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KENTUCKY BUILDING AGREEMENT

By and Between

**INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS
LOCAL NO. 181**

and

Effective: June 1, 2003
Expiration: May 31, 2006

AGREEMENT

Scope of Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT by and between the employer who becomes signatory hereto, or any contractor who signs a facsimile thereof, and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 181, hereinafter called the Union, affiliated with the AFL-CIO, acting for the purposes of this Agreement as the collective bargaining agency for its members.

For and in consideration of the mutual advantages to be derived by the parties hereto, they, and each of them do covenant and agree that when members of the Union, signatory hereto, are directly employed by the Employer, such employment shall be in accordance with the terms of this contract only.

PREAMBLE

Section 1. This Agreement is entered into to prevent strikes and lockouts; to facilitate peaceful adjustment of grievances and disputes between employer and employee in this trade; to prevent waste and unnecessary and avoidable delays and expense; for the further purpose of at all times securing for the employer sufficient skilled workmen; and so far as possible to provide for engineers' continuous employment. Such employment to be in accordance with the conditions herein set forth and as the wages herein agreed upon, that stable conditions may prevail in building construction, that building costs may be as low as possible consistent with fair wages and conditions, and further to establish the necessary procedure by which these ends may be accomplished.

It is agreed and understood that the Negotiating Committee shall in no event be bound as principle or held liable as Negotiating Agent or as Principal in any manner for breach of this contract by any of the parties hereto. It is further agreed that the liability of the Employers who accept, adopt, and sign this Agreement shall be several and not joint.

The terms and conditions as set forth herein constitute the entire Agreement between the Employer and the Union. Any other policy and/or procedure which may be outlined in any other form, such as Employer's handbook or the Union's working rules, and any other written or verbal agreements are specifically excluded from this agreement.

Section 2. The Employer shall exercise due diligence in assigning to the Union such work tasks for which it has been given, if any, as approved by the Building Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor. In the event, however, that capable employees are not available without delaying the work, the Employer, after twenty-four (24) hours notice, may assign such work on a temporary basis to other employees. The Employer shall have the right to request the services of the individual employees by name provided he has been employed by said company within the past year. No employer shall employ any person whom he has induced to leave another job.

This contract shall not be construed as covering, requiring, or limiting the employment of supervisors, superintendents, timekeepers, watchmen, or any other employees acting solely in the capacity as representatives of management. This contract is solely and strictly intended as a declaration of the rights and privileges of the parties and of the duties and obligations which each assumes toward the other.

Except as specifically provided otherwise herein, the rights of management are retained by the employer, including but not limited to the right to manage and direct the working forces, the right to hire, to transfer, to discharge for a just and reasonable cause other than upholding the provisions of this Agreement, to determine the need for the number of employees and the purpose for hiring.

Section 4. The intent of this contract is to embrace building construction, including preparation of site and installation of utilities and railroad incidental to the construction of the building and on the building site.

Section 5. Building construction work shall be all work on any structure intended for use as shelter, protection, or comfort.

Section 6. The Union shall not discriminate against any contractor or subcontractor so long as he complies with the terms of this Agreement and becomes a signatory hereof.

ARTICLE 1

This Agreement becomes effective June 1, 2003 and shall be in effect until and including May 31, 2006.

ARTICLE 2

Territory Jurisdiction

It is agreed by all parties concerned that this Agreement will cover the following counties in Kentucky: Allen, Barren, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Butler, Carroll, Cumberland, Edmonston, Gallatin, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hart, Hardin, Henry, Jefferson, Larue, Meade, Metcalf, Monroe, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Simpson, Spencer, Trimble and Warren.

ARTICLE 3

Union Recognition

There shall be no interference with workmen during working hours, except that the Business Representative of the Union may confer with the superintendent, foreman, or steward when necessary. The Business Representative shall notify management before entering the job.

ARTICLE 4

Membership Maintenance

All employees in the bargaining unit who are members of the Union in good standing on the effective date of this Agreement must as a condition of employment maintain their membership in good standing for the life of this Agreement.

