# INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AGREEMENT

**BETWEEN** 

LOCAL UNION 11 INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

AND

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHAPTER NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

2014 – 2019

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Agreement by and between the Los Angeles County Chapter, NECA and Local Union 11, IBEW.

It shall apply to all firms who sign a Letter of Assent to be bound by this agreement. The Employer agrees that, if it has not previously done so, it will recognize the Union as the exclusive collective bargaining agent for all employees performing electrical work within the jurisdiction of the Union on all present and future jobsites, if and when a majority of the Employer's employees authorizes the union to represent them in collective bargaining.

As used hereinafter in this agreement, the term "Chapter: shall mean the Los Angeles County Chapter and the term "Union" shall mean Local Union No. 11, IBEW.

The term "Employer" shall mean an individual firm who has been recognized by an assent to this agreement.

The word "Workmen", as used hereinafter, shall mean workmen covered by the terms of this agreement.

#### SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work covered by this agreement shall be as is more fully described below. It is intended to cover electrical work on public streets and freeways, above or below the ground. All work necessary for the installation, maintenance, renovation, repair or removal of Intelligent Transportation Systems, CCTV, Street Lighting and Traffic Signal work or systems, whether overhead, underground, or on bridges, including dusk to dawn lighting installations and ramps for access to or egress from freeways. Intelligent Transportation Systems shall include all systems and components to controls, monitor and communicate with pedestrian or vehicular traffic included but not limited to installation, modifications, removal of all Fiber Optic Video Systems, Fiber Optic Data Systems, Direct Interconnect and Communication Systems, Microwave Data and Video Systems, Microwave Detection Systems, Infrared and Sonic Detection Systems, Solar Power Systems, Highway Advisory Radio Systems, Highway Weight and Motion Systems, etc. Any and all work required to install and maintain specialized systems. Installation of boxes, components, fittings, fasteners, vaults, grounding, ground rods, ground clamps, building automated systems, and lighting controls and cadwelding.

The cleaning and rodding and installation of "Fish and Pull Wires." All cutting, fitting and bandaging of such ducts, raceways and all conduits. The cleaning and rodding and installation by any method (air, metal "fish tapes") of any rope, string, etc. to aid in the installation of conductors, either copper, aluminum, or fiber optic. Any and all conduit, ducts or raceway installations by any method.

The excavating, setting, leveling, distribution, and grounding of precast manholes, vaults and pull boxes, including ground rods, or grounding systems, rock

necessary for leveling and drainage, as well as the pouring of a concrete envelops and all methods and materials necessary for the installation of any and all foundations which will support electrical equipment, apparatus, devices or raceways. This will include templates for bolt patterns made from any material (wood, steel, etc.) the setting of reinforced steel (cages for poles). The installation of anchor bolts, the conduit stub outs, grounding systems, and including layout and orientation. Types of electrical equipment will include service cabinets, control cabinets, poles, etc. All foundation work as utilized for temporary installations, along with wood poles and overhead wiring installations. All work necessary for foundations (cantenary as used in the Passenger Train Systems including Electrified buses, Commuter rail, or Light rail train systems, the foundations for electrical apparatus, including cantenary "dead man" structures).

Right of way photovoltaics, ethernet networks, WLAN and wireless systems, traffic control, wireless sensing and detection, backbone systems, GPS and radio preemption systems, in-roadway lighting, LED's and LED blackout signs, changeable message signs, trail blazer signs, train signaling, fiber splicing, fiber testing, fiber termination and documentation, system integration, weather information systems, lighting suppression and grounding systems, traction power systems and switchgear, setting of reinforced steel cages and all electrical pertinences, highway tolling systems, UPS and energy storage systems in easements, license plate recognition systems, parking lot lighting systems in egress, parking messaging systems, ground penetration radar, radiographing, sub-surface imaging, right of way electrical inspection.

The handling of all material from the first point of delivery on the jobsite to the final installation.

All the foregoing areas of work jurisdiction when such work is to be performed in underground systems in a signal ditch in established easements. It is not intended nor shall it include electrical work performed beyond the property line or public streets unless performed on established easements or rightways.

#### **BASIC PRINCIPLES**

The Chapter and the Union have a common and sympathetic interest in the Electrical Industry. Therefore, a working system and harmonious relations are necessary to improve the relationship between the Chapter, the Union and the public. Progress in industry demands a mutuality of confidence between the Chapter and the Union. All will benefit by continuous peace and by adjusting any difference by rational, common sense methods.

In accordance with the Federal government Executive Orders, the Fair Employment Practices Act of the State of California, and other applicable laws, the parties to this Agreement are obligated not to discriminate against Employee or

applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, age, sex, creed, national origin or disability.

The Employers recognize the Union as the sole collective bargaining agency between itself and the employees covered under this agreement.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### **MUTUAL POLICIES**

It is the understandable right of every contractor to build a strong organization and every workman to be represented by a strong union.

Both parties to this agreement shall comply with the provisions of this agreement. Employees will not be removed from the job because of jobsite disputes and all disputes shall be resolved by the grievance procedure contained in Article 1.

When the contractor secures a contract, that contract is his property to direct, operate and supervise as he sees best. The contractor shall have the ownership, direction and supervision of the job; the Union shall furnish the workmen employed on the job. The Union or its representatives shall have the representational direction of the workmen employed on the job.

The LA/NECA and IBEW Local 11 should jointly undertake a program of Public Relations and Public information to alert buyers, and the public alike, as to the many benefits inherent in "QUALITY" union electrical work.

The LA/NECA and IBEW Local 11 should continue to monitor all jobs in Los Angeles County to make certain all parties are abiding by the laws.

The LA/NECA and IBEW Local 11 recognizes the need to recover, retain, and increase the market share of unionized electrical construction. The customer is our most valuable assent.

# ARTICLE I Effective Date - Changes Grievances - Disputes

**Section 1.01.** This Agreement shall take effect July 1, 2014 and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2019, unless otherwise specifically provided for herein. It shall continue in effect from year to year thereafter, from July 1 through June 30 of each year, unless changed or terminated in the way later provided herein.

**Section 1.02.** (a) Either party desiring to change or terminate this agreement must notify the other, in writing, at least 90 days prior to the anniversary date.

- (b) Whenever notice is given for changes, the nature of the changes desired must be specified in the notice.
- (c) The existing provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until a conclusion is reached in the matter of proposed changes.
- (d) In the event that either party has given a timely notice of proposed changes, and an agreement has not been reached by the anniversary date to renew, modify or extend this agreement or to submit the unresolved issues to the American Arbitration Association, either party may serve the other a ten (10) day written notice terminating this Agreement. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until the expiration of the ten (10) day period.
- (e) By mutual agreement only, the parties may jointly submit the unresolved issues to the American Arbitration Association for adjudication. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on all parties hereto.
- **Section 1.03.** This Agreement shall be subject to change or supplement at any time by mutual consent of the parties hereto. Any such change or supplement agreed upon shall be reduced to writing, signed by the parties hereto, and submitted to the International Office of the IBEW and the National Office of NECA for approval, the same as this Agreement.
- **Section 1.04.** During the term of this Agreement, there shall be no stoppage of work either by strike or lockout because of any proposed changes in this agreement or dispute over matters relating to this Agreement. All such matters must be handled as stated herein.
- **Section 1.05.** There shall be a Labor-Management Committee of three (3) representing the Union and three (3) representing the Employers. It shall meet regularly at such stated times as it may decide. However, it shall also meet within forty-eight (48) hours when notice is given by either party. It shall select its own Chairman and Secretary.
- **Section 1.06.** All grievances or questions in dispute shall be adjusted by the duly authorized representatives of each of the parties to this Agreement. In the event that these two are unable to adjust any matter within forty-eight (48) hours, they shall refer the same to the Labor-Management Committee.
- **Section 1.07.** All matters coming before the Labor-Management Committee shall be decided by a majority vote. Four (4) members of the Committee, two (2) from each of the parties hereto, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, but each party shall have the right to cast the full vote of its membership and it shall be counted as though all were present and voting.

**Section 1.08.** Should the Labor-Management Committee fail to agree or adjust any matter, such shall then be referred to Expedited Arbitration for adjudication. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding upon both parties hereto.

**Section 1.09.** When any matter in dispute has been referred to conciliation or arbitration for adjustment, the provisions and conditions prevailing prior to the time such matters arose shall not be changed or abrogated until agreement has been reached or a ruling has been made.

- **Section 1.10.** (a) No complaint, dispute or grievance shall be considered unless written notice is delivered by the aggrieved party to the Union and Chapter within fifteen (15) working days from the date on which the alleged complaint, dispute or grievance first occurred, except in cases involving fringe benefit payments.
- (b) The stages of the grievance procedure will be as follows, unless a variance is mutually agreed upon by both parties to this agreement. All grievances must be heard within thirty (30) calendar days by the Sub-Committee, starting from the date the parties are formally notified of the grievance. The results of the Sub-Committee hearing will be mailed within two (2) calendar weeks of the hearing; either party wishing to appeal the decisions of the Sub-Committee must do so within ten (10) calendar days upon receipt of the Sub-Committee decision.

All matters coming before the Full Labor Management Committee must be heard within thirty (30) calendar days from the date the parties formally receive notification.

Should the Full Labor-Management Committee fail to agree on the resolution of any grievance it shall then be referred to Expedited Arbitration for resolution within thirty (30) calendar days from the time Full Labor Management deadlocks on the issues.

Where the Full Labor Management Committee or Subcommittee finds a party to the grievance in violation and issues and arbitration award for a monetary amount, all sums are to be paid in full within the time specified by the arbitration award. Failure to pay such sums within a timely manner will result in penalties which accrue at the rate of 1 ½% per month on the principal. Therefore the penalties resulting from such failure shall be presumed in accordance with the following schedule:

 $1\frac{1}{2}$ % of the principal if late 1-30 days;

3% of the principal if late 31-60 days;

 $1 \frac{1}{2}$  % will accrue for each additional thirty days late, up to a maximum of 18% per annum.

ARTICLE II
Employer Qualifications
Employer Rights - Union Rights

- **Section 2.01.** Certain qualifications, knowledge, experience and financial responsibility are required of everyone desiring to be a signatory party to this Agreement. Therefore, an Employer who signs this Agreement is a person, firm, partnership or corporation whose principal business is electrical contracting and who possesses the following qualifications and presents documented evidence substantiating them prior to becoming signatory hereto.
- (a) Maintaining a legal place of business which means an office, shop or premises where the Employer or his representative can be reached by telephone, and where he receives his mail, conducts the ordinary tasks of operating his business and maintains employee payroll records.
- (b) Furnishes a copy of a valid C-10 license for the State of California in the name of the signatory party or firm.
- (c) Employs at least one (1) journeyman from the Hiring Hall who is not financially connected with the firm.
- (d) Posts the One Hundred Dollar (\$100) Payroll & Fringe Benefits Guarantee Deposit provided herein.
  - (e) Agrees to comply with all Fringe Benefit Trust provisions.
- (f) The Contractor shall notify the dispatch area in which a job is located prior to starting any electrical job, the location, starting time and estimated number of men required for the job. This notification will be by "Fax" or mail.

When the signatory firm employs one (1) journeyman who is not financially connected with the firm, the signatory firm may then designate in writing, two (2) working members of the firm. Such designated working member of the employing concern shall be registered with the Local Union and shall comply with all of the fringe benefit provisions that are legally permissible. Such designated working member may work with the tools and be transferred to any and all jobs throughout Los Angeles County.

In no case shall more than two (2) members of partnership, firm, corporation or association be permitted to perform any electrical work under the terms of this Agreement, and only when one (1) journeymen who are not financially connected with the employing concern are employed. In every case the working members of the employing concern must be listed with the Local Union and be governed by all the terms of this Agreement.

Holders of currently active C-10 licenses in the State of California shall not be allowed to work under the terms of this Agreement until submitting written evidence that such license has been or is in the process of being inactivated in accordance with the inactivation rules set forth by the California Contractor's State License Board.

