees, or make any other inquiries they deem appropriate.

#### Right To Representation

Both the complainant respondent are entitled to have one representative in any complaint that is forwarded to the Disputes Resolution Officer. If the complainant and/or respondent are bargaining unit members, their representatives must be members of the C.E.P. The purpose of a representative is to act in an advisory role to the complainant and the respondent, and not to persuade or influence the investigation or

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decision of the Disputes Resolution Officer.

Lawyers may not be used as representatives.

# **Disciplinary Responses**

If harassment has been identified, as per this policy, any one or more of the following responses may be deemed to be appropriate in the circumstance.

- a) Require a verbal or written apology by the harasser.
- b) Require individuals and/or workgroups to go through an education process.
- c) Issue a written warning to the harasser.
- d) Reassign (transfer if practical) the harasser to another area.
- e) Require the harasser to undergo mandatory counseling.
- f) Issue discipline to the harasser, up to and including termination of employment
- g) Any other response as deemed appropriate.

#### General

Both the Company and the Union will ensure harassment complaints are taken seriously and as such, abuse of this policy will not be tolerated. Frivolous complaints, vexatious complaints, and/or repeated unfounded complaints by an individual will be subject to

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harassment proceedings or disciplinary action against the complainant.

The decision of the Disputes Resolution Officer will be final and binding and supported by the Company and the Union.

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**Collective Agreement** 

Between

CISA

AND

Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada

Begins: 05/16/2004

Terminates: 05/15/2007

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PARTIES				
<b>THIS AGREEMENT</b> is made and entered into this 16 <sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.				
BETWEEN:				
CISA, A DIVISION OF GLOBAL TELEVISION NETWORK INC.				
Hereinafter referred to as "The Company"				
Party of the First Part				
AND:				
COMMUNICATIONS, ENERGYAND PAPERWORKERS UNION OF CANADA ~ CEP				
Hereinafter referred to as "The Union"				
Party of the Second Part				
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# ARTICLE 1

# <u>Intent</u>

1.1 It is the purpose of this Agreement, in recognizing a common interest between the Company and the Union in promoting the utmost co-operation and friendly spirit between the Company and its employees to set forth conditions governing rates of pay, hours of work and conditions of employment to be observed between the parties and to provide a procedure for prompt and equitable adjustment of grievances. It is recognized that this Collective Agreement is the only agreement between the Company and the Union in respect of employees covered in Article 2. Any Article in this contract may be waived upon mutual agreement between the Union and the Company. This Agreement is signed in good faith by the two parties.

#### ARTICLE 2

# **Definition of Bargaining Unit**

2.1 The Company recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining agent for all persons employed in the unit defined by the Canada Labour Relations Board in its decision of June 14th, 1990 certifying NABET and any amendments to the Unit as mutually agreed to by the parties, or in any of the classifications listed in the wage schedule under Article 26. The employees covered by this Agreemen! shall be:

"All employees of Lethbridge Television, a division of Global Television Network Inc., excluding the President and General Manager, Operations Manager, General Sales Manager, Production Manager, Director of News

and Information, Supervisor of News and Information, Director of Engineering, Management Secretary, Sales Executives, Special Projects Marketing, Sales Secretary, Traffic and Information Systems Supervisor, Retail Sales Supervisor, Promotion Supervisor, Secretary, Chief Photographer, Production Coordinator, and all the employees in the accounting department."

2.2 The Company will bargain collectively with the Union, as required by the Certification above referred to in respect to rates of pay, wages, hours and conditions of work for all employees as set out in 2.1.

# **ARTICLE 3**

#### **Employee**

3.1 Definition: The term "employee" as used in this Agreement shall mean any person, either male or female, employed in a classification included within the Bargaining Unit referred to in Article 2.1. It shall include any person employed in any job or classification created in the future which the parties by mutual consent decide to include within the Bargaining Unit; provided that where mutual consent is not reached, such failure shall not become a subject for grievance under this Agreement, but may be referred by either party to the Canada Industrial Relations Board.

Once it has been determined that a position is within the Bargaining Unit, the parties shall meet to discuss the wage and benefit level for the position. If agreement cannot be reached, either party may refer the matter to binding arbitration pursuant to the grievance procedure.

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3.2 Wherever in the wording of the Agreement the masculine gender is used, it shall be understood to include the feminine gender, and wherever in the wording of the Agreement the feminine gender is used it shall be understood to include the masculine gender.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **Employee Categories**

- 4.1 All employees covered by this Agreement shall be considered full-time employees of the Company except as otherwise provided. These full-time employees shall be probationary employees for a period of six (6) months from the date of their employment with the Company. During the probation period the Company at its discretion may release the employee at any time, and such release may be subject to the grievance procedure up to but not including arbitration.
- 4.2 A part-time employee is defined as one hired on a regular basis to work less than thirty-five (35) hours per week. Such employee shall be paid on a monthly basis at a rate equal to 1/174 of their monthly salary. A parttime employee may work a standard work- week when relieving a full-time employee.

Regular part-time employees shall be defined as those employees who work a minimum of 20 hours per week averaged over the previous twelve weeks.

4.2.1 Part-time employees shall be paid on the salary scale of the group to which they are assigned and progression shall occur at 1040 or 2080 (whichever applicable) hours worked for those employees working 40 hours per week. This calculation shall include all hoursworked including paid sick leave.

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**4.2.2** All articles of this Agreement shall apply to part-time employees except as hereinafter provided:

- a) Article 15 Company Seniority; shall apply, however, seniority shall be calculated and accumulate according to all hours of work, including all hours on paid leave but excluding all hours worked prior to establishing part-time status. For example 174 hours equals one (1) month of seniority.
- b) Article 20 Lay-off; Lay-offs shall apply to regular part-timeemployees, however, in the event of a layoff, affected employees shall receive four (4) weeks notice, or four (4) weeks salary in lieu of notice. It is further agreed that regular part-time employees shall be entitled to severance pay on a pro-rated basis.
- c) Article 21 Re-Engagement; shall apply to regular part-time employees, however, recall rights as set out in Article 21.1 shall not exceed six (6)months. In the event a regular part-time employee on lay-off works 20 or more hours per week (excluding sick leave) averaged over the previous 12 week period they shall be considered to have reverted to regular part-time status.
- d) Article 30 Tour of Duty; shall not apply, however, the minimum scheduled tour of duty shall be four (4) hours. All hours worked in excess of the scheduled hours shall be paid at one and one-half the basic rate for all hours worked. There shall be no assignment of split shifts except by mutual agreement between the employee, the Union, and the Company. Any extension of the posted tour may be refused with the exception of the most junior part-time employee on location at the time of the shift extension.

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- e) Article 33 Days Off; Part-time employees working 24 scheduled hours or more per week shall have two (2) consecutive scheduled days off per week, designated by the Company. Days off may be changed, on a per occasion basis, without penalty, by mutual agreement between the Company and the employee with subsequent notice to the Union. Part-time employees are exempt from the minimum weekend off provisions.
- f) Article 46 Legal Holiday; shall not apply, however, part-time employees required to work on a statutory holiday shall be paid one and one-half (1%) times their regular rate for all hours worked with a minimum credit of four (4) hours and two times their basic rate for all hours worked over eight (8). In addition the employee will receive four percent (4%) of regular earnings over the previous thirty (30) calendar days.
- g) Article 48 Sick Leave; shall apply, however, regular part-time employees shall be entitled to accumulate one and one-quarter (1½) days of paid sick leave for every one hundred and seventy-four (174) hours worked after establishing regular part-time status.
- h) Article 50 Health and Welfare; Regular part-time employees shall be entitled to Health and Welfare benefits as contained in this Agreement, excluding Long Term Disability.
- 4.2.3 The provisions of Article 4.2 will not be used for the purpose of eliminating or replacing full-time employees or to avoid the re-call from lay-off of full-time employees or to avoid hiring full-time employees.

- 4.2.4 Part-time employees shall be probationary employees for a period of 1040 hours worked from the commencement of their employment within the job function.
- 4.2.5 A part-time employee may refuse additional work outside their regularly scheduled work assignment except as contemplated in Article 4.2.2 (d). However, part-time employees must submit in writing shifts that they are not available to work and shall update that information when any change occurs. Part-time employees who are offered additional shifts with 48 hours notice on days where they have indicated their availability, and refuse such additional shifts three (3) times within a three month period, will forfeit their rights to be offered additional work for the next six months.
- 4.2.6 Subject to other provisions of this Agreement part-time employees shall be offered, on a seniority basis, all part-time (including relief) andlor temporary work for which they are qualified. Where such work would result in overtime andlor any other penalties (excluding night differential) then the Company may offer the work to the next senior qualified part-time employee. If a qualified part-time employee is unavailable, then the Company may offer the work to a temporary employee.
- 4.3 A "temporary employee" is defined as one hired on a sporadic, occasional, as needed basis, not to exceed an average of thirty (30) days over any ten (10) consecutive weeks. Should a temporary employee exceed the foregoing they shall revert to part-time status.

Where a part-time employee cannot be found, as contemplated in Article **4.2.6**, a temporary employee may exceed the foregoing time limits when hired to replace a full or part-time employee absent due to vacation, leaves of absence, (including sick leave) union business or training.

None of the Articles of this Collective Agreement shall apply to "temporary employees" except as hereinafter provided:

- a) Article 32 Posting of Schedules; Temporary employees shall have their proposed schedules posted (written in) at the time they are hired by the Company.
- b) Article 33 Days Off; Temporary employees working 24 hours or more per week shall have two (2) consecutive scheduled days off per week, designated by the Company, however they are exempt from the minimum weekend off provisions.
- c) Article 34 Work on Days Off.
- d) Article 37 Overtime.
- e) Articles relating to sick leave, medical plans, pension plan, and vacation credit shall not apply.
- f) Article 46 Legal Holiday; shall not apply, however, temporary employees required to work on a statutory holiday shall be paid one and one half (1%) times their basic rate for all hours worked up to 8 hours and two (2) times their basic rate for all hoursworked over eight (8) hours. In addition, temporary employees, working fifteen over the previous thirty days, shall receive statutory holiday pay calculated at 4% of regular earnings over the previous thirty (30) days.
- **4.3.1** Temporary employees will not be used to displace bargaining unit employees, or to avoid the recall from layoff of a bargaining unit employee.

