

ARTICLE V - INCIDENTAL WORK RULE.

Section 1

The coverage of the Incidental Work Rule is expanded to include all shop craft employees represented by the organization party hereto and shall read as follows:

Where a shopcraft employee or employees are performing a work assignment, the completion of which calls for the performance of "incidental work" (as hereinafter defined) covered by the classification of work or scope rules of another craft or crafts, such shopcraft employee or employees may be required, so far as they are capable, to perform such incidental work provided it does not comprise a preponderant part of the total amount of work involved in the assignment. Work shall be regarded as "incidental" when it involves the removal and replacing or the disconnecting and connecting of parts and appliances such as wires, piping, covers, shielding and other appurtenances from or near the main work assignment in order to accomplish that assignment, and shall include simple tasks that require neither special training nor special tools. Incidental work shall be considered to comprise a preponderant part of the assignment when the time normally required to accomplish it exceeds the time normally required to accomplish the main work assignment.

In addition to the above, simple tasks may be assigned to any craft employee capable of performing them for a maximum of two hours per shift. Such hours are not to be considered when determining what constitutes a "preponderant part of the assignment."

If there is a dispute as to whether or not work comprises a "preponderant part" of a work assignment the carrier may nevertheless assign the work as it feels it should be assigned and proceed or continue with the work and assignment in question; however, the Shop Committee may request that the assignment be timed by the parties to determine whether or not the time required to perform the incidental work exceeds the time required to perform the main work assignment. If it does, a claim will be honored by the carrier for the actual time at pro rata rates required to perform the incidental work.

Section 2

Nothing in this Article is intended to restrict any of the existing rights of a carrier.

Section 3

This Article shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of this Imposed Agreement except on such carriers as may elect to preserve existing rules or practices and so notify the authorized employee representative on or before such effective date.

(From Article V, 11-27-91 Imposed Agreement)