

INDIANA HARBOR BELT RAILROAD COMPANY

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May 7, 1997

Mr. P.D. Drennan General Chairman, UTU(y) P.O. Box 3162 Lisle, Illinois 60532-3162

Dear Mr. Drennan:

This will confirm our understanding reached in our conference of May 7, 1997, at Hammond, Indiana, wherein it is mutually agreed and understood that the Labor Agreement (Yardmen) of June 1, 1997, PART ONE, APPENDIX I, APPENDIX II, APPENDIX III and Side Letters #1 through and including #12; PART TWO, CREW CONSIST, APPENDIX I, APPENDIX II, APPENDIX III, APPENDIX IV, nad APPENDIX V, Side Letter #1 through and including #8; and PART THREE shall be null and void and of no application if this Agreement is not ratified by UTU(y) Membership.

The UTU(y) General Chairman shall notify the Carrier on May 30, 1997, as to the outcome of the Membership Ratification.

If this correctly sets forth our understanding, please affix your signature in the space provided for below.

Sincerely,

C.H. ALLEN General Manager

AGREED:

D. Drennan, General Chairman, UTU(v)