Any employee who is not a member of the Union, and any employee who is hired on or after the effective date of this Agreement shall be required to apply for membership in the Union on or after the 8th day of his employment. Such employees who become members of the Union must, as a condition of their employment, maintain their membership.

ARTICLE 5

Employee Procurement

The Union and the Employer recognize that the Union is in a position to aid the employer in recruiting needed employees who can meet the standards of the trade and who can promote the efficiency and safety of the operation of the employer. The employer agrees to notify the Union when new, additional, or replacement employees are needed.

The Union agrees to refer duly qualified applicants upon a nondiscriminatory basis when so notified. Such applicants shall be furnished under the above conditions in such numbers as may be necessary to properly execute the work contracted for by the employer in the manner and under the conditions specified in this agreement. The decision with regard to the hire and tenure of all employees shall be made by the Employer.

The priorities of referral set forth in the Local 181 Hiring Procedure shall be followed except that in cases where the employer requires and calls for employees possessing special skills and abilities, the Union shall pass over any applicants on the register not possessing such special skills and abilities, and except that in cases where the employer requests men by name. The employer shall request only men who are registered out of work in Group A only, and they shall have been a former employee who has worked for the requesting employer in the past year in the geographical area. All requests shall be in writing. Applicant must have been on the referral register at least five (5) days before employee can be requested by the Employer. If an employee is called back to the same employer within five (5) working days, such employment shall be considered continuous employment and shall be counted as such. In cases where the Union does not have twenty-four (24) or more hours to fill an order for referral for a few-day job (5 or less days), the Union may pass over applicants on the register in order to promptly fill the order.

The Union and the Employer agree to establish an employment recruiting area. This recruiting area shall cover all counties of Kentucky (with the exception of Boone, Kenton, Campbell and Pendleton), and the following counties in the State of Indiana: Bartholomew, Brown, Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Decatur, Dubois, Floyd, Franklin, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Lawrence, Martin, Ohio, Orange, Perry, Pike, Posey, Ripley, Scott, Spencer, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Washington.

The employer agrees to give preference of employment to qualified applicants residing within the above mentioned recruiting area, when same are available. This clause shall be applied to employment and reduction of force.

The Employer will assist Local 181 in its efforts to get outside contractors to use local people on their projects.

ARTICLE 6

Wage Rates

Wages shall be paid according to the following schedule of rates of pay effective June 1, 2003 through May 31, 2006.

CLASS A -- Minimum wage rate per hour on the following equipment shall be:

	<u>6/1/03</u>	<u>6/1/04</u>	<u>6/1/05</u>
Hourly	20.60		
Health & Welfare	4.50		
Pension	4.25		
Appr. & Trng.	.40		
TOTAL	<u>29.75</u>	<u>30.90</u>	<u>31.90</u>

Articulating Dump, auto patrol, batcher plant, bituminous paver, cableway, central compressor plant, clamshell, concrete mixer (21 cf or over), concrete pump, crane, crusher plant, derrick, derrick boat, directional boring machine, ditching and trenching machine, dragline, dredge operator, dredge engineer, elevating grader and all types of loaders, forklift (regardless of lift height), GPS systems (on equipment within the classification), hoe-type machine, hoist (1-drum when used for stack or chimney construction or repair), hoisting engineer (2 or more drums), laser or remote controlled equipment (within the classification), locomotive, motor scrapper, carry-all scoop, bulldozer, heavy duty welder, mechanic, orangepeel bucket, piledriver, power blade, motor grader, roller (bituminous), scarifier, shovel, tractor shovel, truck crane, winch truck, push dozer, highlift, all types of boom cats, core drill, hopto, tow or push boat, a-frame winch truck, concrete paver, gradeall, hoist, hyster, pumpcrete, Ross carrier, boom, tail boom, rotary drill, hydro hammer, mucking machine, rock spreader attached to equipment, scoopmobile, KeCal loader, tower cranes (French, German and other types, hydrocrane, backfiller, gurries, subgrader, tunnel mining machines including moles, shields, or similar types of tunnel mining equipment.