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- 4.3.2 Work on Mobiles, special projects, or productions shall be assigned to full-time or regular part-time employees, within the appropriate classification, before temporary employees are engaged.
- 4.4 Contractors may be engaged to perform specific onair functions and in such event they shall be paid on a performance for fee basis.
- **4.4.1** Contract employees will not be used to eliminate, displace or to avoid the hiring of a bargaining unit employee.
- 4.4.2 The number of part-time, temporary and/or contract persons excluding part-time or temporary employees hired for remote locations or to cover the absence of a regular employee will not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the number in the Bargaining Unit. A waiver for occasional labour-intensive projects (such as telethons) will not be unreasonably withheld.
- **4.5** Part-time, temporary, and contract employees hired to perform bargaining unit functions will pay Union dues pursuant to Article 7 of this Agreement.
- 4.5.1 Students from a recognized educational institution shall not be considered employees as defined under this Agreement. Practicum students shall be allowed to perform unsupervised bargaining unit work for the duration of the practicum which shall not exceed eight (8) weeks, after an initialtraining period of five working days. The Union shall not unreasonably deny requests for waivers where the educational institution requires a longer practicum. After these time limits are exhausted, practicum students shall be paid the appropriate rate for all hours performed.

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- 4.5.2 It is understood that Article 4.5 has been agreed to so that students on practicum can get work experience without hindering the day to day operations of the station. They will not be used to displace bargaining unit employees as contemplated in Article 23.1.1.
- worked in any one job function exceeds forty (40) hours per week on a regular basis (max. six consecutive weeks) the Company shall post a full-time position in that job function provided that the full-time position can eliminate the need for the part-time position(s). Further, when the number of hours worked by any part-time employee in one or more part-time job functions averages forty (40) hours or more on a regular basis, (max. six consecutive weeks) the part-time employee shall convert to full-time status.

The calculation with respect to the foregoing shall exclude hours worked to cover for the absence of a full-time employee on leave (excluding vacation) under this Agreement.

4.7 The Company shall provide the Union, on a monthly basis, a report of the name, classification, and hours worked by all employees in a part-time, or temporary capacity. CISA ......11

# ARTICLE 5 Management Rights

- 5.1 It is recognized that the Management of the Company, the control of its properties and the maintenance of order on its premises is solely the responsibility of Management. Before implementing new rules and regulations directly affecting the general working conditions, the Company will advise and explain such proposed rules and regulations to the Union.
- 5.2 The Union agrees that nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as a limitation of the Company's rights to manage its affairs exclusively and that except where specifically restricted, abridged or modified by this Agreement, the Company holds and may exercise all of the rights, powers and authority which it possessed prior to the signing of this Agreement. The Union acknowledges that it is the exclusive function of the Company to hire, transfer, re-classify and suspend employees; and also, the right of the Company to discipline or discharge any employee, provided that a claim by an employee who has acquired seniority, that he has been disciplined, discharged or suspended without just cause may be the subject of a grievance and dealt with as hereinafter provided.
- 5.3 Provided further, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, except where specifically restricted, abridged or modified by this Agreement, the Union recognizes the rights of the Company to operate and manage its business in all respects in accordance with its commitments and responsibilities. The location, number and size of plants, the direction of the working forces; the amount and type of supervision necessary of machines and technical equipment; procedures and

standards of operations; the content of programs; judgement and final evaluation of personnel qualifications; the right to decide on the number of employees needed by the Company at any time, operating schedules; and the selection, procurement, designing and engineering of equipment which may be incorporated into the Company's plants; control over all operations, buildings, machinery, equipment, and employees and its relationship with public and/or clients and suppliers of materials and/or services, is solely, and exclusively, the responsibility of the Company.

**5.4** The management rights of the Company as above set forth shall be exercised in all respects subject to this Agreement.

# ARTICLE 6 No Strike Breaking

- **6.1** The Company will not assign, transfer, or require employees to go to any radio station, television station, transmitter, studio or property where a lawful strike of persons whose functions are similar to those covered by this Agreement is in progress. Further, it will not originate a program or programs not normally fed to such facility. This clause does not restrict the employer in its marketing of taped or syndicated shows to other broadcasting facilities.
- 6.1.1 Employees gathering news may attend at a strike location, and cross a picket line in the execution of their duties.

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#### **ARTICLE 7**

#### Union Dues and Membership

- 7.1 During the term of this Agreement, the Company agrees to deduct monthly, an amount equal to the uniform dues and/or assessments as levied by the Union. The deductions are to be based on the gross monthly earnings of every employee in the Bargaining Unit, beginning with the date of hiring into the Bargaining Unit. The present rate of deductions is equal to one and two-thirds percent (1.666%) of gross monthly earnings, the Company will be notified by registeredmail of any changes in the present rate of deductions.
- 7.2 The Company agrees to remit the monies so deducted to the Union or its nominee, monthly by cheque, payable at par in Canadian Funds. The Company shall remit such dues by the fifteenth (15th) of the month following the month for which the dues are deducted, and shall include with such remittance a statement on computer disk in ascii format, showing the following:
  - a) the name, classificationtitle and base salary of each bargaining unit employee;
  - b) the amount of dues deducted on base salary;
  - the amount of dues deducted on additional earnings;
  - d) the name of any employee who has left or joined the Company since the last dues remittance.

A copy of the dues statement shall be provided to the Local Union Secretary at the same time as it is sent to the National Union office.

# ARTICLE 8 Conflict of Interest

8.1 The first professional obligation of an employee shall be to the Company. An employee shall not engage in activities or work which is in direct competition with the Company, except with the prior written approval of the Company.

# ARTICLE 9 Non-Discrimination

- 9.1 The Company and the Union agree that neither party will interfere with, restrain, discriminate against, or coerce the employees covered by this Agreement because of membership or non-membership or activity or non-activity on behalf of the Union.
- 9.2 Employees shall enjoy equal rights under this Agreement, regardless of sex, marital status, colour, racial, ethnic or national origin or religious or political affiliation.
- **9.2.1** For the purpose of this Agreement, marital status shall refer to whether an individual is married or single.

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### ARTICLE 10 Notification

- 10.1 The Company agrees that within five (5) working days it shall mail to the designated national office in the Western Region, and to the local Union, one (1) copy of each of the following:
- 10.1.1 Notice of hiring, promotion, transfer, dismissal, extension of probationary period, notice of dissatisfaction, suspension or any disciplinary action affecting any employee within the Bargaining Unit.
- **10.1.2** Any notice pertaining to the application or interpretation of the Agreement.
- 10.2 Any notification to an employee required under the provisions of the Collective Agreement is understood to mean that the Company will notify the employee directly.
- 10.3 The Company shall, when notifying a person of his acceptance as an employee, provide in writing the starting rate of pay and the classification to which he is assigned. A copy of this notice shall be sent to the Union in accordance with Article 10.1 of this Agreement. The Company shall also include at the same time, a copy of the current Collective Agreement, which shall be supplied by the Union.
- **10.4** The Company will furnish, upon request from the Union, a copy of seniority records.

# ARTICLE 11 Union Activities

- 11.1 Upon request by the Union, the Companywill release, subject to operational requirements, without loss of regular pay or other benefits, an employee named by the Union plus the grievor, to attend grievance meetings arranged between the Company and the Union.
- 11.2 Subject to operational requirements, the Company will grant a leave of absence without pay for one (1) employee not to exceed five (5) working days at a time, so that the employee may attend Executive Council Meetings, Labour Conventionsand Labour Congresses. The aggregate leave granted to the Bargaining Unit under this section shall not exceed ten (10) days in any calendar year. Requests for leave, including reasons, under Article 11.2 shall be made in writing at least fifteen (15) days in advance to a/their Department Manager. It is further agreed that should operational requirements dictate an alternate rep may be granted leave in lieu of the original applicant.
- **11.3** Leave provided for in Article 11.2 shall not constitute a break in continuity of service.
- 11.4 Upon request by the Union, the Companywill release up to three (3) employees with pay to attend negotiations meetings with the Company. It is recognized that the granting of such leave is subject to operational requirements.
- 11.5 For leaves granted pursuant to 11.2 and 11.4, the employer shall attempt to replace those on leave without the necessity of incurring premiums. Where this is not possible, the following premiums which arise as a direct result of the leaves being granted, shall not be payable to the employee; Article 18, Article 33.3, Article 34.3, Article 39.

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### **ARTICLE 12**

### **Union Access to Premises**

12.1 The Company will permit free access, upon two (2) working days notice, to its premises by an accredited Union official providing such access is during normal office hours and does not interfere with the normal operation of the Company.

# ARTICLE 13 No Strike Clause

13.1 The Union will not cause, nor permit its members to cause, nor will any member of the Union take part in a slow-down or a strike, either sit-down or stay-in or any other kind of strike or any other kind of interference, or any stoppage, total or partial of any of the Company's operations during the term of this Agreement. The Company will not cause, or permit its employees to cause, engage in, or permit a lockout, of any of its operational locations during the term of this Agreement.

# ARTICLE 14 Bulletin Board

- **14.1** The Company will provide a bulletin board for the exclusive use of the Union in a location to which employees regularly and normally have access.
- 14.2 The Company agrees to the posting by the Union on such board of announcements pertaining only to Local 832-M. All other matters concerning labour affairs will require prior authorization by management. A copy of any notice will be provided to the General Manager before posting.