# **Management Rights**

**Section 2.02.** The Union understands the Employer is responsible to perform the work required by the owner. The Employer shall therefore have no restrictions, except those specifically provided for in the collective bargaining agreement in planning, directing, and controlling the operation of all his work, in deciding the number and kind of employees to properly perform the work, in hiring and laying off employees, in transferring employees from job to job within the Local Union's geographical jurisdiction, in determining the need and number as well as the person who will act as foreman, in requiring all employees to observe the Employer's and/or owner's rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Agreement, in requiring all employees to observe all safety regulations, and in discharging employees for proper cause.

**Section 2.03.** Both parties to this Agreement recognize that it is in the interest of both the industry and the public to improve productivity consistent with high safety standards and quality work, and there shall be no restriction against the use of contractor furnished machinery, tools or labor saving devices.

Any applicant referred to a contractor will have been previously certified to have met the requirements of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. Records to be on file at the office of NECA.

Contractor shall provide evidence that the vehicle and the operator are covered by liability and property damage insurance during the period the employee will be required to drive the vehicle.

**Section 2.04.** The employer shall have the right to determine the competency and qualifications of its employees, and the right to discharge such employees for any just and sufficient cause. The Union may institute a grievance procedure under the terms of this Agreement if it feels any employee has been unjustly discharged.

# Social Security - Unemployment and Disability Insurance - Workers' Compensation and Flight Insurance

**Section 2.05.** For all employees covered by this Agreement the employer shall carry Workers' Compensation Insurance with a company authorized to do business in the state, Social Security and such other protection insurance as may be required by the laws of this state, and shall furnish satisfactory proof of such to the Union; he/she shall also make contributions to the California Department of Employment and observe all applicable provisions of the Safety Orders issued by the State of California.

Any workmen required to fly in any type of aircraft other than scheduled airlines shall have provided to him a personal Flight Insurance Policy in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), covering each individual workman for the loss of life

or dismemberment caused while riding in such aircraft provided by the Employer. This Flight Insurance Policy shall be provided at the expense of the Employer and is in addition to normal Workers' Compensation Insurance.

# Recognition

- **Section 2.06.** (a) The employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive representative of all its employees performing work within the jurisdiction of the Union for the purpose of collective bargaining in respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment and other conditions of employment.
- (b) The employer understands that the Local Union's jurisdiction -- both trade and territorial -- is not a subject for negotiations but rather is determined solely within the IBEW by the International President and, therefore, agrees to recognize and be bound by such determinations.

#### **Favored Nations Clause**

**Section 2.07.** The Union agrees that if, during the life of this Agreement, it grants to any other Employer in the Electrical Contracting Industry on work covered by this Agreement, any better terms or conditions than those set forth in this Agreement, such better terms or conditions shall be made available to the Employer under this Agreement, and the Union shall immediately notify the Employer of any such concession. In order to be competitive in the market and to meet the special needs of Employers on particular jobs, the Union may provide special consideration to Employers who request such treatment and who demonstrate, to the Union's satisfaction, a specific marketing need with regard to a particular job. Any special terms, conditions, modifications, or amendments so provided by the Union, shall be implemented with regard to the particular job for which they were requested.

Such special terms, conditions, modifications, or amendments shall be made available to all signatory Employers with regard to the particular job in question, but shall not constitute an action subject to the favored nations clause in the Agreement. For informational purposes only, the Chapter shall be made aware prior to implementation of any special terms, conditions, modifications or amendments provided by the Union.

This provision does not apply to the following fringe benefits and other contributions as provided for in this agreement: NEBF, Local Pension, Training, Health Fund, NEIF, Labor-Management Cooperation Committee, and Credit Union Fund. These fringe benefits and contributions can only be adjusted by mutual consent of the parties.

# **Portability**

**Section 2.09.** The parties agree to follow and concur with the guidelines concerning portability established by the National Joint Portability Agreement.

Disciplining Members - Removal From Jobs When Necessary

**Section 2.10.** The Union reserves the right to discipline its member for violation of its Bylaws and Constitution. However, when employees working as foreman, general foreman or contractors are alleged to have violated this collective bargaining agreement, such charges or violations shall be considered a contractor's violation and responsibility, and shall be processed to the Labor-Management Committee.

Decisions of a Labor-Management Subcommittee or the Labor-Management Committee regarding such violations shall be final, and shall satisfy the parties to this Agreement.

**Section 2.11.** This Agreement does not deny the right of the Union to render assistance to other labor organizations by approving the honoring of sanctioned picket lines by its individual members. However, the Union shall not encourage any of its members to refuse to cross or work behind any picket line until same has been sanctioned by the Los Angeles Building and Construction Trades Council. There shall be no interruption in work until the picket line authorization has been verified by the Business Agent.

**Section 2.12.** When workmen are properly removed from the job by the Union in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, or when they are leaving the job due to honoring sanctioned picket lines, the Union shall direct the workmen on such job to carefully put away all tools, equipment or any other property of the contractor in a safe manner.

**Section 2.13.** The Employer shall not loan or cause to be loaned any workman in his employ to any other Employer without first securing permission of the Business Manager's office of the Local Union, and then only when applicants possessing the required skills are not available through the Referral Procedure.

#### Stewards

**Section 2.14.** The Union has the right to appoint stewards at any shop and/or job where workmen are employed under the terms of this Agreement. The employer is to be notified of the name of the steward appointed. A worker shall not be appointed steward until after two (2) days of employment with the contractor. The steward shall be among the last three (3) workmen excluding supervision; provided the steward is qualified and possesses the skills to perform the work.

A steward shall be allowed sufficient time during the regular working hours without loss of pay to perform his/her steward's duties.

The steward will be given a list of workers to be terminated at least two (2) hours prior to the termination of those workers. The list shall include: Name, Money earned, Hours worked, and the type of termination (layoff, fired, etc.).

Stewards shall be given a complete list of men to be paid, showing the amount of money earned and hours worked by each worker. When overtime has been worked, the

Steward will be given a complete list of workers that have performed such work and the number of overtime hours worked, and will monitor the reasonable distribution thereof.

Stewards may be appointed by, may be removed by, are subject to the authority of, and shall report to the Business Manager and shall be among the last three (3) workmen excluding supervision on the job to be laid off unless their are special circumstances that are approved by the Business Manager.

A steward shall not be discharged for performance of his/her duties as a steward; however, he/she may be discharged for just cause subject to the Grievance Procedure per Article I.

# **Emergency Shorter Workweek**

**Section 2.15.** When the employment situation becomes such that it is imminent that Section 2.16 will be invoked, a meeting of the Labor-Management Committee shall be called to take steps first to alleviate the situation. The Labor-Management Committee shall have authority to take alternative steps to help employment.

**Section 2.16.** When at any given time the verified unemployment reaches twelve percent (12%) of the work force based on the average employment of the six (6) month period previous, based on the records of the Credit Union Fund, a meeting of the Labor-Management Committee shall be requested by the Business Manager of Local Union 11 or the Chapter Manager of the NECA to discuss the problem and recommend steps to alleviate the situation. When the verified available unemployed reaches sixteen percent (16%) of the above established work force, all employees shall, within ten (10) days after notice from the Labor-Management Committee, go to a four (4) day, eight (8) hours per day workweek.

Notification of starting and stopping of this change of work time shall be by bulletin of the Labor-Management Committee.

The workweek shall consist of five (5) days Monday through Friday, with all Journeymen working four (4) days per week on a rotating schedule; however, an Employer may, with permission of the Labor-Management Committee, place his work on a six-hour day. Foremen and General Foremen may, at the Employer's discretion, be excluded from the shorter workweek requirements. The shorter workweek shall remain in effect until the Labor-Management Committee advises that unemployment has reached eleven percent (11%).

Provided, however, after the six basic trades (Laborers, Operating Engineers, Carpenters, Teamsters, Cement Masons and Iron Workers) effect a shorter workday than provided herein, the workday provided in this Agreement shall automatically be adjusted to that established by the six basic trades.

#### Access to Jobs

**Section 2.17.** The representative of the Union shall be allowed access to any job or shop at any reasonable time, where workmen are employed under the terms of this Agreement. Any necessary clearances are to be arranged by the contractor prior to beginning work on the project. The representative shall report to the supervision on the site prior to meeting with the employees.

# Rebates-Subletting Work

**Section 2.18.** No Employer, or workman or their agents shall give or accept, directly or indirectly, any rebate of wages. No Employer shall directly or indirectly, or by any subterfuge, sublet or contract with any workmen, any or all of the labor services required by such contract of such Employer. Any Employer found violating these provisions shall be subject to having his agreement terminated upon written notice thereof being given by the Union.

#### **Union Label**

**Section 2.19.** Products, equipment, or material bearing a union label will be used where reasonably and readily available.

# **Payroll Data and Labor Conditions**

- **Section 2.20.** Upon request of the Business Manager of the Union, the Employer shall furnish complete data as to the workmen employed under the terms of this Agreement, together with expenses and wages paid each such employee.
- **Section 2.21.** All employees covered by the terms of this Agreement shall be required to become and remain members of the Union as a condition of employment from and after the eighth (8th) day following the date of their employment, or the effective date of this Agreement, whichever is later.
- **Section 2.22.** Employees covered by this Agreement, except those meeting the requirements of "Employer" as defined herein, shall not contract for any electrical work, or perform any electrical work for other than his present employer, without the approval of the parties.
- **Section 2.23.** Only working conditions written into this Agreement shall be followed and observed by the employees and the employers.
- **Section 2.24.** When workers are employed on a job in accordance with this Agreement, they shall be allowed to continue on said job until it is completed or they are removed by the Employer, except as herein provided.

## **Cause for Cancellation**

- **Section 2.25.** (a) The Local Union is a part of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and any violation or annulment by an individual Employer of the approved agreement of this or any other Local Union of the IBEW, other than violations of Paragraph 2 of this section, will be sufficient cause for the cancellation of his agreement by the Local Union, after a finding has been made by the International President of the Union that such a violation or annulment has occurred.
- (b) The subletting, assigning or transfer by an individual Employer of any work in connection with electrical work to any person, firm or corporation not recognizing the IBEW, or one of its local unions as the collective bargaining representative of his/her employees on any electrical work in the jurisdiction of this or any other local union to be performed at the site of the construction, alteration, painting, or repair of a building, structure or other work, will be deemed a material breach of this Agreement.
- (c) All charges of violations of Paragraph 2 of this section shall be considered as a dispute and shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement covering the procedure for the handling of grievances and the final and binding resolution of disputes.
- **Section 2.26.** Any Employer meeting the requirements as set forth herein, including Letter of Assent, does hereby agree to be bound by any other IBEW Local Union agreement within whose geographical jurisdiction he/she may be performing electrical construction work covered by this Agreement, provided such is legal under applicable state and federal law.
- **Section 2.27.** The obligations of this Agreement shall not be affected by the nature or form of doing business by any Employer party hereto; and the obligations herein shall also extend to any person, firm or corporation under control or common control with any signatory, and which entity engages in any work covered by this Agreement, or any work under the State Contractor's License of the signatory or otherwise.

# **Signs On Trucks**

**Section 2.28.** Each contractor signatory to an IBEW agreement shall have legible identification cards, seals, decals or stickers of not less than 12 inches by 18 inches or 220 square inches in area with letters not less than 3 inches high, and visible from the outside on each side of regular, commercial trucks. Signs shall be permanent type and remain as such. Magnetic, or hang-on signs, are not permitted on trucks. Identification signs shall also be displayed on all jobs, wherever permissible by contract or local laws.

# ARTICLE III Hours - Wages - Working Conditions

**Section 3.01.** Eight (8) hours work, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., with thirty (30) minutes for a lunch period between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., to be decided by conditions of the job, shall constitute a day's work. All work performed outside of the stated hours will be paid at the overtime rate.

When time clocks are required by the Employer, employees shall punch such time clocks on the Employer's time. "Signing In," "Badging In," or "Brassing In," is construed as the same as punching a time clock.