Foremen and utility engineer are to be paid a differential of fifty cents (\$.50) per hour.

On small dredges the dredge engineer may be replaced by an oiler when mutually agreed upon by employer and Union.

Employers agree to employ only certified crane operators who are certified by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators and also tugger or forklift operators who have been certified in accordance with OSHA Reg. No. 1910.178.

Crane Operators with C.C.O. certification shall receive fifty cents (\$0.50) above class A wage rate.

Operators on cranes with boom one-hundred fifty feet (150') and over including jib, shall receive seventy-five cents (\$.75) above Class A wage rate.

All cranes with piling leads will receive \$.50 above Class A regardless of boom length.

Combination rate shall mean fifty cents (\$.50) per hour above the basic hourly rate of pay.

CLASS B -- Minimum wage rate per hour on the following equipment shall be:

	<u>6/1/03</u>	<u>6/1/04</u>	<u>6/1/05</u>
Wages	17.76		
Health & Welfare	4.50		
Pension	4.25		
Appr. & Trng.	.40		
TOTAL	<u>26.91</u>	<u>27.66</u>	<u>28.41</u>

All air compressors over 900 cfm, bituminous mixer, joint sealing machine, concrete mixer under 21 cu.ft., form grader, roller (rock), tractor (50HP and over), bull float, finish machine, outboard motor boat, flexplane, fireman, boom type tamping machine, greaser on grease facilities servicing heavy equipment, switchman or brakeman, mechanic helper, whirley oiler, self-propelled compactor, tractair and road widening trencher and farm tractor with attachments (except backhoe, highlift and endloader), elevator (regardless of ownership when used for hoisting any building material), hoisting engineer (1-drum or buck hoist), Firebrick masonry excluded), well points, grout pump, throttle-valve man, tugger, electric vibrator compactor, and caisson drill helper.

Class C -- Minimum wage rate per hour on the following equipment shall be:

	<u>6/1/03</u>	<u>6/1/04</u>	<u>6/1/05</u>
Wages	16.74		
Health & Welfare	4.50		
Pension	4.25		
Appr. & Trng.	.40		
TOTAL	<u>25.89</u>	<u>26.39</u>	<u>26.89</u>

Bituminous distributor, cement gun, conveyor, mud jack, paving joint machine, roller (earth), tamping machine, tractors under 50 HP, vibrator, oiler, concrete saw, burlap and curing machine, truck crane oiler, hydro-seeder, power form handling equipment, deckhand steersman, hydraulic post driver, and drill helper.

Employees assigned to work below ground level are to be paid ten per cent (10%) above basic wage rate. This does not apply to open cut work.

Business Representative and the Employer to use established rates as a basis to determine proper rate for equipment not listed in

classifications.

Article 7

Payment of Wages

The Employer shall pay all employees covered by this agreement weekly and the payment shall be in full for the payroll period. Payment shall be made within six (6) days of the close of the payroll period, but not later than Friday, and shall be in cash or by check as mutually agreed upon by the Employer and the Union.

Employees laid off at any time shall be paid immediately. If an employee is laid off and he is not called or does not return to work within a five-day period, it shall be considered a permanent layoff.

Article 8

Health and Welfare Payments

Section 1. Effective June 1, 2003, the employer agrees to pay the sum of four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) per hour for each hour worked or paid whether at regular or overtime rates to the I.U.O.E. Locals 181, 320 and TVA Health and Welfare Fund on behalf of all employees working under the terms of this agreement.

Section 2. The aforesaid Health and Welfare Fund shall be administered pursuant to the Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated April 7, 1968. This Agreement and Declaration of Trust, together with any amendments thereto, is incorporated by reference in this Agreement and shall be considered a part hereof.