### ARTICLE 15

### **Company Seniority**

- 15.1 Company seniority shall be deemed to have commenced on completion of the probationary period and shall be retroactive to the date of hiring by the Companv.
- **15.2** Company seniority shall relate only to the layoffs, choice of vacation periods, re-engagements, promotions, and scheduling of Christmas holidays.

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# ARTICLE 16 Interruption of Service

- **16.1** In the event an employee who has completed his probationary period is laid off:
- 16.1.1 Such employee shall retain his seniority and recall rights for a period of six (6) months plus an additional one (1) month per year of employment accrued to a maximum total of twelve (12) months. Seniority for the purposes of this section shall be that which he held on the effective date of such layoff.
- 16.1.2 In the event an employee with one (1) year or more of company seniority is granted leave of absence or transferred to a position within the Company not covered by this Agreement, continuity of service for the purpose of Company seniority shall be considered unbroken if he returns to the status of an employee within 6 months. If he returns to the status of an employee after 6 months has elapsed, his company seniority upon returning shall be that which he had on the effective date of such transfer or leave of absence.
- **16.2** Seniority shall cease to exist if the employee resigns voluntarily or is discharged for just cause.
- 16.3 Seniority shall continue to accrue for a period of three (3) months during any absence due to illness or accident.

#### **ARTICLE 17**

### **Promotions & Transfers**

- 17.1 Any vacancy in respect of a permanent job shall be posted for a minimum of five (5) days. Employees may apply for the posted position during the posting period. Where a vacancy exists from a transfer or promotion, the said posting period shall be three (3) days. The posting periods exclude Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays.
- 17.2 The employee with the most company seniority shall, if he meets the necessary qualifications set for the position by the Company, be transferred to fill a vacancy, and/or promoted to fill a vacancy. Such qualifications shall be set in a reasonable manner and shall, amongst other relevant factors, include experience, skill, ability, and training/education. Nothing in this Article precludes the Company from hiring applicants from outside sources where no qualified employees apply and are accepted. Notwithstanding, employees may not exercise bumping rights to anchor positions.
- 17.3 An employee promoted to fill a vacancy in a higher classification shall be on trial period in such classification for a period of up to three (3) months worked. The Company may, at any time during this trial period, return the employee to his former classification with no loss of seniority, but back to the previous salary scale. At the conclusion of a successful trial period, the employee will be advised in writing that his promotion has been made permanent.

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- 17.4 Should an applicant be unsuccessful, it is agreed that the Company will discuss with the employee if so requested, why his application was denied and will bring to the employee's attention any shortcomings which may affect his opportunities for advancement.
- 17.5 Without his consent, no employee shall be permanently transferred or assigned to another job classification and the employee will not be penalized for such a refusal.
- 17.6 Without his consent, no employee shall be transferred or assigned to a position outside the Bargaining Unit and the employee will not be penalized for such refusal.
- **17.6.1 No** employee shall be permanently transferred to a location out-of-town, except by mutual agreement.
- 17.7 When an employee is transferred into a higher pay classification, he shall immediately move into the higher salary scale and receive an increase which is at least the equivalent of one full increment in his former group, plus the amount necessary to place him on scale in the new classification and shall progress upward on the annual or semi-annual anniversary date of the transfer, in accordance with Article 28.
- 17.8 Full increment means the scale increases in pay that the employee would have next received had he remained in his former classification, or if he is at the top of his scale, the increase he last received in reaching the top rate.

### ARTICLE 18 Upgrading

18.1 In the event that an employee is temporarily assigned to perform work in excess of one (1) hour in any tour of duty, in a higher rated classification, the employee shall be paid an additional one-dollar fifty (\$1.50) above their current rate for each hour so worked. This clause shall not be used for the purpose of reducing the number of employees in the classification to which such an employee is being upgraded. At the time of such assignment an employee shall be verbally advised of the temporary upgrading and this shall be recorded on the employee's time sheets.

Employees temporarily assigned to perform the duties of Non-Bargaining Unit Supervisor or Manager shall be paid one-dollar fifty (\$1.50) above their regular rate for each eight-hour tour of duty or part thereof.

18.1.1 The provisions of Article 18.1 shall not apply when an employee is assigned to work of a higher classification for training or trial, for a maximum of fifteen (15) days and where a qualified staff member is assigned to assist in such training.

Further, 18.1 shall not apply when an employee temporarily relieves another employee in a higher classification for break periods.

18.2 In the event of a temporary upgrading of an employee for a period of more than one (1) day [but in no event may a temporary upgrading be of greater duration than three (3) calendar months (with the exception of leave) (excluding vacation)] the employee so temporarily upgraded shall be verbally advised at the time of his

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assignment to a higher classification. Such advice shall also stipulate the probable duration of such temporary upgrading.

- 18.3 Where upgrading involves a job combination(s) the duration of upgrading may be extended to a period of six (6) months. If the combination job function averages 16 or more hours per week and continues beyond six (6) months the employee shall be re-classified to the higher-rated job function and shall be placed on the new scale in accordance with the provisions of Article 20.6.
- **18.3.1** This Article shall not apply to those individuals who are performing Anchor II duties on a relief basis.
- 18.4 <u>Training</u>: Bargaining unit employees who are not classified as supervisory, senior or other comparable classifications shall be entitled to claim upgrading as per Article 21 when assigned to train other employees. The parties recognize that training is distinguished from familiarization by a more in-depth teaching of skills as opposed to an overview of operational instructions. All employees functioning in a training capacity will follow a prescribed training criteria and will be expected to produce measurable results over a defined time period.

#### **ARTICLE 19**

- 19.1 The dismissal, demotion or discipline of a non-probationary employee shall be for just and sufficient cause. The employee shall be informed of the Company's decision to discharge, demote, or discipline him by notice in writing.
- **19.2** An employee, when resigning, will give the Company **two** (2) weeks notice in writing.
- **19.2.1** Due to the special nature of the position, those employees in the News Anchor II position when resigning, will give the Company four (4) weeks notice in writing.

# ARTICLE 20 Layoffs

The Company will consult with the local Union Executive with respect to any planned lay-off prior to any final decision being made, and prior to any discussions with those employees that may be affected. At this meeting the Company shall supply in writing a complete seniority list, names and classifications, of those affected and the reason for lay-off. It is understood that this consultation will be deemed strictly confidential and as such, the proceedings will not be disclosed to any other individual, prior to the Company notifying the individual employee(s). Notice of such meeting shall be a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours. When lay-offs are to be made, such lay-offs shall proceed in inverse order of Company seniority within those job functions and categories where the work has been reduced or eliminated; said job functions are listed in Article 26.

- 20.1.1 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a more senior employee in a job classification may offer to be laid off in the place of a more junior employee. If the offer is accepted by the Company, the more senior employee will waive his bumping rights and will receive the severance provided for in Article 20.3.1
- 20.2 Any employee about to be laid off from one job function who has the necessary qualifications set by the Company for another job function may apply his Company seniority and revert to such other function. Such qualifications shall be set in a bona fide manner. No employee is to be displaced by a more senior employee unless the latter possesses the occupational qualifications of the job filled by the employee with less seniority.

Notwithstanding employees may not exercise bumping rights to anchor classifications.

- **20.2.1** Employees who bump into a different classification shall retain re-engagement rights, for up to one year, to their former classification.
- 20.2.2 In the event an employee reverts to a lower wage group, he/she shall continue to receive his/her higher salary for up to 3 months at which point the employee's salary shall be reduced to an amount equal to the closest equivalent rate in the lowerwage group not in excess of his previous rate, and then such employee will proceed on the scale in accordance with Article 28.
- **20.2.3** Employees who bump into a higher job group shall be paid at a rate within the new group closest to, but greater than, their rate of pay prior to the bump.
- 20.2.4 Employees must declare their intent to bump within fourteen (14) calendar days of receiving layoff notice.

An employee so bumped shall receive six (6) weeks notice. However, should a bumping opportunity arise during the notice period, that was not available at the time of declaration, the employee shall retain his/her right to bump provided that the employee notifies the Company of his/her intention to do so within seven (7) calendar days of the new opportunity.

- 20.2.5 Subject to Article 20.1, where a part-time employee has more Company seniority than a full-time employee, the full-time employee shall receive the layoff, however should the Company require a full-time employee in the job function affected, the most senior part-time employee shall be offered the full-time position. It is further agreed that should that person refuse the position, it shall then be offered to the next most senior employee within the classification.
- 20.3 In the event of lay-offs, employees affected will receive six (6) weeks written notice or six (6) weeks salary in lieu of notice, plus severance pay, and accrued vacation pay.
- 20.3.1 In the event of lay-offs, under either Articles 20 or 24, employees affected will receive two (2) weeks severance for each completed year of service up to seven (7) years, and three (3) weeks severance pay for each completed year of service, beyond seven (7) years to a maximum of fifty-two weeks.
- 20.3.2 Should the Company eliminate a currentjob classification, full-time and regular part-time employees affected shall be entitled to the provisions of Article 24.3.
- 20.4 While an employee is laid off, the Company will continue the total group health and welfare payments (excluding long term disability) for the period of lay-off

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- up to a maximum of six (6) months or until the employee is eligible for benefits at the new place of employment.
- **20.5** The Company agrees that it will not consistently schedule overtime in order to affect or extend lay-offs.
- 20.6 It shall be the intention of the Company to give full consideration for job vacancies within the Bargaining Unit to those employees who are to be laid-off.

#### **ARTICLE 21**

### Re-Engagement & Recall

21.1 Where any full-time or regular part-time work becomes available for which a laid-off employee is qualified, the Company agrees to re-engage employees in order of company seniority. The qualifications will be set in a reasonable manner.

(Definition – For the purpose of this Article "re-engage" means to return to work in a full-time or regular part-time position).