- **Section 3.02.** (a) Where required by the job conditions, the contractor may request a job site conference with the contractor, the authorized representative of the Local Union and LA/NECA to resolve job site conditions. Should the authorized representatives be unable to mutually agree or resolve the conditions, they shall be referred to the procedure outlined in Article I.
- (b) Where multiple reporting locations are utilized, the men shall report to their assigned reporting location on their own time, and shall be allowed adequate pickup time and will leave the reporting location at quitting time.
- (c) In accordance with Industrial Welfare Commission order no. 16-2001, Article (D), this collective bargaining agreement expressly provides the terms and conditions regarding reporting time pay.

#### Overtime

**Section 3.03.** (a) Overtime on all types of construction shall be paid at time and one-half the regular straight time rate of pay for hours worked. The overtime rate shall be double the straight time rate of pay on Sunday, the following Holidays, and after twelve (12) hours on any day:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Cesar Chavez Day (To be observed on the same day as LAUSD)
Memorial Day (last Monday in May)
Fourth of July
Labor Day
Veteran's Day (November 11)
Thanksgiving Day
Day After Thanksgiving
Christmas Day
New Year's Day

- (b) If any of these days fall on Sunday, the following Monday shall be considered the holiday. If Independence Day, Veterans Day, Christmas or New Year's falls on Saturday, the Friday preceding will be considered the Holiday.
- (c) The regular work day before Christmas and the regular work day before New Year's, and Presidents Day will normally be a non-scheduled work day. If, however, it

is necessary, due to job scheduling, to work on these days, the straight time rate of pay will be applicable.

- (d) All overtime prior to normal shift will be paid at double the straight time rate of pay.
- (e) No work shall be performed on Labor Day, except in case of emergency and then only after permission is granted by the Business Manager of the Union.
- (f) Any employee working non-scheduled overtime shall be paid a two (2) hour minimum (call out only.).

# **Paid Parking**

**Section 3.04.** In all areas of Los Angeles County, where free parking is not available within 500 yards of the job or project at the start of the shift, the contractor shall reimburse employees (weekly) at the lowest rate available within said 500 yard area, provided the employee presents a signed and dated receipt for each parking expenditure.

# Wage Scale

- **Section 3.05.** (a) The Journeyman level rate of pay shall be equivalent to that wage rate listed for Journeyman Wireman in the "Inside Wiremen's Agreement between IBEW and NECA.
- (b) The Union shall notify contractors forty-five (45) days prior to any changes in wages or fringe benefit allocations. The foreman, general foreman, qualified cable splicers, qualified instrument technicians, fiber optics splicers, qualified welders (welding on electrical work shall be done by Journeyman Transportation Systems Electrician Wiremen employed under the terms of this Agreement), Journeyman Transportation Systems Electrician, apprentices and technicians shall be put on derivative rates as follows:

## **WAGE AND APPRENTICESHIP INCREASES:**

	7/28/14	1/26/14	7/27/15	2/1/16	8/1/16
General Foreman (a) (1.226 x journeyman rate)	\$ 48.37	***	***(a)	***(a)	***(a)
Foreman (a) (1.113 x journeyman rate)	\$ 43.91	***	***(a)	***(a)	***(a)
Journeyman (regular)	\$ 39.45	+\$1.00*	+\$1.00*	+\$1.00*	+\$1.00*
Journeyman – [qualified cable splicers; fiber optic splicers] (1.05 x journeyman rate)	\$ 41.42	***	***	***	***
Transportation Systems Technician (b) (75% journeyman)	\$ 29.59	***	***	***	***

	1/30/17	7/31/17	1/29/18	7/30/18	1/28/19
General Foreman (a) (1.226 x journeyman rate)	***(a)	***(a)	***(a)	***(a)	***(a)
Foreman (a) (1.113 x journeyman rate)	***(a)	***(a)	***(a)	***(a)	***(a)
Journeyman (regular)	+\$1.00*	+\$1.00*	+\$1.00*	+\$1.00*	+\$1.00*
Journeyman – [qualified cable splicers; fiber optic splicers] (1.05 x journeyman rate)	***	***	***	***	***
Transportation Systems Technician (b) (75% journeyman)	***	***	***	***	***

\*Negotiated increases to be allocated by the membership and may be allocated to wages and/or fringe benefits. On or after 7/1/2006 for classifications above apprentice, future wage increases for the individuals will be contingent upon achievement of California State Electrician Certification.

(a) Effective 7/27/15, Foreman and General Foreman multipliers increase to 1.126 and 1.252 times journeyman rate, respectively.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Subsequent rates to be based on percentage of journeyman rates.

(b) The Transportation Systems Technician will be paid 75% of Journeyman rate with 100% fringes and will perform these duties under the supervision of a Journeyman as recognized by the Department of Labor and the DLSE, DIR of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles.

#### Those duties consist of:

Distribution of material at job site, manual excavation and backfill, installation of system conduits and raceways for electrical, telephone, cable television and communication systems. Pulling, terminating and splicing of traffic signal and street lighting conductors and electrical systems including interconnect, detector loop, fiber optic cable and video/data.

Apprentices:	7/28/14	1/26/14	7/27/15	2/1/16	8/1/16
Year 1/Semester 1/Period 1 40% * ‡	\$15.78	***	***	***	***
Year 1/Semester 2/Period 2 45% * ‡	\$17.75	***	***	***	***
Year 2/Semester 1/Period 3 50% * ‡	\$19.73	***	***	***	***
Year 2/Semester 2/Period 4 55% * ‡	\$21.70	***	***	***	***
Year 3/Semester 1/Period 5 60% * ‡	\$23.67	***	***	***	***
Year 3/Semester 2/Period 6 65% * ‡	\$25.64	***	***	***	***
Year 4/Semester 1/Period 7 75% ** ‡	\$29.59	***	***	***	***
Year 4/Semester 2/Period 8 85% ** ‡	\$33.53	***	***	***	***

	1/30/17	7/31/17	1/29/18	7/30/18	1/28/19
Year 1/Semester 1/Period 1 40% * ‡	***	***	***	***	***
Year 1/Semester 2/Period 2 45% * ‡	***	***	***	***	***
Year 2/Semester 1/Period 3 50% * ‡	***	***	***	***	***
Year 2/Semester 2/Period 4 55% * ‡	***	***	***	***	***
Year 3/Semester 1/Period 5 60% * ‡	***	***	***	***	***
Year 3/Semester 2/Period 6 65% * ‡	***	***	***	***	***
Year 4/Semester 1/Period 7 75% ** ‡	***	***	***	***	***
Year 4/Semester 2/Period 8 85% ** ‡	***	***	***	***	***

<sup>\*</sup> Pension benefit is proportionate to percentage, all other fringes full amount.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Full pension benefit.

‡ No deduction for training on apprentices; as of July 28, 2014, employer pays \$0.71 to training for apprentices. Subsequent amounts are subject to scheduled increases or allocation by the membership.

#### FRINGE BENEFITS (Hourly Rates):

Employer Contributions:	7/28/14	1/26/14	7/27/15	2/1/16	8/1/16
NEBF	3%	***	***	***	***
Local Pension (a)	\$13.07	***	***	***	***
Training (b)	\$0.66	***	****	***	***
Health Fund (c)	\$10.99	***	***	***	***
Health Retirement Account (d)	\$0.00	***	****	****	***
Labor-Management Cooperation Committee (e)	\$0.40	***	***	***	***
NEIF (NECA Members)	1%	***	***	***	***
CCF (Non-NECA Members) (f)	0.5%	***	***	****	***

Employee Deductions:	7/28/14	1/26/14	7/27/15	2/1/16	8/1/16
Training ‡ (b)	\$ (0.40)	***	****	***	****
Labor-Management Cooperation Committee	\$ (0.20)	***	***	***	***
Credit Union Fund	(12%)	***	****	***	***

- (a) Figure represents combined total for defined contribution and defined benefit plans.
- (b) There is a \$0.05 increase to the employer contribution to training on 7/31/17. The employee deduction for training increases \$0.05 on 7/27/15 and increases \$0.05 on 7/31/17.
- (c) Includes \$0.15 contribution to S.U.B. program.
- (d) There is no funding for the HRA effective as of 7/1/05. Future monies are to be allocated by membership.
- (e) Includes \$0.05 for the implementation and maintenance of a substance abuse program. The employer contribution to LMCC increases \$0.05 on 7/27/15 and increases \$0.05 on 7/31/17. The employee deduction for LMCC increases \$0.05 on 7/31/17.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Subsequent rates to be based on percentage of journeyman rates.

- (f) As determined by Art. VII Sec. 7.01. Contractors not paying into NEIF shall pay 0.5% into the Contract Compliance Fund.
- ‡ No deduction for training on apprentices; as of July 28, 2014, employer pays \$0.71 to training for apprentices. Subsequent amounts are subject to scheduled increases or allocation by the membership.
- \*\*\*\* Subsequent rates to be determined by allocation of scheduled increases.

## FRINGE BENEFITS (Hourly Rates) -- Continued:

Employer Contributions:	1/30/17	7/31/17	1/29/18	7/30/18	1/28/19
NEBF	***	***	***	***	***
Local Pension (a)	***	***	***	***	***
Training (b)	***	***	****	***	***
Health Fund (c)	***	***	***	***	***
Health Retirement Account (d)	***	***	***	***	***
Labor-Management Cooperation Committee (e)	***	***	***	***	***
NEIF (NECA Members)	****	***	***	***	***
CCF (Non-NECA Members) (f)	***	***	***	***	***

<b>Employee Deductions:</b>	1/30/17	7/31/17	1/29/18	7/30/18	1/28/19
Training ‡ (b)	***	***	***	****	***
Labor-Management Cooperation Committee	****	***	***	***	***
Credit Union Fund	***	***	***	****	***

- (a) Figure represents combined total for defined contribution and defined benefit plans.
- (b) There is a \$0.05 increase to the employer contribution to training on 7/31/17. The employee deduction for training increases \$0.05 on 7/27/15 and increases \$0.05 on 7/31/17.
- (c) Includes \$0.15 contribution to S.U.B. program.
- (d) There is no funding for the HRA effective as of 7/1/05. Future monies are to be allocated by membership.
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\*\*\*\* Subsequent rates to be determined by allocation of scheduled increases.

# **Shift Work**

**Section 3.12.** When so elected by the contractor, multiple shifts of eight (8) hours for at least five (5) days' duration may be worked. When two (2) or three (3) shifts are worked:

The first shift (day shift) shall consist of eight (8) consecutive hours worked beginning at a start time between 5:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Workmen on the "day shift" shall be paid at the regular hourly rate of pay for all hours worked.

The second shift (swing shift) shall consist of eight consecutive hours worked beginning at a start time between 9:31 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Workmen on the "swing shift" shall be paid at the regular hourly rate of pay plus 17.3% for all hours worked.

The third shift (graveyard shift) shall consist of eight (8) consecutive hours worked beginning at a start time between 8:01 p.m. and 4:59 a.m. Workmen on the "graveyard shift" shall be paid at the regular hourly rate of pay plus 31.4% for all hours worked.

If the parties to the Agreement mutually agree, the shift week may commence with the third shift (graveyard shift) at 12:30 A.M. Monday to coordinate the work with the customer's work schedule. However, any such adjustment shall last for at least five (5) consecutive days' duration unless mutually changed by the parties to this agreement.

An unpaid lunch period of thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed on each shift. All overtime work required after the completion of eight (8) hours of any shift shall be paid at one and one-half times the "shift" hourly rate.

There shall be no pyramiding of overtime rates and double the straight rate shall be the maximum compensation for any hour worked. There shall be no requirement for a first shift (day shift) when either the second shift (swing shift) or third shift (graveyard shift) is worked.

The shift rate of pay is determined by the start time of the shift (see chart below).