Section 3. Contributions to the Welfare Fund are a part of the prevailing wage rate but shall not be deemed wages due the employee.

Section 4. The Union shall advise the Employer in advance if any increases are to be made to the Fund effective on June 1, 2004 and/or June 1, 2005. The employer agrees to increase its hourly contribution to the Health and Welfare Fund in the amount specified by the Union. The hourly wage scale then shall be lowered in an amount equal to the increase in the hourly contribution to the Health and Welfare Fund.

Section 5. The Family and Medical Leave Act. The Union and the Employer recognize the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and if an employer is subject to the law, the employer may pay to the Health and Welfare Fund the amount of \$275.00 per month in lieu of the hourly rate for a qualifying employee. The monthly amount will be determined annually by the trustees of the Fund.

Article 9

Pension Fund Payments

Section 1. Effective June 1, 2003, the Employer shall pay monthly into the Central Pension Fund of the International Union of Operating Engineers and Participating Employers four dollars and twenty five cents (\$4.25) per hour paid for or worked, in the preceding month, by all employees covered by said agreement. Payments shall be made on the dates, in the manner and form, and in accordance with the rules and regulations as adopted by the Trustees of said Fund.

Section 2. Employer agrees to be bound by the Agreement and Declaration of Trust entered into as of September 7, 1960, establishing the Central Pension Fund of the International Union of Operating Engineers and Participating Employers and by any amendments to said Trust Agreement.

Section 3. Employer irrevocably designates as his representative among the Trustees of said fund such Trustees as are named in said Agreement and Declaration of Trust as employer trustees, together with their successors selected in the manner provided in said Agreement and Declaration of Trust as that document may be amended from time to time.

Section 4. Upon written notice to the Employer from the Union at least sixty days (60) prior to each anniversary date of the Agreement, the Employer agrees to increase its hourly contribution to the aforesaid Pension Fund in the amount specified by the Union. The hourly wage scale then scheduled to go into effect shall be lowered in an amount equal to the increase in the hourly contribution to the Pension Fund.

Article 10

Workday and Overtime

A. HOURS OF WORK: Eight (8) hours shall constitute a work day between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

B. SHIFT WORK: If the Employer wishes to work two (2) or three (3) 8-hour shifts, the working hours of each shift shall be mutually agreed upon between the Business Representative of the Union and the Employer or his Representative. In no case shall an employee be allowed to work more than eight (8) hours unless overtime is paid. When two (2) or more shifts are worked for two (2) or more consecutive days, the first shift shall work eight (8) hours and receive eight (8) hours pay; the second shift shall work seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours and receive eight (8) hours pay;

the third shift shall work seven (7) hours and receive eight (8) hours pay. If shifts are to be worked less than two (2) consecutive days, overtime shall be paid at the rate specified in this agreement. On jobs requiring a second shift operation, the first shift need NOT be worked to allow contractor to work second shift operation provided shift work provisions in this paragraph are followed.

C. 10-HOUR SHIFTS: The Employer may work four 10-hour shifts before overtime is paid, provided that all work beyond 10 hours per day or 40 hours per week or all work on Saturday is paid at the time and one-half rate. Friday may be used as a make-up day only for inclement weather, otherwise time worked on Friday will be paid at the time and one-half rate. The regular work day shall consist of ten (10) consecutive hours commencing at 7:00 a.m. unless otherwise mutually agreed upon, with a meal period of one-half hour on the employee's time at mid point of shift. The starting time will apply to all employees.

D. OVERTIME: Time and one-half shall be paid for all overtime work which shall include all work performed before 7:00 a.m. or after eight (8) hours work, Monday through Friday, and all day on Saturday, and work performed during lunch period. Double time shall be paid for all work performed on Sunday and Holidays. Holidays shall be New Years Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, or days observed as such. Veteran's Day shall be observed Friday after Thanksgiving Day. All holidays falling on Sunday shall be observed on Monday following.