21.2 Where any other part-time or temporary bargaining unit work becomes available for which a laid-off employee is qualified, the Company agrees to re-call employees in order of company seniority. The qualifications shall be set in a reasonable manner.

(Definition-Forthe purpose of this Article "recall" means to return to work in any part-time or temporary position).

21.3 Employees laid off under Article 20 will be entitled to re-engagement or recall for one (1) year from the date of lay-off.

- 21.3.1 Employees who are recalled or re-engaged to positions other than their previous job classification will continue to have re-engagement rights to former job classification for one year from the date of layoff or for as long as re-engagement/recall rights continue under Article 20.4.
- 21.4 In the event an employee on lay-off works one-hundred forty-four hours or more over any six (6) consecutive work weeks, his/her recall rights shall be re-established for another twelve (12) months.
- 21.4.1 When an employee on lay-off has worked more than 910 regular (non-overtime) hours over any 180 consecutiveday window, excluding approved leaves of absence, the employee shall be considered to have reverted to full-time status.

The Company will not manipulate or re-schedule productions, projects and shifts in order to avoid the re-establishment of recall rights as described above.

- **21.5** The Company's responsibility will be considered to be fulfilled if the Company:
  - a) In the case of re-engagement, sends all job postings by letter or by courier, to the last known address of all persons on layoff. The employee must notify the Company of their intention within three (3) days of receipt of the letter or ten (10) working days (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) of mailing the letter.
  - b) In the case of re-call, contacts the employee in person or by telephone and where possible leaves a message. In the case of long term assignments (i.e. greater than 2 days) the employee must notify the Company of their intention within twelve hours of the notification.

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21.6 Where an employee has been re-called or re-engaged pursuant to this Article and has been paid severance in accordance with Article 20, the employee's seniority for the purposes of severance shall be considered that of a new employee.

### **ARTICLE 22**

#### Performance Reports

- **22.1** Every employee will be subject to periodic performance reviews.
- 22.1.1 Where a meeting with a manager or department head is convened for disciplinary purposes, or where a meeting becomes disciplinary in nature, an employee shall have the right to have a union representative present.
- 22.2 An employee shall be notified in writing of the contents of any review or report which concerns him within a period of ten (10) working days of the matter becoming known to management. The employee shall be furnished with details of any complaint or accusation which may be detrimentalto his advancement or standing within the Company. If this procedure is not followed, such expression of dissatisfactionshall not become part of his record of employment. An employee shall sign the Company's copy of such review or report on performance, thus acknowledging receipt. Such signature will not be considered as concurring with the contents.
- 22.3 The employee's reply to such complaint, review, report or expression of dissatisfaction if received within ten (10) working days after he has been given the notice referred to in Article 22.2 above, shall become part

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of his record. If such reply is not so received, it will not become part of his record for use by him at any time.

- 22.4 An employee shall have access to his personal performance file during office hours at a mutually agreeable time in the presence of his department manager and, if the employee requests, in the presence of a union officer
- 22.5 Any complaint or accusation which may be detrimental to the advancement or standing within the Company and employee's reply to such complaint or accusation shall be removed from the employee's file after twenty-four (24) months of issuance, provided no further related complaint or accusation is placed in the file within that time.

# ARTICLE 23 <u>Jurisdiction</u>

- 23.1 The Union has jurisdiction over the work or functions performed by members of the Bargaining Unit as defined in Article 2.1 occurring in or out of the premises of Global Television, Lethbridge, Alberta. The Company will not transfer, assign, or sub-contract any work within that jurisdiction to persons outside of the Bargaining Unit, whether or not employed by the Company, if such action will displace a bargaining unit employee.
- 23.1.1 Displacement shall mean the layoff, dismissal, termination, reduction in regular hours of work, or the failure to recall from layoff of a full or part-time employee, or to avoid the hiring of employees, or for the express purpose of avoiding penalties stipulated under this Collective Agreement.

- **23.1.2** Nothing in this Article inhibits the right of the Company to lay off for economic reasons under Article 20, or to lay off for technological change under Article 24.
- 23.2 Nothwithstanding anything otherwise contained in this CollectiveAgreement, the Company may avoid the hiring of employees as referred to in Articles 4.4.1 and 23.1.1, and may use temporary, part-time, and/or contractors as referred to in Article 4. This is subject to the extent of the twenty-five (25) percent rule as set forth in Article 4.4.2.

### ARTICLE 24

#### **Technological Change**

- 24.1 In the event that the Company introduces or permits to be used any process, machinery or equipment which substitutes for, supplements or replaces any present process, machinery or equipment being operated as of the date of this Agreement by employees within the Bargaining Unit, such process, machinery, or equipment shall be operated and maintained only by employees in the Bargaining Unit herein set forth.
- 24.2 Should the introduction, replacement, supplementation or modification of any machinery, equipment, device, which is or would fall under the jurisdiction of the employees in the Bargaining Unit, result in the layoff (as distinguished from lay-offs caused by changes in programming) of employees, the Company recognizes additional moral obligations to such employees and agrees to the following conditions in fulfillment of such obligations.

- **24.2.1** The notice provided by the Company to the Union shall state:
  - a) the nature of the technological change
  - b) the date upon which the Company proposes to effect the technological change
  - c) the number and type of employees affected by the technological change
  - d) the effect that the technological change is likely to have on the terms and conditions or security of employment of the employees affected.
- 24.2.4 Where an employee(s) is displaced due to technological change, he shall be entitled to exercise bumping rights as per Article 20.2, at any point prior to the effective date of lay-off. Further, such employee shall maintain recall rights as per Article 21 during which time the Company agrees to re-engage said employee(s), based on seniority, to any vacancy, except those listed below, including any vacancy that is the result of a promotion, that may occur within the Bargaining Unit. To obtain proficiency in his/her classification the employee(s) shall be given three (3) months after the date of re-engagement, which period may be extendable to six (6) months upon mutual agreement between the Company and the Union. The employee shall receive reasonable and adequate training during normal working hours. Employees shall be paid at the start rate within the new classification, or their previous rate, whichever is less. If, in the sole opinion of the Company, the employee has failed to show sufficient ability in the new position, the employeeshall return to lay-off status or if their re-call rights have been exhausted shall be considered terminated.

It is understood and agreed there shall be no requirement to re-engage employees to a supervisory position unless the employee was previously performing in a supervisory position.

Non-qualifying positions are defined as follows: Maintenance Engineer, News Anchor/Producer, Writer/ Producer, Graphic Artist, and all "On-Air" positions.

- 24.3 The Company will give the Union and the employees as much advance notice as is practical, but not less than six (6) months notification of such lay-offs or six (6) months pay in lieu of said notice plus all other benefits for the same period. Further it is understood that employees laid off under this Article are entitled all the provisions set out under the Lay-off and Re-Engagement provisions of this Agreement.
- 24.4 Upon receipt of such notice by the Union the parties shall arrange a meeting within two (2) weeks for the purpose of conducting discussions relating to the technological change. Wherever possible, alternative employment will be found within the Company for employees whose jobs have been eliminated.
- 24.5 Where a position is created as a result of technological change and/or the combination of job functions as a result of technological change, such positionshall fall under the jurisdiction of the Bargaining Unit. Further, it is agreed that any newjob function that may be created shall be referred to the Classification Committee.

#### **ARTICLE 25**

#### **Grievance Procedure**

- 25.1 Definition of Grievance: "Grievance" means any complaint or claim brought by the Company or the Union or by any employee concerning discipline or discharge, or relating to wages, hours of work or working conditions, or related to interpretation, application or alleged violation of this Agreement.
- 25.2 It is mutually agreed that it is the spirit and intent of this Agreement to adjust, as quickly as possible, grievances arising from the application, administration, interpretation or alleged violation of this Agreement.
- 25.3 The parties recognize that the "Canada Labour Code" provides that any employee may present his personal grievance to his employer at any time. Any such grievance may be subject to consideration and adjustment as provided in the following Articles on grievance procedure.
- **25.4** It is understood that grievances may be settled at any step in the procedure. If not settled, the following process shall be followed to reach a resolution:
  - STEP 1: The grievance shall be reduced to writing and a copy given to the appropriate supervisor as designated by the Company within ten (10) working days of the grievance arising. A copy shall also be delivered to the employee designated by the Union as their Chairperson of the Grievance Committee. The grievance will be discussed at this stage in an effort to settle the matter. If the grievance is not recorded as settled within ten (10) working days of its presentation, it shall proceed to Step Two.

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STEP 2: The grievance shall be discussed with the Operations Manager andlor his designates (which total shall not exceed three (3) and not more than two (2) members of the local Grievance Committee and the Grievor). Such discussions will deal with grievances of which at least two (2) days notice shall be received. Such meetings shall take place within ten (10) days of the requestfor a meeting. Appropriate records of such meeting shall be kept.

STEP 3: If the grievance is not recorded as settled within ten (10) working days after the meeting described in Step 2, the dispute shall be referred to the General Manager/President of the Company and the Union office for further discussion and consideration.

STEP 4: In the event that the representatives of the Company and the Union cannot reach an agreement, the dispute may, by written notice of either party to the other party, be submitted to final and binding arbitration. The parties shall, within ten (10) working days of sending the notice requesting arbitration select a mutually acceptable Arbitrator. If the parties are unable to agree on the selection of an Arbitrator within the time limits prescribed, the Federal Minister of Labour shall be requested to appoint the Arbitrator. The cost and/or expenses of such arbitrationshall be born equally by the Company and the Union, except that no patty shall be obliged to pay the cost of stenographic transcript without express consent.

