

ARTICLE II - COST-OF-LIVING-PAYMENTS

Part A - Cost-of-Living Lump Sum Payments Through January 1, 1995

Section 1 - First Lump Sum Cost-of-Living Payment

Subject to Section 6, employees with 2,000 or more straight time hours paid for (not including any such hours reported to the Interstate Commerce Commission as constructive allowances except vacations, holidays and guarantees in protective agreements or arrangements) during the period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, will receive a lump sum payment on July 1, 1992, of \$1,287.00.

NOTE: Yardmen shall be paid the first lump sum cost of living payment by separate check no later than thirty (30) days subsequent to the effective date of this Agreement.

Section 2 - Second Lump Sum Cost of Living Payment

Subject to Section 6, employees with 1,000 or more straight time hours paid for (not including any such hours reported to the ICC as constructive allowances except vacations, holidays and guarantees in protective agreements or arrangements) during the period April 1, 1992 through September 30, 1992, will receive a lump sum payment on January 1, 1993 equal to the difference between (i) \$1,273.00, and (ii) the lesser of \$636.50 and one quarter of the amount, if any, by which the carriers' 1993 payment rate for foreign-to-occupation health benefits under the Railroad Employees National Health and Welfare Plan (the "Plan") exceeds the sum of (a) the amount of such payment rate for 1992 and (b) the amount per covered employee that will be taken during 1993 from that certain special account maintained at the Travelers Insurance Company known as the "Special Account Held in Connection with the Amount for the Close-Out Period" (the "Special Account") to pay or provide for Plan foreign-to-occupation health benefits.

Section 3 - Third Lump Sum Cost-of-Living Payment

Subject to Section 6, employees with 2,000 or more straight time hours paid for (not including any such hours reported to the ICC as constructive allowances except vacations, holidays and guarantees in protective agreements or arrangements) during the period October 1, 1992 through September 30, 1993, will receive a lump sum payment on January 1, 1994 equal to the difference between (i) \$1,297.00, and (ii) the lesser of \$648.50 and one quarter of the amount, if any, by which the carriers' 1994 payment rate for foreign-to-occupation health benefits under the Plan exceeds the sum of (a) the amount of such payment rate for 1993 and (b) the amount per covered employee that will be taken during 1994 from the Special Account to pay or provide for Plan foreign-to-occupation health benefits.

Section 4 - Fourth Lump Sum Cost-of-Living Payment

Subject to Section 6, employees with 2,000 or more straight time hours paid for (not including any such hours reported to the ICC as constructive allowances except vacations, holidays and guarantees in protective agreements or arrangements) during the period October 1, 1993 through September 30, 1994, will receive a lump sum payment on January 1, 1995 equal to the difference between (i) \$890.00, and (ii) the lesser of \$445.00 and one quarter of the amount, if any, by which the carriers' 1995 payment rate for foreign-to-occupation health benefits under the Plan exceeds the amount of such payment rate for 1994.

Section 5 - Definition of Payment Rate for Foreign-to-Occupation Health Benefits

The carrier's payment rate for any year for foreign-to-occupation health benefits under the Plan shall mean twelve times the payment made by the carriers to the Plan per month (in such year) per employee who is fully covered for employee health benefits under the Plan. Carrier payments to the Plan for these purposes shall not include the amounts per such employee per month (in such year) taken from the Special Account, or from any other special account, fund or trust maintained in connection with the Plan, to pay or provide for current Plan benefits, or any amounts paid by remaining carriers to make up the unpaid contributions of terminating carriers pursuant to Article III, Part A, Section 1 hereof.

Section 6 - Employees Working Less Than Full-Time

For employees who have fewer straight time hours (as defined) paid for in any of the respective periods described in Sections 1 through 4 than the minimum number set forth therein, the dollar amounts specified in clause (i) thereof shall be adjusted by multiplying such amounts by the number of straight time hours (including vacations, holidays and guarantees in protective agreements or arrangements) for which the employee was paid during the applicable measurement period divided by the defined minimum hours. For any such employee, the dollar amounts described in clause (ii) of such Sections shall not exceed one-half of the dollar amounts specified in clause (i) thereof, as adjusted pursuant to this Section.

Section 7 - Eligibility for Receipt of Lump Sum Payments

The lump sum cost-of-living payments provided for in this Article will be payable to each employee subject to this Agreement who has an employment relationship as of the dates such payments are made or has retired or died subsequent to the beginning of the applicable base period used to determine the amount of such payments. There shall be no duplication of lump sum payments by virtue of employment under an agreement with another organization.