E. All overtime shall be paid for by the hour and half hour. Any fractional part of a half hour shall be a half hour.

F. In the event an employee has completed his regular shift and left the site of the work and is called back to perform work, such employee shall be paid at least two (2) hours at the overtime rate.

Article 11

Reporting Time Pay, Pay for a Partial Day's Work

If the services of an engineer are not required, he shall be notified the day previous and not later than ten (10) minutes before the regular quitting time by the foreman or whoever may be in charge. Otherwise, any employee reporting for work shall receive two (2) hours pay.

Article 12

Holidays

Double time shall be paid for all work performed on Sunday and holidays. Holidays shall be: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, or days observed as such. Veteran's Day shall be observed Friday after Thanksgiving Day. All holidays falling on Sunday shall be observed on Monday following.

Article 13

Foremen

A. One (1) foreman is required for each shift on a project of any employer having ten (10) or more employees and an additional foreman is required on said project having twenty-five (25) or more of the aforementioned employees. Such foreman shall have only such authority as assigned by the employer.

B. Foreman shall receive not less than fifty cents (\$.50) per hour over and above the rate of pay for crane operators. Utility operators capable of operating any heavy equipment shall receive fifty cents (\$.50) over and above the rate of pay for crane operators.

C. Duties of the Operator Foreman shall be: (1) to replace any absenteeism, (2) to replace any operating engineer who has started to work and may have to leave through no fault of the employer, (3) to assist any operating engineer who may need help or advice, (4) to assign operating engineers to the equipment, if the employer so desires, (5) to operate any equipment on the job provided the employer has made an effort to hire an operator.

D. No foreman or supervisor shall be allowed to operate, repair, or maintain any mechanical equipment when such operation takes the job of an employee covered by this agreement except as provided in this Article under "Duties of Operator Foreman."

Article 14

Stewards

The business representative of the Union may appoint a steward per shift whose duty it shall be to see that the conditions of this agreement are not broken by either the employer or the employees, and shall be retained at all times when five (5) or more employees work; and, in slack season, he shall be the last employee to be

laid off providing he is qualified. Under no condition shall he be discriminated against because of his position as steward. The steward shall not have authority to call a work stoppage for any reason.

Article 15

Health, Safety and Substance Abuse

The Employer shall execute his work in accord with the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended. Employees shall perform all work in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

In case of injury sustained by an employee in the course of employment and requiring immediate medical attention, the employer shall provide for transportation to the physician's office, clinic, or hospital, and the employee's home if necessary. If the employee returns to work on the same day, he shall suffer no loss of time, and if sent home or to the hospital, shall be paid for the balance of the day's work period in which the injury was sustained. In no case shall such employee suffer loss of time when required to leave his job for three (3) hours or less for further treatment of such injury.

Article 16

Subcontractors

When the Employer signatory to this Agreement subcontracts any of his work covered by this Agreement that the Employer normally, customarily, and traditionally performs, it shall be subcontracted subject to all terms and conditions of this Agreement, and the employees of such subcontractor or subcontractors shall be required to become members of the union as a condition of employment, except by mutual agreement of the parties.

At the request of the Union, the Employer agrees to arrange a Pre-Job Conference between the subcontractor or subcontractors covering all work that the Employer has subcontracted.

Subcontractors performing work covered by this agreement agree to all terms and conditions of this agreement and shall be required to execute the necessary documents to implement the operation of all fringe benefit programs.

Article 17

Grievances and Disputes

The employer shall appoint a Standing Committee of two persons and the Union shall appoint a Standing Committee of two persons to promote the operation of this Agreement.

All disputes of every type and character between the parties hereto (except as described in Article 18) arising from this agreement which are not settled directly between the persons involved shall be submitted to a joint arbitration committee composed of the Standing Committees. The representation from each Standing Committee shall be equal as to numbers.