- **25.4.1** In any dismissal arbitration, including any dismissal arbitration under 25.6 (b), the Arbitrator may:
  - a) reinstate the employee with or without compensation, or
  - b) award compensation without reinstatement, or
  - c) uphold the dismissal
- 25.5 If either of the parties to this Agreement considers that this Agreement is being misinterpreted, or violated in any respect by the other patty, the matter may be discussed between representatives of the Company and the Union, and if not satisfactorily settled, either party may refer the matter to arbitration.
- **25.6** An employee who performs on-air and is released on the grounds that he is unsuitable for program requirements shall be entitled at his option, to either:
  - a) accept a severance payment as contemplated under Letter of Understanding #2, or
  - b) pursue a grievance up to and including arbitration.
- **25.7** Time Limits: Any time limit mentioned under grievance procedure shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays, and Statutory Holidays and may be extended by mutual consent.
- 25.8 In the event that a grievance is not advanced by the Grievor through the grievance procedure as set out above, the grievance shall be deemed to be abandoned. In the event that the recipient of the grievance fails to reply within the time limits stipulated, the grievance shall automatically move to the next step.
- **25.9** Employees shall suffer no loss of pay or other benefits while attending grievance meetings with the Company.

### **ARTICLE 26**

#### Classifications

Group Two - Traffic It

**Group Three** – ENG Camera; ENG Editor; News Reporter; Promo Writer/Producer; Writer/Producer

**Group Four** – Graphic Artist; Producer/Director; Anchor/Producer I; Post Production Editor; News/Community Promotion; EFP Camera; Videographer; Technical Operator; ENG Camera/Editor; News Editor/Director; Senior Writer/Producer

**Group Five** – Maintenance Engineer; Anchor/ Producer II

Group Six - Senior Maintenance Engineer

# ARTICLE 27 Wage Scales

### 27.1

GROUP ON	GROUP ONE - Receptionist; Traffic; Production Assistant			
	D.O.S	May 16th 2005	May 16th 2006	
Start	2031	2072	2113	
6 Months	2116	2158	2201	
Level 1	2205	2249	2294	
Level 2	2293	2339	2386	
Level 3	2386	2434	2483	
Level 4	2482	2532	2583	
Level 5	2580	2632	2685	
Level6	2683	2737	2792	

GROUP T	<u>NO</u> – Traffic I	l	
	D.O.\$	May 16th 2005	May 16th 2006
Start	2222	2266	2311
Level 1	2314	2360	2407
Level 2	2409	2457	2506
Level3	2505	2555	2606
Level 4	2606	2658	2711
Level 5	2710	2764	2819
Level 6	2817	2873	2930
Level7	2931	2990	3050

GROUP THREE - ENG Camera; ENG Editor: News Reporter; Promo Writer/Producer; Writer/Producer				
	D.O.S	May 16th 2005	May 16 <sup>th</sup> 2006	
Start	2333	2380	2428	
Level 1	2432	2481	2531	
Level2	2527	2578	2630	
Level 3	2629	2682	2736	
Level 4	2732	2787	2843	
Level 5	2842	2899	2957	
Level6	2956	3015	3075	
Level 7	3074	3135	3198	

GROUP FOUR - Graphic Artist; Producer/Director; Anchor/Producer I; Post Production Editor; News/ Community Promotion: EFP Camera; Videographer; Technical Operator; ENG Camera/Editor; News Editor/ Director: Senior Writer Producer

	D.O.S	May 16th 2005	May 16th 2006
Start	2449	2498	2548
Level1	2553	2604	2656
Level2	2654	2707	2761
Level3	2760	2815	2871
Level 4	2871	2928	2987
Level5	2985	3045	3106
Level6	3104	3166	3229
Level7	3229	3294	3360

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GROUP	GROUP FIVE - Maintenance Engineer; Anchor/Producer II				
	D.O.S	May 16 <sup>th</sup> 2005	May <b>16<sup>th</sup>2006</b>		
Start	2727	2782	2838		
Level 1	2840	2897	2955		
Level2	2955	3014	3074		
Level 3	3073	3134	3197		
Level 4	3195	3259	3324		
Level5	3323	3389	3457		
Level6	3454	3523	3593		
Level 7	3594	3666	3739		

GROUP SIX - Senior Maintenance Engineer				
	D.O.S	May 16 <sup>th</sup> 2005	May 16 <sup>th</sup> 2006	
Start	2864	2921	2979	
Level1	2982	3042	3103	
Level2	3102	3164	3227	
level3	3227	3292	3358	
Level 4	3356	3423	3491	
Level 5	3489	3559	3630	
Level 6	3626	3699	3773	
Level 7	3774	3849	3926	

27.2 An employee who is currently being paid a salary above the top of his/her salary scale will receive a salary increase (added to his/her salary) of two (2%) percent computed against the top of his/her actual salary scale.

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### ARTICLE 28

#### **General Wage Provisions**

- 28.1 Employees shall be paid according to the wage schedule of the classification to which they are assigned, with credit for years of service within the classification and any credit for industry experience recognized by the Company at the time of hiring.
- 28.2 The parties recognize that certain employees may be receiving salaries higher than those set out in Article
  28. It is agreed that no employee shall suffer a loss of income as a result of the wage scales herein negotiated.
- **28.2.1** An employee who is being paid more than the "top of scale" will receive an increase as determined by the Company but in no event shall such increase be less than the dollar amount accorded to the "top of scale" in the wage group to which such persons are assigned.
- 28.3 Progression up the salary schedule within each classification shall automatically occur on the first complete pay period of the month nearest to the employee's semi-annual or annual anniversary date of appointment. i.e. employees hired from the first to the fifteenth of the month shall receive increases effective the first day of the month and employees hired from the sixteenth to the last day of the month shall receive increases effective the first day of the next month unless otherwise specified.

- 28.3.1 Management reserves the right to move individuals up one or more steps prior to their normal salary anniversary date based upon the merit and ability of the employee. In the event such early advance occurs, the employee's salary anniversary date shall be re-calculated to be the date upon which he receives his increase.
- 28.4 Employees shall complete their time sheets by the end of the first working day of the week following the period covered by the time sheets. Employees assigned off premises shall submit timesheets as soon as possible upon returning from such assignment. Overtime that is submitted late may not be approved. Unauthorized overtime may not be approved unless the employee can demonstrate the reason the overtime was worked.
- 28.5 Half the monthly salary (that is, salary after a reasonable proportion of the total monthly deductions have been made) will be paid not later than 12:00 Noon of the last banking day prior to the 15th of each month. The balance of money earned shall be paid on or before 12:00 Noon of the last banking day prior to the last day of the month.
- 28.5.1 Effective the date of signing of the Agreement, all employees will receive payment by direct payroll deposit into a chartered financial institution of the employee'schoice. The employee will inform the Company as to the bank of his choice.
- **28.6** A breakdown of overtime hours and premiums shall be shown on pay stubs.
- 28.7 For the purposes of computing an employee's hourly rate of basic pay, his monthly salary shall be divided by 174.

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- **28.8** Each year the Company will indicate on the T4 slips issued to employees, the total amount of dues deducted at source and forwarded to CEP.
- 28.9 In the event of any dispute arising regarding pay or time sheets, the employee involved shall have access to his pay records upon reasonable notice to the Company.

# ARTICLE 29 Work Week

- 29.1 The full time work week shall be 40 hours per week and shall commence at 12:01 AM Monday. There shall be at least two consecutive days off. These two consecutive days off may be in separate work-weeks, i.e. Sunday and Monday. The five work days in any work week need not necessarily be consecutive, they may be separated by the days off. An employee shall not be required to work more than ten (10) consecutive tours of duty.
- 29.2 Those persons employed on the date of signing in the classifications of Traffic, Receptionist, Writer/Producer, and Promotions/Producer will be paid an additional 2.5 hours, at the basic rate of pay, each week. Employees hired into those classifications after the date of signing will be paid the rate of pay specified in Article 27

# ARTICLE 30 Tour of Duty

- 30.1 A tour of duty or tour shall mean the authorized or approved time worked by an employee during a day calculated to the end of the last quarter hour in which work was performed. If a tour of duty extends beyond midnight, it shall be considered as falling wholly within the calendar day in which it starts.
- 30.2 When a tour of duty ends at sign-off, it shall normally be regarded as completed not more than fifteen (15) minutes after the official logged sign off time.
- **30.3** Split shifts may be assigned where mutually agreeable between the employee and the Company.
- **30.4** The parties recognize the Company has a right to schedule overtime that is not contiguous to an employee's assigned shift. Such scheduled overtime is not to be construed as a split shift. However, the minimum assignment of such overtime shall be three (3) hours.
- **30.5** No employee shall be required to work more than seven (7) consecutive midnight shifts.

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### ARTICLE 31

### Health and Safety

- 31.1 The Company shall adopt and use methods and procedures which are adequate to render its employment or place of employment safe, and shall do everything necessary to protect the life, health and safety of its employees.
- 31.2 Having due regard to health and safety, the Company agrees to try to schedule the work load so that any individual employee is not repeatedly scheduled excessive work hours.
- **31.3** The employer shall give consideration to the capabilities of an employee for an assignment involving climbing towers and ladders.
- 31.4 The employer agrees to supply protective clothing, safety footwear, and/or safety devices for employees on assignments (e.g. remotes, towers) where conditions require their use, and to supply other safety attire where required by the Company. It is understood that such protective clothing and/or safety devices are and remain the property of the Company and shall be returned in the same condition as provided except for normal wear and tear.
- **31.5** The Company shall supply rain gear (jacket and pants) to ENG and Maintenance personnel.
- 31.6 No employee shall be disciplined or discharged for refusal to work on a job in any work place or to operate any equipment where he has reasonable grounds to believe that he is in imminent danger or where it would be contrary to applicable Federal, Provincial, or Municipal regulations or legislation. Where, in such circumstances, the employee does not work, he shall

not suffer a loss of pay. No employees shall refuse to do work deemed to be "safe" by the Company and Union Representativesof the Safety Committee (LAPP).