First Shift (Day Shift):	Start time between	5:00AM and 9:30AM	(Straight Time Rate)
Second Shift (Swing):	Start time between	9:31AM and 8:00PM	(Straight Time Rate +17.3%)
Third Shift (Graveyard):	Start time between	8:01PM and 4:59AM	(Straight Time Rate +31.4%)

## **Weekly Paydays**

**Section 3.16.** Wages and all authorized expenses shall be paid weekly not later than quitting time on Thursday. The payroll workweek shall start at 12:01 a.m. Monday and end 12:00 midnight Sunday. Not more than four (4) days' wages and expenses may be withheld. Under exceptional conditions, extensions up to a five (5) day maximum withholding period may be granted by the Labor-Management Committee. When there is a holiday on Thursday, payday shall be on Wednesday.

Any workman laid off or discharged by the Employer shall be paid all his wages immediately. In the event he is not paid off, waiting time at the regular rate shall be charged until payment is made.

When workers on jobs are laid off or terminated after quitting time on Friday, or on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday, they shall be paid in full not later than 3:30 p.m. the next succeeding regular business day following termination.

When employment is terminated, for whatever reason, the employee shall return to the Union Dispatch Office, and register "out-of-work", before accepting any other assignments.

On being terminated, all workmen shall immediately be given a written Termination Notice, on which shall be shown the contractor's company name, the workman's name and social security number, the reason for termination, the name of the workman's immediate supervisor and the signature of the person effecting the termination. One copy each of the Termination Notice shall be sent to the Los Angeles NECA Chapter Office, and the appropriate IBEW Local Union Dispatch Area, and one copy shall be retained by the contractor.

Any and all disputes relating to wage payments must be filed in the Business Manager's office within fifteen (15) working days after the regular payroll period in question.

All pay given to workmen shall be accompanied by either check stub or voucher showing the total hours worked, amounts withheld, and the company name, address, phone number and home office city.

# Show-Up Pay

**Section 3.17.** (a) In accordance with Industrial Welfare Commission order no. 16-2001, Article (D), this collective bargaining agreement expressly provides the terms and conditions regarding reporting time pay.

(b) Any employee being laid off, permanently or temporarily, after having worked less than four (4) hours shall receive pay for four (4) hours, and if laid off after working more than four (4) hours, but less than eight (8) hours, he/she shall receive pay for eight (8) hours.

This provision is inapplicable when operations cannot continue due to threats to persons or property, or when recommended by civil authorities.

- (c) In case of layoff, the employee shall be notified one (1) hour in advance of regular quitting time and be paid in full and released one-half (1/2) hour in advance of regular quitting rime.
- (d) Employees who are late or fail to report for work on a given day, without notifying the Employer in a timely manner, will not be entitled to show up pay if terminated. Termination pay shall be available by the end of the shift on the next succeeding regular business day. Notification in a timely manner shall mean within two (2) hours after starting time.
- **Section 3.18.** (a) When workmen are directed to report to a job and do not start work due to weather conditions, lack of material, or other causes beyond their control, they shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours' pay at the applicable rate unless notified one hour before starting time. The employee must have given a current phone number to supervision prior to the event in order for this section to apply.
- (b) It will not be mandatory for an employee to accept transfer to a dispatch area other than the one he was dispatched to.
- (c) In accordance with Industrial Welfare Commission order no. 16-2001, Article (D), this collective bargaining agreement expressly provides the terms and conditions regarding reporting time pay.

#### **CREW COMPOSITION**

**Section 3.19** The employment of Transportation Systems Journeyman shall entitle the contractor to employ one (1) Transportation Systems Technician (75%) or a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> period apprentice and two (2) apprentices. The four (4) shall constitute a crew, provided however, that at least the first man is a journeyman such a crew may perform all work on a composite basis.

Each Transportation Systems Technician shall be under the direction of a journeyman. The maximum allowable ratio is one Transportation Systems Technician to one journeyman on each job.

#### Ratio

- 1 Journeyman 1 Apprentice\* 1 Transportation Sys. Tech.
- 1 Journeyman 1 Apprentice\* 1 Transportation Sys. Tech. or 7th or 8th Period Apprentice\*\*
- 1 Journeyman 2 Apprentices\* 1 Transportation Sys.Tech. or 7th or 8th Period Apprentice\*\*

<sup>\*</sup>Employer can request an apprentice in his/her probationary period (1st or 2nd period)

\*\*If the supply of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> period apprentices is exhausted, the next highest percentage apprentice available may be used.

#### Foreman

- **Section 3.20.** On any job requiring more than two (2) Journeyman Transportation Systems, one (1) shall be designated as a foreman and receive the foreman's rate of pay. A foreman is a workman who may supervise three crews, for a total of fifteen (15) workmen including himself/herself.
- (a) On any job requiring more than three (3) crews, a total of fifteen (15) workmen, an additional foreman is required.
- (b) The employment of more than one (1) foreman requires a general foreman.
- (c) A general foreman is a workman who may supervise a crew of up to fifteen (15) workmen including himself/herself and all foremen under his/her supervision.
- (d) All foremen and general foremen shall have the classification and qualifications Journeyman Transportation Systems Electrician.
- **Section 3.21.** On jobs having a foreman, workmen are not to take directions or orders, or accept the layout of any job from anyone except their foreman, except where an immediate decision is necessary.
- **Section 3.22.** No foreman of one job shall at the same time supervise work on another job. No foreman of one job shall be transferred to another job for the purpose of working as a journeyman on overtime, unless previous connection with the overtime job requires special consideration.
- **Section 3.23.** On all jobs requiring five (5) or more journeymen, at least every fifth (5th) journeyman, if available, shall be fifty (50) years of age or older.

# **Required Tools**

**Section 3.24.** Cable splicer shall furnish only the following in addition to the tools required for Journeymen Transportation Systems Electrician and Transportation Systems Technicians:

Shave Hook
Ball Peen Hammer
Scissors
Lead Dresser
Cable Knife

Anyone dispatched as a Journeyman Transportation Systems Electrician or Transportation Systems Technician shall provide himself with the following tools:

- 1. 1 pr. each channel lock pliers #420 and #430 or equivalent
- 2. 1 pr. side cutting pliers 8" minimum
- 3. 1 pr. diagonal cutting pliers 6"
- 4. 1 straight claw hammer
- 5. 1 screwdriver 5" blade
- 6. 1 screwdriver 8" blade
- 7. 1 adjustable hacksaw frame
- 8. 1 steel rule 25' x 1" minimum
- 9. 1 wire skinning pocket knife
- 10. 1 stubby screwdriver
- 11. 1 Phillips screwdriver Size "2"
- 12. 1 small level
- 13. 1 wire stripper

All employees who are welding under the terms of this Agreement will be furnished by the Employer all the necessary protective shields and leather goods in order to perform their work under safe conditionsThe Employer's job headquarters on every project must have a completely equipped certified First Aid Kit at all times.

## Section 3.25.

(a)The Employer shall furnish all other necessary tools or equipment. The Employer shall provide all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as defined by OSHA and/or Cal-OSHA at no charge to the employee. PPE provided shall be of the appropriate size. Workmen will be held responsible for the tools or equipment issued to them providing the Employer furnishes the necessary lockers, tool boxes, or other safe places for storage. Each Employer shall provide a locked box or safe place for the storage of employees' tools. Only new sanitary liners and clean hard hats will be furnished by the Employer.

(b)Should an employee's tools be stolen from a "locked box or safe place" provided by the employer [per the terms of Section 3.25(a)] and through no fault of his/her own as determined by both the employer and the employee, the employee shall be reimbursed the value of such stolen tools. Employees shall be reimbursed for up to the established value for such tools as determined by the cost of hand tools available for purchase from the Electrical Training Institute, where applicable, or the lowest published cost if not applicable. This reimbursement shall be funded through "The Payroll and Fringe Guarantee Trust Fund". This section shall NOT apply to any tool not required under Article III Section 3.24 of this Agreement AND/OR when the employee's tools were not secured, misplaced AND/OR no established theft is documented with authorities.

# Workmanship

**Section 3.26.** Workmen shall install all electrical work in a safe and workmanlike manner and in accordance with applicable code and contract specifications.

**Section 3.27.** (a) A Journeyman Transportation Systems Electrician shall be required to make corrections on improper workmanship for which he/she is responsible on his/her own time and during the regular working hours, unless errors were made by orders of the Employer or the Employer's representative. Employers shall notify the Union of workmen who fail to adjust improper workmanship, and the Union assumes responsibility for the enforcement of this provision; corrections to be made only after a fair investigation by the Employer and the Business Manager of the Union.

(b) No workman shall leave any job incomplete without proper cause or due notice to the Employer.

# **Traveling Time**

**Section 3.28.** The Employer shall pay traveling time and furnish transportation from shop to job, job to job, and job to shop. On all jobs requiring employees to remain away from home overnight, the Employer shall also furnish board, lodging and all other necessary expenses. The parties to this Agreement may establish special conditions for work in remote areas of the county and on existing project agreements.

**Section 3.30.** No traveling time shall be paid before or after working hours to workmen for traveling to or from jobs within Los Angeles County when workmen are ordered to report directly to the job. Providing, however, this Section shall not prohibit the Business Manager of the Union and the Chapter Manager of the NECA from making mutually satisfactory arrangements with respect to any job in an isolated area.

# **Cable Splicing**

**Section 3.32.** All work of joining, splicing and insulating, and the placing of flame-proof covering, where wiped lead joints are necessary, shall be performed by cable splicers. Transportation Systems Journeymen only may be used in assisting cable splicers. Cable splicers shall not be required to work on wires or cables where the difference in potential is over 300 volts between any two conductors, or between any conductor and ground, unless assisted by another Journeyman Transportation Systems Electricians. In no case shall cable splicers be required to work on energized cables carrying in excess of 440 volts.

All work of joining, splicing and insulating and the placing of flame-proof covering on shielded synthetic cables operating at over 600 volts, and the installation of pot heads, oil switches and oil fuse cutouts shall be done by a cable splicer at the cable splicer's rate of pay.

# **Handling Material**

**Section 3.33.** The handling and moving of all electrical material, equipment and apparatus on the job shall be performed by workmen employed under the terms of this Agreement.

The occasional handling or transporting of light tools or light items of material shall not be construed as working with the tools.

# Catalogue Item

**Section 3.34.** The cutting, threading, and bending of all conduit shall be performed by workmen employed under the terms of this Agreement, excluding STANDARD CATALOGUE ITEMS. Where pipe cutting and threading machines are used on the job, these shall be operated by a journeyman, or under his/her immediate supervision.

# **Drinking Water**

**Section 3.35.** The contractor shall assure that potable water is available to employees at the job site.

#### **Division of Overtime**

- **Section 3.36.** The division and assignment of all overtime will be at the sole discretion of the contractor. All overtime will be reasonably and impartially divided among the workmen over the duration of the job except where it is mutually agreed to be impractical.
- **Section 3.37.** In no case shall workmen not employed on a job during the regular working hours be placed on overtime unless all workmen on the job have been offered the overtime work. Any workman required on overtime work, or emergency work in excess of the regular crew, may be brought in by the Employer from his shop, or from other jobs.

#### **Use of Vehicles**

**Section 3.38.** No workman shall use any vehicle in a manner detrimental to the best interest of other workmen, nor shall he/she use his/her vehicle to transport the Employer's tools or materials. The employer shall provide transportation for tools and materials.

# **Shop Location**

**Section 3.39.** When an employer has no permanent shop located in the jurisdiction of the Union, the location of his/her shop shall be considered the city in which the job is located.

#### Offshore Work

**Section 3.50.** Workmen shall be required to report at the embarkation point at 8:00 a.m. on their trip to the island and must be returned on the embarkation point at 4:30 p.m. on their return trip from the island. The contractor may change the normal starting and stopping time for any job up to a maximum of two (2) hours to meet a bonafide job requirement. Starting time shall not be staggered.

Overtime shall be required if employees are to report earlier or are held over later than the regular shift. If employees are required to report Saturday or Sunday, the regular overtime rate must be paid.

Employees shall receive a minimum of eight (8) hours' wages for each day they are required to remain on the island.

The Employer must pay full subsistence for each day employees are required to remain on the island.