The Joint Arbitration Committee shall meet within forty-eight (48) hours after a request to do so is received from either the employer or the union. The Joint Arbitration Committee shall hear and consider all evidence presented by the parties, including that of the business representative of the union. The Committee shall render a decision by majority vote of its members. A decision of the Joint Arbitration Committee shall be final and binding and shall be promptly complied with by all parties.

In the event a majority decision is not reached within twenty-four (24) hours after the hearing is concluded, the dispute shall be referred to an Arbitrator who shall decide the case by rendering a written decision. The Arbitrator shall be chosen in this manner: the party requesting arbitration shall have the right to request a panel from either the American Arbitration Association or the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service who shall be requested to submit a list of seven (7) qualified persons to act as arbitrator. The arbitrator will be selected by each party striking an equal number of proposed arbitrators from the panel. The remaining individual shall be the arbitrator whose decision shall be final and binding upon all parties concerned.

The arbitrator shall not have the power to add to, subtract from, or alter any of the terms of this agreement. All expenses of arbitration previously authorized by the Joint Arbitration Committee shall be borne equally by the employer and the Union.

Any party requesting an arbitration panel from the American Arbitration Association shall be solely responsible for the entire cost and expense charged by the American Arbitration Association for such service.

Neither the employer, the union, nor the union members shall engage in, permit, induce, or encourage any stoppage of work, slowdown, strike, lockout, or concerted refusal to work, by reason of any dispute or difference of opinion or policy between the parties hereto, save and except the failure of the other party to

abide by a decision of the Joint Arbitration Committee, the Arbitrator, or a judgement of a court of law.

Article 18

Jurisdictional Disputes

If the dispute involves the jurisdiction of the union with the jurisdiction of any other union or unions, then the dispute shall be resolved according to law, provided, however, that an opportunity be first given to the union to attempt to settle the jurisdictional dispute with the other union within ten (10) days from the time the dispute arose.

Article 19

Savings Clause

Nothing in this agreement shall be construed or is intended to be contrary to any local, state or federal law.

Article 20

Non Discrimination

The employer will not discriminate in hiring or during employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, handicap or a qualified individual with a disability.

The union will not discriminate in any respect including membership, training opportunities, or referrals because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, handicap or a qualified individual with a disability.

It is also agreed that both the union and the employer will fully comply with all federal and state requirements as they pertain to equality and opportunity for employment in the construction industry. In addition to equal employment opportunities, the employer and union fully support affirmative action in construction. Whenever reference is made to gender in this agreement, the same shall be interpreted and construed as including both male and female.

Article 21

General Conditions

A. Any operator may be moved by the employer to any piece of equipment and back to the original piece of equipment, provided the operator is capable of performing the work, and is paid the hourly rate of wages applicable to the highest classification of work performed during such changes. Provided further, that such changes do not replace another operator who had reported for work or who had started to work during the work period. Provided further, that where the project presents circumstances which prevent completion of the above described changes, the parties may, by mutual agreement, increase the number of such changes.

B. An employee shall remain on the job, if required, for the length of time for which he is paid, during which he shall do what is required of him pertaining to machine on job.

C. The engineer must keep the machine clean and may assist in repairing the machine he operates. When this work is done outside the regular working hours, the regular overtime shall be paid. Master Mechanic and Mechanics must be operating engineers. When a piece of equipment needs repair, the regular operating engineer normally employed on same shall not be laid off while an outside shop man is working on the job site and the engineer shall assist this man in making the necessary repairs.

D. An operator and an oiler shall be employed on the following equipment: cable crane over 50 ton; hydraulic cranes over 50 ton; truck cranes over 50 ton; trenching machines over 24", rock trenching machines; gradealls; locomotives, automated sub-graders; PCC formless pavers; guardrail drivers; hydraulic backhoes over 2 1/2 cubic yard capacity; caisson and core drilling machine.

When an oiler is employed on the above equipment, he shall, in addition to those duties, be allowed to operate four (4) pieces of minor equipment and may also operate other unassigned equipment on the project intermittently (not to exceed two (2) hours per shift) and shall be paid the combination rate.