# ARTICLE 32 Posting of Schedules

- **32.1** Each employee's schedule for any week shall be posted as early as possible. Status of shifts and days off can be changed no later than the end of the shift, five (5) working days prior to the day in question.
- **32.2** Each employee's schedule shall state clearly daily starting time and days off.
- 32.3 In the event that an employee's schedule for any week is not posted in accordance with Article 32, the previous weekly schedule, or where applicable the regular rotation, shall carry over until a new schedule is posted in accordance with the Agreement.
- 32.4 Notice of change in starting time shall be given as much in advance as possible, but not later than 12:00 Noon or the beginning of the shift of the last working day of the employee prior to the day of change.

When an employee is on duty, the Company will be deemed to have given notice when such notice is posted and the Company has made every reasonable effort to reach the employee. If the employee is off duty, the Company will notify the employee directly. If such notice is not given the employee shall be credited with all hours originally scheduled plus any additional hours.

**32.5** Work schedules shall be prepared only by management or supervisory personnel.

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#### ARTICLE 33

#### **Days Off**

- 33.1 Scheduled days off shall be defined as the number of days off multiplied by 24 hours plus the turnaround period of twelve (12) hours. When the two scheduled days off are separated as provided in Article 33.4 there shall be 82 hours between the end of the last tour and beforethe beginning of the next tour, following such days off.
- 33.2 A day off in lieu, as triggered by a Statutory Holiday is defined as twenty-four (24) hours plus the turnaround period and shall be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.
- 33.2.1 There shall be two (2) consecutive days off, except by mutual agreement by the Company and the employee.
- 33.3 Except where employees are specifically hired to work weekend shifts, employees shall receive a minimum of five (5) weekends (Saturday and Sunday) off per calendar quarter, commencing January 1st. Where an employee is required to work weekends beyond the maximums, the employee shall receive a premium computed at one-half his basic rate for regular hours worked on such weekends. Such premiums shall not be deemed overtime or part of basic pay, and shall be in addition to any other premiums that may be applicable.
- **33.4** Two scheduled days off may be separated by a holiday only when no work is scheduled on that holiday.

## ARTICLE 34 Work on Days Off

- 34.1 An employee may refuse to work on his scheduled day off. When all employees in the job classification refuse to work on their days off, the most junior person available on a day off within that job classification may be assigned. No employee except the most junior qualified employee available, in exercising the foregoing right of refusal will be penalized for refusing to work on a scheduled day off.
- 34.2 When an employee works on a scheduled day off/ extra day off, in accordance with Article 34.1, work performed on that day shall be compensated as follows:
- **34.2.1 If** work is performed or credited on one day off in a week, time and one-half (1½) computed separately from the work week for all hours worked with a minimum credit of four (4) hours.
- **34.3** If work is performed on a second or subsequent day off, after having worked on an immediately preceding day off, work performed on the second and subsequent days off shall be compensated at **two** times the basic rate with a minimum credit of four (4) hours.
- 34.4 Should the hours worked or credited on a day off exceed eight (8) hours, all the time worked or credited in excess of eight (8) hours, [but less than twelve (12) hours] will be paid at an additional one-half (½) the basic rate over and above the rates contained in Article 34.2.1 and 34.3.

**34.5** Should the hours worked or credited on a day off exceed twelve (12) hours, all time worked or credited in excess of twelve (12) will be paid at an additional one (1) times the basic rate over and above the rated contained in Article 34.2.1 and 34.3.

Hours worked	d/ Art. 34.2.1	Art. 34,3
0 – 8	1½ x basic	2 x basic
a-12	2 x basic	2½ x basic
over 12	2½ x basic	3 x basic

34.6 Notice of cancellation of assigned work on a scheduled day off or on a holiday shall be given not later than the end of shift of the previous work day of the employee. If such notice is not given, the employee shall receive four hours pay at the basic rate computed separately from the work week.

## ARTICLE 35 Meal Periods

- **35.1** Except as set out below, all employees shall receive a first meal period of sixty (60) minutes to commence not earlier than two and one-half hours after the commencement of the tour, and ending not later than the beginning of the sixth (6th) hour of the tour.
- 35.2 The meal period referred to in Article 35.1 above may be reduced by mutual agreement between an employee and the Company, providing this does not result in the employee working more than eight hours at the basic rate of pay. In such case, no penalty is payable as per Article 35.3 unless the mutual agreement is broken.
- 35.3 If due to operational requirements, an employee does not receive a meal break, within the time limits as set out in Article 35.1, he will receive a premium equal to thirty (30) minutes at his basic rate of pay.
- 35.4 News/Sports Reporters and Anchors, News Editors/ Director, VTR Operators, and Master Control working a weekend, evening or night shift shall receive an inclusive first meal period of thirty (30) minutes.
- **35.5** A second meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes shall be assigned for tours of duty of more than ten (10) hours.
- 35.5.1 Five dollars (\$5.00) shall be paid to compensate for the cost of the second and subsequent meals where such meal break is received. The current practice of the employer providing meals for employees on location shall continue, and in such cases no payment shall be made.

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- **35.6** In the event that the second meal period is not taken, the employee will receive a premium equal to thirty minutes at his basic rate of pay.
- **35.7** Employees shall not be required to travel from their normal place of employment to other studios or remote locations within the area during their meal periods, or any part thereof.

# ARTICLE 36 Break Periods

- 36.1 The parties recognize the principle of break periods. It is further recognized that it is not practical to prescribe specific time periods for break periods. Accordingly, the parties agree that the existing flexible arrangements for two fifteen (15) minute breaks per day will continue in effect. The arrangement shall not be abused. If because of operational requirements a break period is missed, there shall be no compensation nor shall missed breaks be saved in lieu of working a full tour of duty.
- **36.2** On a tour of duty of more than eight (8) hours an employee shall not be required to work more than three (3) hours (after the 8) without receiving a break period.

#### ARTICLE 37

#### **Overtime**

37.1 Employees may decline to work overtime, however, if all qualified employees in a job classification decline to work the overtime, the Company may assign the work to the most junior qualified employee, as determined by the Company, within the job classification, on site.

No employee in exercising the foregoing right of refusal will be penalized for declining to work such overtime.

- 37.2 When an employee works overtime in accordance with this Article, such overtime hours shall be compensated as follows:
- **37.2.1** All time worked or credited in excess of eight (8) hours [but less than twelve (12)] in one (1) day shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1%) times the hourly rate of the employee, computed separately from the work week.
- 37.2.2 Should the time worked or credited exceed twelve (12) hours, all hours worked or credited in excess of twelve (12) hours will be paid at the rate of two (2) times the hourly rate of the employee, computed separately from the work week.
- **37.3** All overtime must be authorized by a department supervisor.
- 37.4 Where operational requirements permit, and the appropriate manager approves, an employee may have the option to complete an overtime assignment at a mutually convenient time.

However, no additional expense shall accrue to the employer beyond overtime, where such flexibility is afforded.

# ARTICLE 38 Call-Back

- **38.1** Any employee called back to work, having left his place of work in the day in question, shall be paid at time and one-half (1%) times the basic rate with a minimum credit of three (3) hours including travel time. If call back is extended over four (4) hours the additional hours will be paid at two (2) times the basic rate. Callback shall be computed separately from work week.
- **38.2** Call-back is defined as those hours credited to an employeewho, havingworked and/or been credited with at least the minimum tour of duty is called back to perform further work on the day in question.
- **38.3** An employee who works more than four (4) hours on call-back shall be entitled to a thirty (30) minute unpaid meal break. In the event that an employee does not receive this meal break, thirty (30) minutes at the basic hourly wage shall be added at the end of the employees shift, as time worked.

### **ARTICLE 39**

#### **Turn-Around Period**

- 39.1 A turn-around period is the period of at least twelve (12) hours between the end of one tour of duty and the commencement of the next tour of duty.
- 39.2 All time scheduled or worked, including any meal period, within twelve (12) hours of the actual end of the previoustour of duty shall be compensated at an additional one half times the basic rate of pay.
- 39.3 No paymentshall be made for the following encroachments:
- **39.3.1** On a shift where an employee is released from duty or rescheduledto attend negotiations or grievance meetings with management.
- 39.3.2 On a swing-in shift on a regular rotating shift pattern, which occurs in conjunction with an employee's scheduled days off.
- **39.3.3** Where permission has been granted in advance for employees to exchange shifts.

### **ARTICLE 40**

#### Night Differential

40.1 An employee who works between the hours of 12:00 AM and 5:00 AM shall be paid a night differential of one (\$1.00) dollar per half-hour or part thereof. Night differential shall not be deemed overtime or part of basic pay but is in addition to any other payment an employee may be entitled to.

### ARTICLE 41 Automobile Expenses

41.1 The parties recognize that some employees shall be required to use their automobile in the execution of their duties. The Company shall notify on the commencement of employment that an employee shall be required to use their vehicle on Company business.

Employees not required to use their vehicles on company business may agree to do so on an occasional basis, but shall not be penalized for refusing to do so.

- **41.2** The Company agrees to reimburse each employee for all authorized and/or approved expenses when travel is authorized by the Company.
- 41.3 If an employee is authorized to use his own automobile for transportation in connection with his duties, he shall be reimbursed at the rate of thirty-four cents (\$0.34) per kilometer with a minimum of three (\$3.00) dollars per round trip.
- 41.4 When an employee on Company business is involved in an accident resulting in damage to his vehicle, and the amount of damage cannot be recovered from any other person or persons or agency, the Company agrees to reimburse the employee to a maximum of two-hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars, such amount being regarded as the deductible amount on the employee's car insurance policy. Furthermore, the Company will not be required to pay any deductible amount if the accident was a result of the proven negligence of the employee.

41.5 If any employee requires higher automobile insurance rates due to using their personal vehicle on a regular basis for company business, the Company shall, after prior approval, reimburse the employee for any additional premium charged above the "Personal Use Only" rate.