The Employer shall pay traveling time and furnish transportation from the reporting location.

#### **Hazard Insurance**

- **Section 3.51.** For all employees covered by this Agreement, an accidental death or dismemberment insurance policy shall be provided by the Payroll Guarantee Trust Fund when such employees are subject to the following:
- (a) Where workmen are required to work sixty (60) feet or more from the ground or supporting structures from trusses, stacks, towers, tanks, bosun's chairs, swinging or rolling scaffolding, or open platforms where the workman is subject to a direct fall, or where he/her has to work from a ladder or other support on a platform within five (5) feet of any direct fall opening.
- (b) The elevation of the above mentioned seating, footing or platform from which work is performed, under the above conditions, governs the applicability of the coverage.
- (c) Where workmen are required to work under compressed air in excess of five (5) pounds above normal atmospheric pressure, or in areas where injurious gases, dust, noxious fumes or spray painting are present in amounts necessitating the use of gas masks or respirators.

(d) When workmen are required to work where other than climatic temperatures exceed 130 degrees F. maximum or 20 degrees F. minimum.

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# Helicopters

**Section 3.52.** Any contractor using helicopters to transport workmen shall pay one hours' pay at the workman's regular rate as a hazard bonus for one round trip to the job site. All additional flying during the work day shall require one additional hour hazard bonus pay during that day.

# ARTICLE IV Referral Procedure

- **Section 4.01.** In the interest of maintaining an efficient system of production in the Industry, providing for an orderly procedure of referral of applicants for employment, preserving the legitimate interests of the employees in their employment status within the area and of eliminating discrimination in employment because of membership or non-membership in the Union, the parties hereto agree to the following system of referral of applicants for employment.
- **Section 4.02.** The Union shall be the sole and exclusive source of referral of applicants for employment.
- **Section 4.03.** The Employer shall have the right to reject any applicant for employment.
- **Section 4.04.** The Union shall select and refer applicants for employment without discrimination against such applicants by reason of membership or non-membership in the Union and such selection and referral shall not be affected in any way by rules, regulations, bylaws, constitutional provisions or any other aspect or obligation of Union membership policies or requirements. All such selection and referral shall be in accord with the following procedure.
- **Section 4.05.** (a) The Union shall maintain a register of applicants for employment established on the basis of the Groups listed below. Each applicant for employment shall be registered in the highest priority Group for which he/she qualifies.

# **Transportation Systems Electrician**

**GROUP I** All applicants for employment who have four (4) or more years' experience in the trade, are residents of the geographical area constituting the normal construction labor market, have passed a journeyman transportation systems electrician wireman's examination given by a duly constituted Inside Construction Local Union of the IBEW or have been certified as a Journeyman Transportation Systems Electrician Wireman by any Inside Joint Apprenticeship, and Training Committee, and who have been employed in the

trade for a period of at least one year in the last four (4) years in the geographical area covered by the collective bargaining agreement.

**GROUP II** All applicants for employment who have four or more years' experience in the trade, and who have passed a journeyman transportation systems electrician wireman's examination given by a duly constituted Inside Construction Local Union of the IBEW or have been certified as a Journeyman Transportation Systems Electrician by any Inside Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee.

**GROUP III** All applicants for employment who have two (2) or more years' experience in the trade, are residents of the geographical area constituting the normal construction labor market, and who have been employed for at least six (6) months in the last three (3) years in the trade under a collective bargaining agreement between the parties to this Agreement.

**GROUP IV** All applicants for employment who have worked at the trade for more than one (1) year.

# **Transportation Systems Technician**

**GROUP 1** All applicants for employment who have been employed for at least 2,000 hours in the last four years under this collective bargaining agreement at a 75% Transportation Systems Technician level in Local Union 11,IBEW and are residents of the geographical area covered by the collective bargaining agreement.

**GROUP II** All applicants for employment who have been employed for at least 1,000 hours in the last three years under this collective bargaining agreement at a 75% Transportation Systems Technician level and are residents of the geographical area covered by the collective bargaining agreement.

**GROUP III** All applicants for employment who have worked at the trade for at least 5400 hours.

- **Section 4.06** (a) If the registration list is exhausted and the Local Union is unable to refer applicants for employment to the Employer within forty-eight (48) hours from the time of receiving the Employer's request, Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays excepted, the Employer shall be free to secure applicants without using the Referral procedure, but such applicants, if hired, shall have the status of "temporary employees".
- (b) If the registration list is exhausted, and the Local Union is unable to refer a Transportation Systems Technician or a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> period apprentice for employment to the employer within 48 hours from the time of receiving the Employer's request, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excepted, the Employer shall be free to secure applicants without using the Referral Procedure but, such applicants, if hired, shall have the status of "temporary employees".

- (c) The parties to this agreement shall establish a skills improvement curriculum for Intelligent Transportation Systems Wiremen and Technicians. Completion of such curriculum will be highly encouraged.
- **Section 4.07.** The Employer shall notify the Business Manager promptly of the names and social security numbers of such "temporary employees" and shall replace such "temporary employees" as soon as registered applicants for employment are available under the Referral Procedure.
- **Section 4.08.** "Normal construction labor market" is defined to mean the following geographical area plus the commuting distance adjacent thereto, which includes the area from which the normal labor supply is secured.

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The above geographical area is agreed upon by the parties to include the area defined by the Secretary of Labor to be the appropriate prevailing wage areas under the Davis-Bacon Act to which the agreement applies.

- **Section 4.09.** "Resident" means a person who has maintained his/her permanent home in the above defined geographical area for a period of not less than one (1) year or who, having had a permanent home in this area, has temporarily left with the intention of returning to this area as his/her permanent home.
- **Section 4.10.** "Examinations" -- An "Examination" shall include experience rating tests if such examination shall have been given prior to the date of this procedure, but from and after the date of this procedure, shall include only written and/or practical examinations given by a duly constituted Inside Construction Local Union of the IBEW. Reasonable intervals of time for examinations are specified as ninety (90) days. An applicant shall be eligible for examination if he/she has four (4) years' experience in the trade.
- **Section 4.11.** The Union shall maintain an "Out of Work List" which shall list the applicants within each Group in chronological order of the dates and times they register their availability for employment.
- **Section 4.12.** An applicant who is hired and who receives, through no fault of his/her own, work of 120 hours or less, shall (upon re-registration), be restored to his/her appropriate place within his/her Group.
- **Section 4.13.** Employers shall advise the Business Manager of the Local Union of the number of applicants needed. The Business Manager shall refer applicants to the Employer by first referring applicants in GROUP I in the order of their place on the "Out of Work List" and then referring applicants in the same manner successively from the "Out of Work List" in GROUP II, then GROUP III, and then GROUP IV. Any applicant who is rejected by the Employer shall be returned to his/her appropriate place within his/her

Group and shall be referred to other employment in accordance with the position of his/her Group and his/her place within his/her Group.

- **Section 4.14.** The only exceptions which shall be allowed in this order of referral are as follows:
- (a) When the Employer states bona fide requirements for special skills and abilities in his/her request for applicants, the Business Manager shall refer the first applicant on the register possessing such skills and abilities.
- (b) The age ratio clause in the agreement calls for the employment of an additional employee or employees on the basis of age. Therefore, the Business Manager shall refer the first applicant on the register satisfying the applicable age requirements, provided, however, that all names in higher priority Groups, if any, shall first be exhausted before such overage reference can be made.
- (c) An individual who has the Qualified Safety Person (QSP or QSP 30) designation will be considered to have special skills and abilities for the purposes of referral as referenced in Section 4.14(a).
- **Section 4.15.** An Appeals Committee is hereby established composed of one member appointed by the Union, one member appointed by the Employer or by the Association, as the case may be, and a public member appointed by both these members.
- **Section 4.16.** It shall be the function of the Appeals Committee to consider any complaint of any employee or applicant for employment arising out of the administration by the Local Union of Sections 4.04 through 4.14 of this Agreement. The Appeals Committee shall have the power to make a final and binding decision on any such complaint which shall be complied with by the Local Union. The Appeals Committee is authorized to issue procedural rules for the conduct of its business, but it is not authorized to add to, subtract from, or modify any of the provisions of this Agreement and its decisions shall be in accord with this Agreement.
- **Section 4.17.** A representative of the Employer or of the Association, as the case may be, designated to the Union in writing, shall be permitted to inspect the Referral Procedure records at any time during normal business hours.
- **Section 4.18.** A copy of the Referral Procedure as determined by the Local Union shall be posted on the bulletin board in the offices of the Local Union, and in the offices of the Employers who are parties to this Agreement.
- **Section 4.20.** When the Employer desires to employ a particular applicant as Foreman or General Foreman, he/she shall notify the Business Manager in writing of the name of the applicant requested and the classification (Foreman or General Foreman) in which the applicant is to be employed.

This employee shall remain as Foreman or General Foreman for at least six (6) months or shall receive a "reduction in force". Upon such request the Business Manager shall refer said applicant, provided the name appears on GROUP I.

The parties shall establish a foreman's training class, with curriculum to be developed by labor and management through the Electrical Training Institute of Southern California. Effective July 27, 2015, no applicant, without having satisfactorily passed the Foreman's Training Class, shall be eligible for referral as a foreman. This requirement is waived for foremen who are already employed by a shop.

# **Reverse Layoff**

**Section 4.21.** When making reductions in the number of employees due to lack of work, Employers shall use the following procedure:

- (a) Temporary employees, if any are employed, shall be laid off first. Then employees in GROUP IV shall be laid off next, if any are employed in this Group. Next to be laid off are employees in GROUP III, if any are employed in this Group, then those in GROUP II, and finally those in GROUP I.
- (b) Paragraph (a) shall not apply to the special skills requirements of Section 4.14(a) but shall apply to Section 4.14(c).
- (c) Supervisory employees covered by the terms of this Agreement will be excluded from layoff as long as they remain in a supervisory capacity. When they are reduced to the status of journeyman, they will be slotted in the appropriate Group in paragraph (a) above.
- **Section 4.22.** An applicant who is discharged for cause two times within a 12-month period shall be referred to the neutral member of the Appeals Committee for a determination as to the applicant's continued eligibility for referral. The neutral member of the Appeals Committee shall, within three business days, review the qualifications of the applicant and the reasons for the discharges. The neutral member of the Appeals Committee may, in his or her sole discretion: (1) require the applicant to obtain further training from the JATC before again being eligible for referral; (2) disqualify the applicant for referral for a period of four weeks, or longer, depending on the seriousness of the conduct and/or repetitive nature of the conduct; (3) refer the applicant to an employee assistance program, if available, for evaluation and recommended action; or (4) restore the applicant to his/her appropriate place on the referral list.

# ARTICLE V Joint Apprenticeship and Educational Training Committee

**Section 5.01.** There shall be a Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) having three (3) members representing the Chapter and three (3) members representing the Union. This Committee shall make local standards in conformity with the National

Apprenticeship and Training Standards for the Electrical Contracting Industry governing the qualifications, selection, education, and training of all apprentices. The JATC shall also be responsible for training journeymen and others. The local standards will be promptly agreed upon by the parties to this Agreement and shall be registered with the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee and the appropriate State or Federal Apprenticeship Registration Agency.

**Section 5.02.** Members of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee shall be selected by the party they represent. Their term of office shall be three (3) years unless removed by the party they represent. The term of one (1) Employer and one (1) Union representative shall expire each year with successors to be determined in the same manner as the original appointments were made. A Committee member may be reappointed.

The Committee shall select from its membership, but not both from the same group, a Chairman and a Secretary who shall retain voting privileges.

The Committee shall meet at least once a month and also when called by the Chairman.

**Section 5.03.** (a) Committee shall supervise all matters involving apprenticeship training in conformity with the provisions of this Agreement and the registered local Apprenticeship Standards. In case of a deadlock, the matter in dispute shall be referred to the parties to this Agreement for settlement. Any proposed change in this Agreement pertaining to Apprenticeship and Training should first be considered by the Committee for their recommendation before being acted upon by the parties to this Agreement.