E. Oilers are NOT required on the following equipmentj: hydraulic cranes (cherry picker or one-cab type); cranes or clamshells when such are used for handling or rehandling processed aggregates; truck crane or gradeall equipped with remote control unless such machines are over 2 1/2 cubic yard or 50 tons lifting capacity; hydraulic backhoes two and one half (2 1/2) cubic yards and under; truck mounted concrete pump.

F. If a second man is required on any of the above equipment, he shall be an operating engineer. The business representative and the employer shall have the right to meet and decide whether or not an oiler is required.

G. The employer shall furnish suitable shelter to protect employees from falling materials and from the elements. Heat and/or curtains shall be provided for all equipment wherever practical from November 1 to April 1. Umbrellas shall be furnished on all tractors wherever practical during summer months. Iced drinking water shall be furnished from April 1 until November 1. The mechanics performing welding duties will be furnished welding gloves.

H. When there is equipment to be operated other than during normal operations when the rest of the normal crew is not working, the operating engineer who regularly operates the particular piece of equipment shall be given first chance to perform the work, if he can be contacted.

I. When an employee, who regularly operates a particular piece of equipment, is told not to report for work and the employer subsequently determines to operate the equipment, the operating engineer who was told not to report to work and who regularly operates the particular piece of equipment shall be given first chance to perform the work, if he can be contacted.

J. When moving equipment (covered by this agreement) by its own power, such equipment shall be operated by employees covered by this agreement.

K. Ownership of a truck shall not be a condition of employment or continued employment.

L. When equipment from advanced technology, not listed in this agreement, is introduced on a job site, the employer and the union jointly agree to meet at a mutually established time to discuss the establishment of the jurisdiction and wage rate for the piece of equipment in question.

M. Where remote and/or laser controlled equipment is utilized to perform the work covered by this agreement, such work for operating purposes shall be the jurisdiction of the operating engineers.

Article 22

Minor or Light Equipment Operation

Operating Engineers shall be employed on minor or light equipment in the manner described below:

A. Minor or light equipment is defined as: air compressor (900 CFM and under), pump, welding machine (gasoline and diesel

driven), conveyor, generator, mechanical heaters, and bush burners.

B. When minor equipment is put in operation on a job or project and an oiler is employed, such employee may operate up to four (4) pieces of minor equipment in addition to his regular machine at the combination rate as set forth in Article 6. In the event there is not an oiler employed, and an engineer assigned to other equipment is employed, such engineer may operate up to four (4) pieces of minor equipment at the combination rate as set forth in Article 6 in addition to his regular machine, providing such equipment is within reasonable distance. If neither an engineer assigned to other equipment or oiler is employed on the job or project, and any minor equipment is put into operation, an operating engineer will be employed to operate said equipment. Neither an oiler nor an engineer assigned to other equipment will be permitted to operate more than four (4) pieces of minor equipment on combination rate.

C. When more than four (4) pieces of minor equipment are put into operation, an operating engineer shall be employed at the Class B rate of pay. Such operating engineer shall be permitted to operate up to and including five (5) pieces of minor equipment or combination of minor equipment, except that combinations cannot include more than two (2) air compressors.

D. When there is a question of application of this minor equipment section, the business representative and the employer shall resolve such questions by mutual agreement.

Article 23

Payment to Funds

The contribution reports of the employer must be made on forms supplied by the Trust Offices of the various funds named in this agreement.

The employer shall pay the contributions to the various funds monthly on or before the 10th of each month and failure of any employer to make this payment to the various funds by the 20th of the month in which payment is due, or for repeated failures to meet these payments by the 10th of each month shall subject said employer to the following:

A. A fine for liquidated damages set by the trustees of the respective funds for the employer's delinquency.

B. The delinquent employer shall, at the request of the trustees

of the various funds set out in the agreement, be required to furnish a surety bond, not to exceed \$2,500.00 to insure that the employer's future payments to the funds will be made on a timely basis.