### **ARTICLE 42**

#### **Travel**

- 42.1 When an employee travels out-of-town (as defined in Article 43) on approved Company business, during a tour of duty, the travel time shall be considered as part of the tour of duty.
- **42.2** When an employee's travel time on an out-of-town assignment extends beyond his tour of duty, such time shall be compensated as hours of work.
- 42.3 For pay purposes, employees engaged only in travelling shall be credited with all time consumed when travelling on an assignment of the Company. Such time will be computed:
- 42.3.1 When the employee departs from his home for travel by common carrier, from one hour before departure of the common carrier.
- 42.3.2 From the assigned hour of departure from his home when an employee travels by automobile direct to the assignment.
- **42.3.3** From the time he leaves his normal place of employment when the employee reports there before proceeding to travel.

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- **42.3.4** From the assigned hour of departure from his lodging when an employee is using overnight accommodation.
- 42.3.5 When travel is on a common carrier between the hours of 12:00 Midnight and 8:00 AM, local time, and suitable sleeping facilities are available, no credit shall be allowed. For the purpose of this section, a single berth or a seat on a plane is construed to be suitable sleeping facilities. When travel is designated by the Company on conveyances which do not have sleeping facilities, full time credit shall be allowed.
- **42.4** Time credited for the returnjourney under the above conditions shall be computed in the same manner.
- **42.5** The company agrees to maintain adequate liability insurance on all vehicles owned and rented by the Company which it requests any employee to drive.
- 42.6 When an employee is required to work at a studio or remote location other than his normal place of employment, he shall be credited with all time consumed in transit between such normal place of employment and any other studio or remote location and return.
- **42.7** When an employee is assigned to an out-of-town location where he is required to remain overnight, the Company will provide, if available, reasonable single room accommodation with shower or bath.
- **42.8** Employees who are provided overnight accommodation shall receive compensation for any reasonable expenses.

- **42.8.1** Ground transportation airport shuttle bus shall be used where available, otherwise actual taxi fares will be paid.
- 42.9 Where an employee requires an advance to cover travelling and location expenses, he shall apply for such advance in writing as far ahead of his scheduled departure time as is practical. An employee who has incurred expenses shall submit an accounting of expenditures and accompanying receipts within five (5) days of his return.
- **42.10** Notwithstanding Article **42.3**, **42.7**, **42.8**, the Company reserves the right on out-of-town assignments, where overnight accommodation is provided, to make inclusive package arrangements for the provision of meals, accommodation and/or travel.

#### **ARTICLE 43**

### **Location Definition and Expenses**

- 43.1 For the purpose of this Agreement, an out-of- town location shall be any point beyond the limits of the City of Lethbridge (except that the present transmitter site and the Lethbridge Municipal Airport shall not be considered to be out of town).
- 43.2 When an employee is assigned to an out-of-town location where he is not required to remain overnight, he shall receive meals in accordance with the current company practice.

## ARTICLE 44 Vacations

**44.1** The current Company policy on Vacations remains in effect for the duration of the Agreement. For the sake of greater clarity, the policy is as listed:

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Years of Service	Duration of Vacation
As of June 30th	In Working Days
Less than 1 Year	1 day per completed month
1 year	15 days at basic rate
10 Years	20 days at basic rate

- 44.2 Part-time employees shall receive four (4) percent of their previous year's pay annually in lieu of vacation pay. A part-time employee, after the completion of one year's continuous employment, may elect to take vacation with pay equivalent to vacation pay earned. Such vacation shall be scheduled in accordance with Article 44.3 below.
- 44.3 For the purposes of accrual vacation cut-off shall be deemed to be June 30th. Vacation preference shall be granted on the basis of Company seniority within the employee's department, subject to operating requirements. In cases where an employee books a second or subsequent block and a conflict arises between that employee's second or subsequent block and another employee's higher priority block, the employee's higher priority block will be given priority. Vacation requests of one (1) or more days shall be considered a block. Employees vacation requests shall be submitted in writing on or before March 15th and finalized by March 31st.

The vacation schedules shall be posted by April 30th of each year. In the event an employee fails to make the application prior to March 15th, selection will be made on a first come, first serve basis.

Any vacation request made after March 31<sup>st</sup>, that on a departmental basis is not in a conflict with the finalized vacation schedule as noted above shall not be unreasonably denied.

In the event an employee fails to make the application prior to October 31<sup>al</sup>, the employee may have his vacation scheduled by the Company.

- **44.3.1** It is understood by the parties to this Agreement that the provisions of Article **44** shall take precedence over Christmas and New Year's scheduling (as outlined in Article **47**).
- **44.3.2** An employee's vacation may be changed by mutual agreement, subject to operating requirements, provided such change does not adversely affect another employee's previously scheduled vacation period.
- **44.4** In the event that a statutory holiday falls during the employee's vacation, one **(1)** additional day for each such holiday shall be added to the employee's accrued vacation in lieu of such holiday.
- **44.5** In the event of the death of an employee, the value of any vacation credits which have accrued to the employee shall be paid to his estate.

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- 44.6 Vacation credits shall not accrue during leaves of absence without pay except as provided in the Canada Labour Code, however an employee shall still be entitled to earned vacation days. It is understood that the Canada Labour Code provides only for the accrual of vacation time, not pay, during Maternity or Child Care
- **44.7** In the event that an employee fails to complete a year of service, such employee shall receive pay equivalent to his entitlement on a pro-rata basis to the time worked during the year, in lieu of vacation.

### ARTICLE 45

#### Leave of Absence

- 45.1 Subject to operational requirements, the Company will consider, on an individualbasis, all requests for long term leaves of absence without pay and will not unreasonably deny any request.
- 45.2 An employee who is unable to come to work for whatever reason and fails to report to his supervisor, or any member of management, shall be considered to be on a leave of absence without pay, and may be subject to disciplinary action.

# ARTICLE 46 Legal Holidays

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**46.1** The following shall be paid holidays:

New Year's Day
Good Friday
Victoria Day
Canada Day
Heritage Day (1™ Monday in August)
Labour Day
Thanksgiving Day
Remembrance Day
Christmas Day
Boxing Day

Plus any day duly proclaimed by the Government of Canada as a general holiday.

The Company may, at its discretion, recognize any day named by other government authorities as a general holiday.

- **46.1.1** The actual day of a holiday shall be deemed to be the holiday for pay purposes for any employee working on the holiday, unless mutually agreed by the Company and the Union.
- **46.1.2** If a holiday falls on a scheduled work day and the employee is not required to work, he shall receive his normal basic pay for such day at the straight time rate.
- 46.1.3 When a holiday falls on a scheduled day off and the employee does not work, he shall receive one (1) additional day's pay at his straight time basic rate. If mutually agreed, the employee may take one additional day off with pay in lieu of one additional day's pay.

- **46.1.4** When a holiday falls on an employee's scheduled work day and the employee is required to work, he shall be compensated as follows:
  - a) For the first eight (8) hours of work, two and one-half (2%) times his basic hourly rate, (which amount shall include his basic rate as per Article 46.1.2), with a minimum credit of eight (8) hours.
  - b) For all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours, three (3) times his basic hourly rate.
- **46.1.5** When a holiday falls on an employee's scheduled day off and the employee is required to work, he shall be compensated as follows:
  - a) For the first eight (8) hours of work, three (3) times his basic hourly rate, (which amount shall include his basic rate as per Article 46.1.2), with a minimum credit of eight (8) hours.
  - b) For all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours, three and one-half (3%) times his basic hourly rate.
- 46.1.6 A tour of duty beginning on the eve of a holiday and continuing into the holiday shall not be considered as work performed on the holiday. A tour of duty beginning on the holiday and continuing into the day following shall be considered as work performed on the holiday.

#### ARTICLE 47

### Scheduling of Christmas and New Year's Holidays

- 47.1 Before November 15<sup>th</sup> of each year the employees will make known to the Company their wishes regarding Christmas and New Year's holidays. The Company will post a notice by November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year advising of the deadline.
- **47.2** These Christmas and New Year's holiday schedules shall be posted no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.
- 47.3 The employee shall be scheduled off on either:
  - a) Christmas Day or
  - b) New Year's Day or
  - c) Another day if requested by the employee.

The employee will not be scheduled past 7:00 PM on the eve of the holiday which he receives off. In the event of conflict between employee requests, the senior employee shall be given preference. All of the above is subject to unforeseen operational requirements, and Article 44.3.1

47.4 It is mutually agreed that the employees and the Company shall work out details of application which will waive all premium payments to ensure that there be no additional costs to the Company as a result of accommodating employee preferences, and further, any grievances resulting from such application shall only involve the time limits or lack of applying seniority appropriately.

#### **ARTICLE 48**

- 48.1 An employee who is absent because of illness or accident shall receive sick leave in accordance with the current short term disability plan. Sick leave is a benefit offered for the employee's personal illness or accident (not the illness of any dependent, relative, or friend). An employee who is unable to report to work shall contact his supervisor, or any member of management, at the earliest possible opportunity.
- **48.1.2** The employee may be required to offer proof of satisfactory to the Company of any illness if requested to do so by the Company.

#### **ARTICLE 49**

49.1 The Companywill provide a pension plan for the employees. The plan in existence at the signing of this Collective Agreement may be changed by the Company, provided any new or revised plan has benefits equal to or better than the existing plan. Each employee will continue to receive an audited annual statement of his status in the plan.

### ARTICLE 50 Health and Welfare

50.1 The Company agrees to pay one hundred percent (100%) of the premiums as of the date of signing of this Agreement for business travel insurance, Alberta Health Care, basic group life, dependant life, AD & D, LTD, medical, dental, and optical plans. The Company agrees to provide the aforementioned benefits at a level that is no less favourable than those provided at the date of signing.

The employees shall pay any premiums for voluntary additional coverage.