- (b) The Committee may establish or authorize a Joint Subcommittee to be similarly constituted and selected for authorized training programs other than apprentice training programs.
- **Section 5.04.** (a) In order to provide diversity of training or work opportunities, the Committee shall have full authority to transfer apprentices from one job or Employer to another. All transfers and assignments for work shall be issued by the Committee and the referral office be so notified.
- (b) The Committee is hereby instructed and authorized to employ a full-time Training Director at such time as is possible and practical. The Committee shall delegate to the Director that responsibility and authority deemed necessary by the Committee.
- **Section 5.05.** All apprentices must enter the program through the Committee. An apprentice may be removed from training at any period of apprenticeship for violation of Committee rules and policies. Such removal by the Committee cancels the classification of apprentice and the opportunity to complete on-the-job training (OJT) or classroom training.

**Section 5.06.** There shall be a minimum of eight periods of apprenticeship. The first two periods, consisting of nine-hundred (900) OJT hours each and satisfactory completion of the first year of related classroom training, shall constitute the probationary period. Successive periods will require the minimum hours OJT and an additional year of related classroom training. The eight (8) periods are as follows:

#### EIGHT PERIODS OJT HOURS RELATED TRAINING

1	0-900	1st Semester Completed
2	901-1800	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Completed
3	1801-2700	3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester Completed
4	2701-3600	4 <sup>th</sup> Semester Completed
5	3601-4500	5 <sup>th</sup> Semester Completed
6	4501-5400	6 <sup>th</sup> Semester Completed
7	5401-6300	7 <sup>th</sup> Semester Completed
8	6301-7200	8 <sup>th</sup> Semester Completed

**Section 5.07.** The Committee is authorized to and shall indenture sufficient new apprentices to provide for the availability of a total number of apprentices in the training area not to exceed a ratio of one (1) Apprentice to three (3) Journeyman Wiremen who are normally employed under the terms of this Agreement.

An individual Employer shall employ only apprentices assigned by the Committee. No Employer is guaranteed any specific number of apprentices. The Committee will determine whether or not any individual Employer is entitled to an apprentice, as well as the total number of apprentices to be assigned to that Employer. The Committee shall allow each qualified employer a ratio as follows:

#### Ratio

1 Journeyman	1 Apprentice*	1 Transportation Systems Tech
1 Journeyman	1 Apprentice*	1 Transportation Systems Tech or 7 <sup>th</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup> Period Apprentice**
1 Journeyman	2 Apprentices**	1 Transportation Systems Tech or 7 <sup>th</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup> Period Apprentice**

<sup>\*</sup>Employer can request an apprentice in his/her probationary period (1st or 2nd period)

The first person on a job shall be a Journeyman.

A first year apprentice, as used above, may be an indentured apprentice in his/her probationary period.

First year apprentice may perform all tasks assigned by a General Foreman, Foreman and/or Journeyman; however, they shall not work on or near live voltage circuits or systems.

<sup>\*\*</sup>If the supply of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> period apprentices is exhausted, the next highest percentage apprentice available may be used.

If unable to furnish a first year indentured apprentice in accordance with the allowable ratio, the JATC shall assign the next available individual who was interviewed but not selected from the pool of applicants. If such a list does not exist, an individual applicant who has met all basic requirements for apprenticeship shall be assigned to the employer. The rate of pay for such employees shall be at the first period apprentice rate.

**Section 5.08.** An Apprentice is to be under the supervision of a Journeyman Wireman at all times. Journeymen are not required to constantly watch the Apprentice, but are to lay out the work required and permit the Apprentice to perform the work on his/her own. Journeymen are permitted to leave the immediate work area without being accompanied by the Apprentice. Only an eighth period Apprentice shall be permitted to work alone on any job without supervision of a Journeyman Wireman.

**Section 5.09.** The parties to this Agreement shall be bound by the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust Fund Agreement which shall conform to Section 302 of the Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, ERISA and other applicable regulations.

The Trustees authorized under this Trust Agreement are hereby authorized to determine the reasonable value of any facilities, materials or services furnished by either party. All funds shall be handled and disbursed in accordance with the Trust Agreement.

**Section 5.10.** All Employers subject to the terms of this agreement shall contribute the amount established under Section 3.05 of this agreement, for the purpose of maintaining the programs outlined in Section 5.01 of this Article. This sum shall be forwarded monthly to the Trust Fund.

**Section 5.11.** Each Journeyman and Transportation Systems Technician covered by the terms of this agreement shall contribute, through a payroll deduction, the amount established under Section 3.05 of this agreement for each hour worked, into the Local Union 11, IBEW-Los Angeles County Chapter, NECA Educational and Training Trust Fund. Each Employer shall make the deduction for each hour worked and shall forward the total amount for all employees covered by this agreement and on a monthly basis, transmitted on a form furnished and prescribed by the Trustees of the Fund.

**Section 5.12.** All employees working under this agreement who have not attained journeyman status, as prescribed in GROUP I, or GROUP II of Section 4.05 of this Agreement, will be required to attend journeymen training classes as prescribed by the Electrical Training Trust. (This section is not applicable to apprentices whose training is governed by the JATC.)

# ARTICLE VI National Employees Benefit Fund

**Section 6.01.** It is agreed that in accord with the National Employees Benefit Agreement entered into between the National Electrical Contractors Association and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers on September 3, 1946, as amended, that unless authorized otherwise by the National Employees Benefit Board, the individual Employer will forward monthly to the designated Local Secretary-Treasurer an amount equal to three percent (3%) of his gross monthly labor payroll, which he/she is obligated to pay to the employees in this bargaining unit, and a completed payroll report prescribed by the National Board. The payment shall be made by check or draft and shall constitute a debt due and owing to the National Board on the last day of each calendar month, which may be recovered by suit initiated by the National Board or its assignee. The payment and the payroll report shall be mailed to reach the office of the appropriate Local Secretary-Treasurer not later than fifteen (15) calendar days following the end of each calendar month.

The individual Employer hereby accepts and agrees to be bound by, the Restated Employees Benefit Agreement and Trust.

An individual Employer who fails to remit as provided above shall be additionally subject to having this agreement terminated upon seventy-two (72) hours' notice, in writing, being served by the Union, provided the individual Employer fails to show satisfactory proof that the required payments have been paid to the appropriate local collection agent.

The failure of an individual Employer to comply with the applicable provisions of the Restated Employees Benefit Agreement and Trust shall also constitute a breach of his labor agreement.

# ARTICLE VII National Electrical Industry Fund

**Section 7.01.** Each individual Employer shall contribute an amount not to exceed one percent (1%) nor less than .2 of 1% of the productive electrical payroll, as determined by each Local Chapter and approved by the Trustees, with the following exclusions:

- 1. Twenty-five percent (25%) of all productive electrical payroll in excess of 75,000 man-hours paid for electrical work in any one Chapter area during any one calendar year, but not exceeding 150,000 man-hours.
- 2. One Hundred percent (100%) of all productive electrical payroll in excess of 150,000 man-hours paid for electrical work in any one Chapter area during any one calendar year.

(Productive electrical payroll is defined as the total wages (including overtime) paid with respect to all hours worked by all classes of electrical labor for which a rate is established in the prevailing labor area where the business is transacted.)

Payment shall be forwarded monthly to the National Electrical Industry Fund in a form and manner prescribed by the Trustees no later than fifteen (15) calendar days

following the last day of the month in which the labor was performed. Failure to do so will be considered a breach of this Agreement on the part of the individual Employer.

### **CONTRACT COMPLIANCE FUND**

**Section 7.02** Contract Compliance Fund – Each employer shall contribute 0.5% of the productive payroll for work performed under this agreement.

The fund shall be administered solely by the Association and shall be utilized to pay for administration services performed on behalf of all signatory employers, such as marketing the benefits of IBEW contractors to construction users, promoting project labor agreements, and service on all funds as required by federal law. The amount of this contribution is included in, and is not in addition to, the amount paid by NECA members to the NEIF.

The C.C.F. contribution shall be submitted with all other fringe benefits as delineated in the Labor Agreement by the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) of the following month in which they are due to the Administrator receiving funds. In the event any employer is delinquent in submitting the required Contract Compliance Fund to the designated Administrator, the Administrator shall have the authority to recover any funds, along with attorney fees, court costs, interest and liquidated damages as required with all other fringe benefits as delineated in the Labor Agreement receiving such funds. The enforcement for delinquent payments to the fund shall be the sole responsibility of the fund or the employer and not the Local union. These monies shall not be used to the detriment of the IBEW.

### **IBEW POLITICAL EDUCATION FUND**

**Section 7.03** An IBEW Political Education (COPE) fund will be established upon adoption of mutually agreed to language by the parties, but administered solely by IBEW Local 11. Contributions to the fund will be employee deductions.

## **Labor-Management Cooperation Committee**

**Section 7.05.** Each employee covered by the terms of the agreement shall contribute, through a payroll deduction, the amount established under Section 3.05 of this agreement, into the Local 11, I.B.E.W. - Los Angeles County Chapter, N.E.C.A. Labor-Management Cooperation Committee. Each Employer shall make the deduction for each hour worked and shall forward the total amount for all employees covered by this agreement and on a monthly basis transmitted on a form furnished and prescribed by the Trustees of the Fund.

**Section 7.06.** All Employers subject to the terms of this agreement shall contribute, the amount established under Section 3.05 of this agreement, per hour for each hour worked for the purpose of maintaining the Local 11, I.B.E.W. - Los Angeles County Chapter, N.E.C.A. Labor-Management Cooperation Committee. This sum shall be forwarded monthly to the Trust.

**Section 7.07.** A Board of Trustees for the Labor-Management Cooperation Committee is hereby established and shall consist of an equal number of members selected by the Union and the Chapter. The Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to establish and implement such Trust Fund, Trust Fund Agreement, and reporting forms as they consider necessary to administer the plan.

## **Payroll and Fringe Benefits Guarantee Trust Fund**

**Section 7.10.** Each electrical contractor employing workmen under the terms of this Agreement shall deposit One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), free of interest, for a payroll and fringe benefits guarantee (including Credit Union Fund) up to Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) of payroll, but not over that amount, with the Trustees who shall function under a Trust Agreement to be agreed upon between the parties. If at any time, the

interest accrued in the Payroll and Fringe Benefits Guarantee Trust Fund is depleted, each signatory contractor shall make an additional deposit into such fund of any amount up to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), making a total of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) maximum. Notice of such additional deposit shall be given by the Labor-Management Committee.

Net payroll checks shall be paid by the Electrical Industry Payroll and Fringe Benefits Guarantee Trust Fund to be agreed upon between the parties. Net payroll checks shall be paid by the Electrical Industry Payroll and Fringe Benefits Guarantee Trust Fund in a total amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) maximum per employee.

A contractor who makes the payroll and fringe benefits deposit, and pays wages and fringe benefits to employees covered by this agreement, shall be absolved from all responsibilities with respect thereto. This payroll and fringe benefits deposit is in no respect a bond covering the contractor's payroll and fringe benefits obligation, but only an emergency fund to relieve employees' financial strain caused by issuing of bad checks or failure of contractors to meet payroll, or failure of contractors to make fringe benefit contributions as provided in this agreement. If the contractor defaults in the foregoing, his/her liability shall be as set forth in the Trust Agreement but shall, in any event, include the following:

- (1) The contractor shall be liable for cost of enforcing collection, including but not limited to court costs, attorney fees, loss of earnings of an employee not paid, fringe benefits lost to an employee and any other expenses as determined by the Trustees to be the fault of such delinquent contractor.
- (2) The Trustees are authorized to institute whatever federal or state, civil or criminal actions as are necessary to enforce collection. Upon collection of defaulted payroll, or bad check, employees must reimburse the Payroll and Fringe Benefits Guarantee Trust Fund. Employees shall cooperate in every manner in regard to the collection of defaulted payroll, as requested by the Trustees.
- (3) The contractor must, within five (5) calendar days after notice from the Business Manager of Local Union No. 11, IBEW, make good any defaulted wages to his/her employees.