C. The union at its option may exercise its economic strength against the delinquent employer by picketing said employer at its various construction projects to protest the employer's continued delinquency. This shall include wages. Said picketing shall not be considered a breach of this agreement.

It is understood and agreed by and between the parties to this agreement that the remedies listed above for the union to pursue in the case of a delinquent employer, are not exclusive but are in addition to all other remedies legally available to the union at the time of said delinquency.

The Employer bound by this Agreement agrees that his firm, partnership, or corporation shall and does hereby become an "Employer" under the terms of the Agreements and Declarations of Trusts forming the various funds enumerated in Article 8 and Article 9.

Article 24

Apprenticeship & Training

It is mutually agreed that the I.U.O.E. Local 181 Apprenticeship and Training Trust, registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, and the U.S. Department of Labor, is a part of this agreement as if set forth herein.

Effective June 1, 2003, the employer signatory hereto, or facsimile thereof, will contribute to the Operating Engineers, Local 181 Apprenticeship and Training Fund, forty cents (\$.40) per hour for each hour worked or paid for on all employees covered by this agreement.

Each employer shall send the contribution to the fund monthly on or before the 10th of each month with an accounting of hours for which it compensated each employee during the preceding month.

The pay rate of all apprentices shall be for the proper period of training as determined by the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee and as stipulated in the apprenticeship agreement. The following schedule of 1000 hour periods shall be the hourly rates of pay for apprentices:

1st period, 0 to 1000 hours.....60%

2nd period, 1001 to 1999 hours.....65%
 3rd period, 2000 to 2999 hours.....70%
 4th period, 3000 to 3999 hours.....75%
 5th period, 4000 to 4999 hours.....80%
 6th period, 5000 to 6000 hours.....90%

At no time will be apprentice rate be more than the classification of the machine he is operating.

Article 25

Project Agreement

It is mutually agreed that on projects for which no predetermined wage rate is established, the employer may request to negotiate a project agreement or job site agreement. If negotiated, all employers signatory to this agreement shall have the right to apply the terms on wages, hours of work, and conditions contained in the said project or job site agreement to their employees for the same project or job site and such application shall not be deemed a violation of this agreement.

Any work that is explicitly excluded from coverage under KRS 337.010 shall be performed at a wage rate not to exceed eighty per cent (80%) of the current wages of this agreement provided that the current fringe benefit package shall be paid.

The negotiated project or job site agreement shall be limited to particular job sites or to particular projects. When that project or job site agreement expires, then work is subject to the regular terms and conditions of this agreement.

Article 26

Administrative Dues Check-off

The employer agrees to deduct from the pay of the employees covered by this agreement an administrative dues deduction. Before any such deduction is made, the union shall furnish to the employer a properly signed authorization card for the employees permitting such deduction. Such deduction shall be remitted to the local union on a monthly basis on the forms and in the manner prescribed by the local union.

The union agrees to hold the employer harmless from any and all suits, claims or legal proceedings which arise as a result of enforcement of this article or compliance with this article by the employers.

Exception: Any administrative dues monies withheld will be deemed as wages and collection thereof will be in accordance with Article 23, Paragraph C, of this agreement.

Article 27

Modification of Agreement


In consideration of the concessions made to each other in negotiating this contract, each of the parties agree that it will not demand any modification or termination of the conditions herein stated, nor demand a contract on subjects not herein covered prior to the expiration date hereof.

It is further understood and agreed that this agreement shall be in full force and effect beginning with the first payroll which begins on or after June 1, 2003 and continues until May 31, 2006.

It is agreed that on or before sixty (60) days immediately preceding the expiration of the agreement either party shall notify the other party in writing of any change in wages and conditions contemplated for the ensuing year.

Signed and agreed to this _____ day of June, 2003

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 181



James O. Manning, Business Manager

Freddie R. Blaylock, President

John Brothers, Secretary

EMPLOYER:

Signature

Title