- 50.2 Every employee who has completed six months continuous service with the Company is entitled to and shall be granted a leave of absence without pay from employment as follows:
- 50.2.1 Where an employee provides the Company with a certificate of a qualified medical practitioner certifying that she is pregnant, that employee is entitled to and shall be granted a leave of absence from employment of up to seventeen (17) weeks, which leave may commence not earlier then eleven (11) weeks prior to the estimated date of delivery and end not later than seventeen (17) weeks following the actual day of delivery.
- 50.2.2 Subject to Article 50.3, where an employee has or will have the actual care and custody of a newborn child, that employee is entitled to and shall be granted a leave of absence from employment of up to twenty-four (24) weeks commencing as the employee elects,
  - i) in the case of a female employee:

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- a) on the expiration of any leave of absence from employment taken by her under Article 50.2.1
- b) on the day the child is born, or
- c) on the day the child comes into her actual care and custody.

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- ii) in the case of a male employee:
  - a) on the expiration of any leave of absence from employment taken in respect of the child by a female employee under Article 50.2.1,
  - on the expiration of any leave of absence from employment taken in respect of the child by a female employee who is entitled to such leave on account of her pregnancy under the laws of a province,
  - c) on the day the child is born, or
  - d) on the day the child comes into his actual care and custody.
- 50.2.3 Subject to Article 50.3, where an employee commences legal proceedings under the laws of a province to adopt a child or obtains an order under the laws of a province for the adoption of a child, that employee is entitled to and shall be granted a leave of absence from employment of up to twenty-four (24) weeks commencing on the day the child comes into the employee's care.
- 50.3 The aggregate amount of leave taken from employment that may be taken by two employees under Articles 50.2.2 or 50.2.3 in respect of a birth or adoption of any one child shall not exceed twenty-four (24) weeks.

- 50.4 Every employee who intends to take or is on leave of absence from employment under Article 50.2 shall give at least four weeks notice in writing to the employer of any change in the length of leave intended to be taken unless there is a valid reason why such notice cannot be given.
- 50.5 Subject to Article 50.3 the Company shall not require an employee to take a leave of absence from employment because the employee is pregnant, unless the employee is unable to perform an essential function of her job and no appropriate job is available for that employee. The burden of proving that a pregnant employee is unable to perform an essential function of her job rests with the employer.
- 50.5.1 A pregnant employee who is unable to perform an essential function of her job and for whom no appropriate alternative job is available may be required to take a leave of absence from employment only for such time as she is unable to perform that essential function.
- 50.6 The pension, health and disability benefits and the seniority of any employee who takes or is required to take a leave of absence from employment under Article 50.2 shall accumulate during the entire period.
- **50.7** Any other issue respecting maternity leave shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Canada Labour Code Part III.

#### **ARTICLE 51**

#### Compassionate Leave

51.1 When an employee is required to be absent due to a death in his immediate family (i.e. legal guardian, spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandparent, and any relative permanently residing in the employee's household or with whom the employee is residing) he will be granted compassionate leave of absence with pay of up to three (3) days for the purpose of arranging/attending the funeral.

#### 51.1.1 "Spouse" means:

 the employee's spouse by virtue of a religious or civil marriage,

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- a member of the opposite sex who has been residing with the employee for at least one year and who has been maintained and publicly represented as his/her spouse.
- **51.2** When travelling time is required, up to two (2) additional days with pay may be granted.
- 51.3 The Company at its discretion may grant time off for medical, eye, dentist appointments, however, the employee is asked to arrange such appointments on their own time. Should the appointment extend the employee's tour of duty, overtime and penalty provisions shall not apply during that tour of duty until the employee has actually worked the equivalent of his regular tour of duty.

The Company will consider requests for specified leave for child, critical illness in the immediate family, however, payment for such leave will be at the sole discretion

of the Company. Such leave, where granted shall not be classified as part of an employee's annual vacation unless requested by the employee.

## ARTICLE 52 Jury and Witness Duty

- **52.1** Employees called to serve on juries or to obey a Crown Subpoena shall receive their regular salaries during such periods. Any payment to the employee from the court will be paid to the Company.
- **52.2** It is understood that when an employee serves as a witness in an arbitration hearing between Global Television and CEP, any lost wages will be paid by the party requesting his presence.

### ARTICLE 53 Education Seminars

- **53.1** When an employee is advised by the Company to attend seminars, educational courses, etc., pertaining to the television industry, he shall receive eight (8) hours base pay for a whole tour or more, or his basic hourly rate for hours involving less than a full tour. It is agreed that Articles **34**, **35.2**, **37**, **39** and **42** shall be waived to allow an employee to attend classes of instruction, seminars, etc. pertaining to the television industry.
- 53.2 The Company shall after prior approval, reimburse an employee for fees paid by the employee for any courses taken on his own time pertaining to the television industry. Payment shall be made after successful completion of the course.

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## ARTICLE 54 Classification Changes

- 54.1 The Parties agree to maintain a Classification Committee, which shall meet jointly, as required, to discuss job descriptions and classification matters. The Committee shall be comprised of two (2) Union members and two (2) Company members.
- 54.2 Where a newjob classification is created either party may refer the matter to the Classification Committee for discussion and resolution of any differences that may arise with respect to the job title and/or rate of pay.
- 54.3 Should the Committee fail to resolve the differences between the parties, such issues that remain unresolved may be referred by either Party to binding arbitration. The arbitration costs shall be paid by the Union. The selection of the Arbitrator shall be by mutual consent.

# ARTICLE 55 Air Credits and Union Seal

- 55.1 Every audio/videotape recording and all recording and all programming produced by the Company shall have the CEP seal or videograph legibly exhibited on the following:
  - a) Tape Billboard
  - b) End Credits

# ARTICLE 56 Duration of Agreement

- 56.1 This Agreement shall be in effect from May 16th, 2004 and shall remain in force for three (3) years, and from year to year thereafter, unless either party notifies the other by registered mail, not more than one hundred and twenty (120) days and not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of expiry, or anniversary of such date, of their intent to modify this Agreement. In the event such notice is given, this Agreement shall continue in full force until a new agreement is concluded or until a lawful strike or lockout is executed pursuant to the provisions of the Canada Labour Code, whichever first occurs.
- 56.2 If such notice of desire to modify this Agreement is given as specified above, (Article 56.1), a meeting shall be held within twenty (20) days for the purpose of negotiations and further meetings shall be held as frequently as possible until either party makes application for conciliation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE CAUSED THIS AGREEMENT TO BE EXECUTED BY THEIR DULYAUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES ON THIS 16 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2004.
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### **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #1**

It is agreed that the introduction of the classifications of Promotions/Public Relations, and Videographer shall not result in the direct or indirect displacement (as contemplated in Article 23.1.1) of any Bargaining Unit person during the term of the Agreement.

In the event of the layoff of a reporter or photographer, who has more seniority than an employee in a videographer position, the reporter or photographer may bump into the videographer position, and train for a period of 3 months. At that time, the Company will decide whether the employee meets the qualifications needed to continue in the position of videographer, If not, the employee will go back on layoff, with recall rights to his previous position.

For the Union

For the Company

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# LETTER OF AGREEMENT #1 PERSONAL HARASSMENT POLICY

The C.E.P. and Global Television hereby mutually agree that all bargaining unit employees, management personnel, and other persons associated with Global Television shall have the right to work in an environment free of personal harassment. To this end, the Company's harassment policy shall be provided to every employee upon their employment and from time to time thereafter as modified and/or updated. It is further understood that such Policy shall be strictly enforced by the Company in accordance with the terms and conditions contained therein.

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## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING#2 RE: TRANSFER OF WORK

Notwithstandingthe provisions of Article 24, where the Company transfers or assigns bargaining unit work to a Global Television facility or to any print media facility, and where this results in the direct or indirect displacement of bargaining unit employees, said employees shall retain bumping rights in accordance with Article 21.2. In addition to the foregoing the following provisions shall apply:

Where there is mutual agreement between the Company and the employee option (a) or (b) may be exercised:

- a) Where the Company offers alternative employment, the employee may accept a transfer to another job classification and shall receive appropriate and adequate training.
   It is agreed that no other bargaining unit persons will be displaced as a result of exercising this option.
- b) The Company may offer the opportunity to relocate to a related Company. Where this option is exercised full severance and reasonable relocation expenses shall be paid.

Where mutual agreement with respect to options (a) or (b) cannot be achieved, the employee affected shall receive the following severance package:

- 1) 3 months notice and 3 months pay in lieu of notice.
- a severance payment of 4 weeks per year of service and pro-rated for partial year of service to a maximum of 78 weeks.
- 3) a re-training or equivalent benefit of \$5,000 for employees with 1 to 24 years of service, and \$7,500 for employees with service of 25 years or more.

The severance will be offered to the entire Bargaining Unit with first right of refusal to the department affected on a seniority basis throughout the remainder of the Bargaining Unit. Employees choosing to accept the severance package must notify the Company within two weeks.

In the event that those employees who are directly or indirectly affected wish to retain their employment, the Company agrees to offer the package to any department, on a seniority basis, that the affected employee believes represents a reasonable opportunity for successful re-training.

Vacancies created by this process shall be filled, on a seniority basis, by those wishing to retain their employment and they shall be provided reasonable and adequate training. The individual shall have 3 months to demonstrate proficiency to an acceptable level. The training period and the demonstration of proficiency shall occur prior to but not exceed the 3 months notice period as described in (1) previously. If additional training time is required the employee may utilize additional time drawn from the 3 month payment in lieu of notice period.

Any employee that volunteers to take a severance package in order for someone else to retain their employment shall remain at work during the trainee's training period and shall only receive the package if the trainee successfully completes the training period.

If no other employees choose to accept the severance package or if the individual does not achieve proficiency they must accept the severance package.

It is understood employees who accept the severance package shall relinquish all re-engagement rights and re-call rights and shall be considered terminated.

This letter of understanding continues during the term of this Collective Agreement, including any extended term under Article 55.1.