- (4) On the first default of payroll payments and/or fringe benefit payments the defaulting contractor shall, upon notice from the Trustees, furnish a surety or cash bond in an amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) as guarantee that wage payments and fringe benefit payments will be regularly made. On the second default of payroll and/or fringe benefit payments, the defaulting contractor shall furnish a bond or equivalent of at least Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). The amount of bond may also be set by the Trustees by using the following formula:
- Four (4) times the weekly wages and fringe benefits for all of said signatory contractor's employees covered by this agreement.

However, the amount of bond required in this instance shall not be less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). Failure to furnish the above-referred-to bond shall constitute cause for immediate cancellation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement at the option of the Local Union and the processing of all legal procedures necessary to enforce collection of defaulted amount, plus collection costs and interest involved. It shall not be a violation of this Agreement for the Union to refuse to permit persons covered by this Agreement to work on said job or project until all such wages and/or fringe benefits have been paid.

- (5) Whenever a contractor has definite knowledge that he is taking over a contract for a job that has been partially completed by another contractor, he/she shall notify the Local Union, in writing, in the area before starting work.
- (6) It is understood and agreed that this Payroll and Fringe Benefits Guarantee Trust Fund is considered a joint fund covering both the Inside and Outside Agreements and groups of workmen. Consequently, contractors who are engaged in both Inside and Outside work shall make only one payroll and fringe benefits deposit to this Trust.

. Rules, regulations and operations of the Payroll and Fringe Benefits Guarantee Trust Fund are as set forth in the Trust Agreement.

Should the balance of the fund become lower than \$500,000, the parties shall discuss and take further actions to protect the fund.

# Fringe Benefits Pension Fund - Contributions

- **Section 7.20.** Each signatory contractor shall contribute to the Southern California IBEW-NECA Pension Trust Fund the amount established under Section 3.05 of this agreement per hour for each hour worked by each employee covered by this Agreement, except apprenticeship classifications. (See Wage Scales Article III, Section 3.05)
- **Section 7.21.** A Board of Trustees for the Pension Trust Fund is hereby established, and shall consist of an equal number of members selected by the Union and the Chapter. The Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to establish and implement such Trust Fund

Pension Plan, Trust Agreement and reporting forms as they consider necessary to the finalization of the Pension Plan.

- **Section 7.22.** All disbursements shall be in accordance with the Trust Agreement. The cost of implementing and the administration of the Pension Plan and Trust, including legal fees, bonding of Trustees, postage, printing, etc., shall be borne by and from the Pension Trust Fund.
- **Section 7.23.** This Pension Fund, including employer contributions, shall be irrevocable except by mutual consent of the parties to this Collective Bargaining Agreement. Mutual consent, as used herein is defined as: A three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the total employees covered by the plan, and a like vote of the Employers, with subsequent conformity to Section 1.03 of Article I. The provisions of the plan trust and documents shall have control as to plan benefits and rights not specifically addressed herein.
- **Section 7.24.** Any signatory contractor that defaults in making contributions to the Pension Fund shall be liable for all collection and litigation expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, liquidated damages and audit fees and expenses, as well as interest at the legal rate.
- **Section 7.25.** This Pension Fund and Trust Document will comply with and conform to all applicable laws.

### **Health Fund Contributions**

- **Section 7.30.** Each signatory contractor shall contribute to the Southern California IBEW-NECA Health Trust Fund the amount established under Section 3.05 of this agreement per hour for each hour worked by each employee covered by this Agreement. (See Wage Scales Article III, Section 3.05)
- **Section 7.31.** A Board of Trustees for the Health Trust Fund is hereby established and shall consist of an equal number of members selected by the Union and the Chapter. The Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to establish and implement such Trust Fund, Health Fund Trust Agreement and reporting forms as they consider necessary to the finalization of the Health Fund.
- **Section 7.32.** All disbursements shall be in accordance with the Trust Agreement. The cost of implementing and the administration of the Health Fund and Trust, including legal fees, bonding of Trustees, postage, printing, etc., shall be borne by and from the Health Trust Fund.
- **Section 7.33.** This Health Fund Plan, including employer contributions, shall be irrevocable except by mutual consent of the parties to this Collective Bargaining Agreement. Mutual consent, as used herein, is defined as: A three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the total employees covered by the Plan, and a like vote of the Employers, with subsequent conformity to Section 1.03 of Article I. The provisions of the plan trust and

documents shall have control as to plan benefits and rights not specifically addressed herein.

**Section 7.34.** Any signatory contractor that defaults in making contributions to the Health Trust Fund shall be liable for all collection and litigation expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, liquidated damages and audit fees and expenses, as well as interest at the legal rate.

**Section 7.35.** This Health Plan and Trust Document will comply with and conform to all applicable laws.

## **Supplemental Unemployment Benefit**

**Section 7.36** The parties agree to develop a Supplemental Unemployment Benefit program, with the details to be mutually agreed upon by the parties.

### **Credit Union Fund**

**Section 7.40.** The Employer shall pay to each employee, by paying to an account maintained in his/her name at the Los Angeles Electrical Workers Credit Union (LAEWCU), a state chartered credit union, an amount equal to 12% (this percentage effective 7/28/2008) of the gross pay of each employee. This amount is not in excess of, but is a part of the wage scale, and shall be paid to the LAEWCU by remitting said amount along with other contributions to the existing "Lock Box" account.

**Section 7.41.** The accounts held in each employee's name by the LAEWCU shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the LAEWCU has adopted or may adopt pursuant to its charter.

**Section 7.42.** The employer's sole responsibility under this section shall be to pay the amounts described in Section 7.40 above.

### **Union Dues Deduction**

Section 7.4x The Employer shall deduct and forward to the Financial Secretary of the local union having jurisdiction, upon receipt of a voluntary written authorization, the working dues from the pay of each IBEW member. The amount to be deducted shall be the amount specified in the approved Local Union By-Laws of the local union having jurisdiction. Such amount shall be certified to the employer by the Local Union upon request by the Employer.

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### **Defined Contribution Plan**

**Section 7.45.** Each signatory contractor shall contribute to the Southern California IBEW Local No. 11-NECA Defined Contribution Plan the amount established under Section 3.05 of this agreement for each hour worked by each employee covered by this Agreement. This fund shall become Part "B" of the Southern California Board of Trustees that administer the Southern California IBEW/NECA Pension Trust Fund. (See Wage Scale - Article III, Section 3.05).

**Section 7.46.** All disbursements shall be in accordance with the Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees. The cost of implementing and the administration of the Southern California IBEW, Local No. 11-NECA Defined Contribution Plan shall be borne by the Southern California IBEW, Local No. 11-NECA Defined Contribution Plan.

**Section 7.47.** This Southern California IBEW, Local No. 11-NECA Defined Contribution Plan, including Employer contributions, shall be irrevocable except by mutual consent of the parties to this Collective Bargaining Agreement. Mutual consent, as used herein, is defined as: A three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the total employees covered by the Plan, and a like vote of the employers with subsequent conformity to Section 1.03 of Article I. The provisions of the plan trust and documents shall have control as to plan benefits and rights not specifically addressed herein.

**Section 7.48.** This Southern California IBEW, Local No.11-NECA Defined Contribution Plan shall comply with and conform to all applicable laws.

# Southern California IBEW, Local No. 11-NECA 401(k) Plan

**Section 7.49.** A 401(k) or like plan (self directed plan, participation optional and tier selection and/or choice to participate may be made once a year) shall be implemented by the parties to this agreement upon full compliance with all state and federal laws. The plan shall establish two (2) tiers for journeyman wiremen at \$1.00/hour and \$3.00/hour and shall establish one (1) tier for apprentices at \$1.00/hour.

# Time of Contributions and Monthly Reports, Delinquency or Failure to Make Contributions or to File Reports of all Funds

**Section 7.51.** Contributions to each of the foregoing Funds shall be due and payable on or before the tenth (10th) day of each month covering hours worked by each employee through the last payroll period in the prior calendar month. Each contractor shall file a monthly report with each Fund in the form established by the Fund, and such report shall be filed regardless of whether a contractor has employed any employees in the month covered by the report.

**Section 7.52.** Any contractor who fails to report or to make contributions due to any foregoing Fund before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month in which it is due, or who

issues a non-sufficient check shall be considered delinquent and, therefore, obligated and liable and subject to the following:

Each delinquent contractor shall pay to the Fund involved liquidated damages in the amount:

1½% of the principal if late 1-30 days;3% of the principal if late 31-60 days;1½% will accrue for each additional thirty days late, up to a maximum of 18% per annum.

The Trustees of the Fund involved shall, within sixty (60) days after a contractor is delinquent, instruct legal counsel to institute legal action to enforce collection. A delinquent contractor shall pay all collection and litigation expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, liquidated damages, audit fees and expenses, as well as interest and other expenses incurred in the enforcing of collection from such contractor, and each contractor shall make applicable books and records available for such purpose. Collection actions may be brought by the Trustees of the Fund in the name of the Fund, or in the name of the Trustees or in the name of any assignee, or agent as determined by the Trustees.

A delinquent contractor shall be liable to any employee affected by such delinquency for a sum equal to the value of the benefits lost to the employee by reason of delinquency of such contractor. A delinquent contractor shall be liable to reimburse any Fund for the cost or value of any benefits which may be made available by the Trustees to any employee affected by the failure of the delinquent contractor to contribute or to report to the Health Fund or to the Pension Fund or to any other Fund.

Individual Employers who fail to remit as provided above shall be additionally subject to having this Agreement terminated upon seventy-two (72) hours notice, in writing, being served by the Union, provided the individual Employer fails to show satisfactory proof that the required payments have been paid to the Local Secretary-Treasurer.

A contractor may be absolved of any or all of the foregoing liabilities if he/she satisfies the Trustees that he/she failed to pay any contributions or to report because of honest mistake, clerical error, or other reasons satisfactory to the Board of Trustees.

Whenever a contractor claims that his/her failure to make the required contributions was due to honest mistake or clerical error, and requests relief for that reason, it shall be considered provided the contractor agrees in writing to an audit of his/her records by an auditor appointed by the Board of Trustees. If the audit reveals to the Trustees that such failure to pay was not due to honest mistake or clerical error, then the contractor shall pay the cost of the audit; otherwise, the Trust Fund will pay for the cost of the audit. Any contractor shall be entitled to credit for or refund of money paid to any Trust Fund by reason of clerical error or mistake and the Trustees are authorized to refund such monies. The acceptance of any contributions from any contractor shall not release or discharge him/her from the obligations to contribute for all hours worked under this Agreement for

which no contribution has actually been received notwithstanding any statement, restriction or qualification appearing on any check from any contractor.

The following Trust Agreements are binding on all contractors employing persons covered by this Agreement:

- 1. Pension Trust Agreement; Health Trust Agreement; Joint Apprenticeship and Educational and Training Trust Agreement; Payroll and Fringe Benefits Guarantee Trust Fund Agreement; Credit Union Fund Agreement; the Labor-Management Cooperation Committee.
- 2. Each contractor party hereto agrees to be bound by all of the obligations imposed upon the individual contractor by said Agreement. Each contractor making contributions to each of said Funds hereby agrees that by so doing, and hereby does irrevocably designate and appoint the Employer-designated Trustees mentioned in each of said Trust Agreements, as Trustees authorized to act in his behalf pursuant to said Trust Agreements, and irrevocably ratifies the designation, selection, appointment, removal and substitution of Trustees as provided in each of said Trust Agreements. Each contractor becoming a party to this Agreement authorizes the Trustees functioning under said Trust Agreements and the parties hereto to obtain rulings before any court or agency concerning any tax or other aspect of this Agreement, or any of the foregoing Trust Agreements, and to comply with the filing or reporting requirements of any applicable law, in behalf of all persons covered thereby.

**Section 7.53.** It is contemplated and understood that the Pension Plan and Health Plan created hereunder, and any trust which may be established in connection therewith, shall at all times.

- (a) Be and remain a qualified plan, payments to which are deductible to the contractors, and not current income to the employees, under the United States Internal Revenue Act of 1954, the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California, and the Bank and Corporation Tax Law of the State of California.
- (b) Be and remain such that it complies with the provisions of the California Retirement Systems Act (if applicable), the Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, the Federal Welfare and Pension Plans Disclosure Act, and this Agreement, and as they may be amended from time to time, together with any other applicable valid State laws or rules or regulations.
- (c) Be and remain such that contributions to the Pension Plan and Health Plan shall not be a part of the "regular rate" at which any employee is employed, according to the terms of the United States Fair Labor Standards Act and the Regulations and Interpretations of it, and shall not be subject to deductions for state or federal income tax purposes, or under or for the purposes of the California Unemployment and Disability Insurance Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the Social Security Act, or the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, or any similar legislation.

- (d) To this end, the parties agree that they will, from time to time, promptly adopt such amendments or take such other steps as to make the provisions of the Pension Plan and Health Plan and its administration clearly conform to these laws, rules and regulations including, if necessary, amendments with retroactive effect as the circumstances may require.
- (e) It is further understood that the contractor's sole obligation hereunder, and under each Plan and Trust, shall be to make such contributions as are required hereunder, and that benefits payable under the Pension Plan and Health Plan and Trusts shall be determined on a money purchase basis, or on any other basis that is actuarially sound in relation to the required contributions.
- **Section 7.54.** A delinquent contractor shall be cited before the Labor-Management Committee in accord with Article VII, Section 7.55 by the Trustees or their designated representative, or any authorized party to the Agreement under the following circumstances:
- 1. Issuing a check with insufficient funds in payment of wages, fringe benefits or other contributions as required by the terms and conditions of this agreement.
  - 2. Failure to transmit a contribution report form when due.
  - 3. Refusing to permit audit entry upon the request of the trustees of any trust.
- 4. Failure to pay wages or contributions as disclosed by an audit performed at the request of the trustees of any trust.
- (a) Notice of hearing shall be sent at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled hearing date.
- (b) Notice shall be sent to the Employer at the address appearing on this Agreement or any Letter of Assent, or on the list of the Secretary of the Labor-Management Committee, which address shall be the recognized address for the giving of notice. The signatory parties hereto agree that service of the charges, the notice of hearing before the Labor-Management Committee and notice of the decision of the Labor-Management Committee shall be deemed to have been properly served upon the party cited if it is sent by Certified Mail, return receipt requested, to said Employer's recognized address. The signatory parties hereto agree that the recognized address shall be the last known address of the person cited, and the person cited agrees that service at the recognized address will be deemed sufficient both for notice of hearing and of the decision of the Labor-Management Committee. It shall be the affirmative duty of each signatory party hereto to keep the Local Union advised of said person's last known address if said address is different from that appearing on this Agreement or any Letter of Assent. The signatory parties hereto waive any claim that they were not served properly if service as described above was made in accord with this Section.

**Section 7.55.** The procedures of the Labor-Management Committee, with regard to the failure to pay contributions or refusal to permit audit entry upon request of the Trustees of any Trust are set forth in Article VII, Section 7.54.

**Section 7.56.** The Labor-Management Committee shall have the right not only to determine whether there has been a violation of this Agreement, but shall also have the right to devise an appropriate remedy consistent with the interpretation and applicable of this Agreement, including allowance of attorney's fees, cost of enforcement and interest from the date of decision, if court proceedings are required to enforce the decision. In addition, the Labor-Management Committee shall have the right to determine whether a party cited before these bodies has been properly cited and whether the provisions for notice have been complied with. The Labor-Management Committee shall have the further right to determine whether a party is signatory to this Agreement, whether any particular dispute is subject to the grievance procedure of this Agreement; and shall have the right to determine any and all defenses and contentions, legal or otherwise, raised by any person. Upon the rendering of the decision by the Labor-Management Committee, the Chairman and Secretary may execute any written award on behalf of all the members of the Committee.

**Section 7.57.** The Labor-Management Committee may delegate any or all of its powers and duties to the Labor-Management Subcommittee which body shall have authority to hear and determine grievances with the same force and effect of the Labor-Management Committee. Any decision of the Labor-Management Subcommittee may be appealed to the Labor-Management Committee within ten (10) days of rendition of the Arbitration Award, but where contributions are found due, the full sum of the award must be posted prior to appeal. If no appeal is taken, or if the requisite deposit is not given, the decision of the Labor-Management Committee shall be final and binding at the end of ten (10) days.

# ARTICLE VIII Safety - Job Safety

**Section 8.01.** On all energized circuits or equipment carrying 480 volts or over, as a safety measure, two (2) or more journeymen must work together, one (1) standing by wearing rubber gloves.

**Section 8.02.** All drivers and passengers riding in Company vehicles must comply with CAL/OSHA Safety Standards.

#### Insurance

**Section 8.05.** Electrical contractors shall post in every truck, and on every job, the name of their Workers' Compensation and Disability Insurance Carriers, and a list of doctors and medical facilities available in case of job injury.

## **Drug and Alcohol Policy**

Section 8.06. The dangers and costs that alcohol and other chemical abuses can create in the electrical contracting industry in terms of safety and productivity are significant. The parties to this Agreement resolve to combat chemical abuse in any form and agree that, to be effective, programs to eliminate substance abuse and impairment should contain a strong rehabilitation component. The local parties recognize that the implementation of a drug and alcohol policy and program must be subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Such policies and programs must also be administered in accordance with accepted scientific principles, and must incorporate procedural safeguards to ensure fairness in application and protection of legitimate interests of privacy and confidentiality. To provide a drug-free workforce for the Electrical Construction Industry, each IBEW local union and NECA chapter shall implement an area-wide Substance Abuse Testing Policy. The policy shall include minimum standards as required by the IBEW and NECA. Should any of the required minimum standards fail to comply with federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations, they shall be modified by the local union and chapter to meet the requirements of those laws and regulations.

**Section 8.08.** This Collective Bargaining Agreement shall supersede the requirements of Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service) of the Los Angeles County Code.

**Section 8.09.** Fringe benefits provided under this Collective Bargaining Agreement shall conform to the requirements of the City of Los Angeles' Equal Benefits Ordinance.

## **Separability Clause**

Should any provision of this Agreement be declared illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provisions shall immediately become null and void, leaving the remainder of the Agreement in full force and effect and the parties shall, thereupon, seek to negotiate substitute provisions which are in conformity with the applicable laws.

## **General Savings Clause**

If any portion of this Agreement may not be put into effect because of applicable Legislation, Executive Orders or Regulations, then such portions, or any part thereof, shall become effective at such time, in such amounts, and for such periods, as will be permitted by law at any time during the life of this Agreement and any extension thereof.

Whenever the masculine gender is used in this Agreement, the female gender is also intended.

### **Article XII**

### Code Of Excellence

Section 12.01. The Parties to this agreement recognize that to meet the needs of our customers, both employer and employee must meet the highest levels of performance, professionalism and productivity. The Code of Excellence has proven to be a vital element in meeting the customer's expectations. Therefore, each IBEW local union and NECA chapter shall implement a Code of Excellence Program. The Program shall include the minimum standards as designed by the IBEW and NECA. Specific Program language subject to approval by both parties to this agreement.

Negotiated by Loc Contractors Assoc		, IBEW and L	os Angeles C	County Chapte	er, Nati	onal Electrical
Effective Date: Jul	ly 1, 2014.					
Signed For:						
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Business Manager Marvin Kropke						
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President Richard Reed						
Signed For:						
LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION	COUNTY	CHAPTER	NATIONAL	ELECTRICA	AL CO	NTRACTORS
		/ss				
Chapter Manager James M. Willson						
		/ss				
President Fred Neubauer						

## APPENDIX I SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

THE FOLLOWING SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS ARE OFFERED IN THE HOPE THAT THEY WILL REDUCE THE NUMBER AND THE SEVERITY OF ACCIDENTS IN THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY.

- 1. Prior to starting work, the Employer must survey the job site to determine the hazards and the safeguards necessary to ensure that work is performed safely.
- 2. When a worker is first employed, he must be given instructions regarding job hazards, safety precautions and the Employer's code of safety practices.
- 3. All workers shall follow safe practice rules, render every possible aid to safe operations, and report all unsafe conditions or practices to their immediate supervisors.
- 4. Foremen shall insist that employees work in a safe, workmanlike manner.
- 5. All workmen shall use the appropriate personal protective safety equipment required for the particular job (i.e., hard hats, safety goggles, etc.).
- 6. Tailgate safety meetings shall be held at least every ten (10) working days; topics shall be selected on the basis of conditions on the work site. Meetings shall be documented.
- 7. No one shall knowingly report for work or be allowed to work while his or her ability or alertness is impaired by fatigue, illness, alcohol, drugs, or other causes that might expose them or others to injury.
- 8. Workers are required to be properly attired for work at all time.
- 9. Horseplay, scuffling and other acts which tend to have an adverse influence on the safety standards shall be prohibited.
- 10. The use of any machinery, tools, material, or equipment which is not in compliance with safety standards shall be prohibited.
- 11. Portable metal ladders shall not be used for electrical work.
- 12. Workers shall share responsibility of keeping their work place free of scrap and debris, maintaining good housekeeping at all times.
- 13. Workers shall not throw material, tools or other objects from buildings or structures until proper precautions are taken to protect others.

- 14. Equipment or circuits that are to be de-energized for service or repair shall be rendered inoperable and have locks and tags applied which shall only be removed by the worker who installs them. Grounds are to be applied where applicable.
- 15. When work must be performed on energized circuits or over 300 volts to ground, rubber gloves and suitable barriers must be used.
- 16. Exposed energized conductors shall not be left unguarded.
- 17. GFI (Ground Fault Interrupter) protection or assured grounding systems shall be used in all 15 and 20 AMP 120 Volt circuits.
- 18. When working around exposed high voltage conductors, a six (6) foot minimum clearance must be maintained; when using hoisting type equipment, a ten (10) foot minimum clearance must be maintained.
- 19. The use of any powder-actuated tool is prohibited unless the operator is licensed by the tool manufacturer.
- 20. Employees shall not enter confined spaces unless it has been determined that the atmosphere has not been contaminated and has sufficient oxygen to sustain life. Supplementary ventilation is recommended.
- 21. Any trench or excavation over five (5) feet in depth or in unstable soil shall be shored or the sides sloped prior to the workmen being allowed to enter. A CAL/OSHA permit is required.
- 22. All accidents must be reported immediately to the Employer's representative and steward if available.
- 23. The Employer and employee shall both be on the alert for asbestos at the work site. The Employer will determine the level of exposure and take proper precautions.
- 24. The Employer shall make available reasonable, sanitary facilities including suitable and sanitary drinking water (this shall not necessarily mean bottled water) for its employees.
- 25. An adequate first aid kit shall be mandatory on every job and/or truck.
- 26. Each employee covered under this Agreement must have current first aid and CPR certificate (current shall mean within the previous three (3) years).

#### PHONE NUMBERS:

IBEW/NECA Electrical Training Institute of Southern California (323) 221-5881 Fax (323) 721-6522

Southern Calif. IBEW-NECA (Health & Pension) Trust (323) 221-5861 Fax (323) 726-3520

Employee Assistance Program (800) 221-0945

L.A. Electrical Workers Credit Union (626) 440-9284 Fax (626) 440-9485

National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) (626) 792-6322 Fax (626) 792-6372

Business Manager (626) 243-9700 Fax (626) 243-9750

Dues (626) 243-9700

Organizing (626) 243-9700 Fax (626) 792- 3107

Compliance Office (626) 243-9700 Fax (626) 689-7437

Commerce – Dispatch / District #1, District #2, District #3, District #6 (323) 517-9610 Fax (323) 726-0623 Job Board Phone # (323) 517 9618

District #4 - San Fernando (818) 361-7774 Fax (818) 361-0606

District #5 – Palmdale (661) 274-9461 Fax (661) 274-9503