PART B - Cost of Living Allowance and Adjustments Thereto
After January 1, 1995

Section 1 - Cost of Living Allowance and Effective Dates of
Adjustments Thereto

(a) A cost of living allowance will be payable in the manner set forth in and subject to the provisions of this Part, on the basis of the "Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (Revised Series) (CPI-W)" (1967=100), U.S. Index, all items - unadjusted, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, and hereinafter referred to as the BLS CPI. The first such cost-of-living allowance shall be payable effective July 1, 1995 based, subject to paragraph (d), on the BLS CPI for September 1994 as compared with the BLS CPI for March 1995. Such allowance, and further cost-of-living adjustments thereto which will become effective as described below, will be based on the change in the BLS CPI during the respective measurement periods shown in the following table, subject to the exception provided in paragraph (d) (iii), according to the formula set forth in paragraph (e).

Measurement Periods

<u>Base Month</u>	<u>Measurement Month</u>	<u>Effective Date of Adjustment</u>
September 1994	March 1995	July 1, 1995
March 1995	September 1995	January 1, 1996

Measurement Periods and Effective Dates conforming to the above schedule shall be applicable for all years subsequent to those specified above during which this Article is in effect.

(b) While a cost-of-living allowance is in effect, such cost-of-living allowance will apply to straight time, overtime, vacations, holidays and to special allowances in the same manner as basic wage adjustments have been applied in the past, except that such allowance shall not apply to duplicate time payments, including arbitraries and special allowances that are expressed in time, or fixed amounts of money.

(c) The amount of the cost-of-living allowance, if any, that will be effective from one adjustment date to the next may be equal to, or greater or less than, the cost-of-living allowance in effect in the preceding adjustment period.

(d)(i) **Cap.** In calculations under paragraph (e), the maximum increase in the BLS CPI that will be taken into account will be as follows:

<u>Effective Date of Adjustment</u>	<u>Maximum CPI Increase That May Be Taken Into Account</u>
July 1, 1995	3% of September 1994 CPI
January 1, 1996	6% of September 1994 CPI, less the increase from September 1994 to March 1995

Effective Dates of Adjustment and Maximum CPI Increases conforming to the above schedule shall be applicable to periods subsequent to those specified above during which this Article is in effect.

(ii) **Limitation.** In calculations under paragraph (e), only fifty (50) percent of the increase in the BLS CPI in any measurement period shall be considered.

(iii) If the increase in the BLS CPI from the base month of September 1994 to the measurement month of March 1995 exceeds 3% of the September base index, the measurement period that will be used for determining the cost-of-living adjustment to be effective the following January will be the 12-month period from such base month of September; the increase in the index that will be taken into account will be limited to that portion of the increase that is in excess of 3% of such September base index; and the maximum increase in that portion of the index that may be taken into account will be 6% of such September base index less the 3% mentioned in the preceding clause, to which will be added any residual tenths of points which had been dropped under paragraph (e) below in calculation of the cost-of-living adjustment which will have become effective July 1, 1995 during such measurement period.

(iv) Any increase in the BLS CPI from the base month of September 1994 to the measurement month of September 1995 in excess of 6% of the September 1994 base index will not be taken into account in the determination of subsequent cost-of-living adjustments.

(v) The procedure specified in subparagraphs (iii) and (iv) will be applicable to all subsequent years in which this Article is in effect.

(e) **Formula.** The number of points change in the BLS CPI during a measurement period, as limited by paragraph (d), will be converted into cents on the basis of one cent equals 0.3 full points. (By "0.3 full points" it is intended that any remainder of 0.1 point or 0.2 point of change after the conversion will not be counted.)

The cost-of-living allowance in effect on December 31, 1995 will be adjusted (increased or decreased) effective January 1, 1996 by the whole number of cents produced by dividing by 0.3 the number of points (including tenths of points) change, as limited by paragraph (d), in the BLS CPI during the applicable measurement period. Any residual tenths of a point resulting from such division will be dropped. The result of such division will be added to the amount of the cost-of-living allowance in effect on December 31, 1995 if the BLS CPI will have been higher at the end than at the beginning of the measurement period, and subtracted therefrom only if the index will have been lower at the end than at the beginning of the measurement period and then, only, to the extent that the allowance remains at zero or above. The same procedure will be followed in applying subsequent adjustments.

(f) Continuance of the cost-of-living allowance and the adjustments thereto provided herein is dependent upon the availability of the official monthly BLS Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) calculated on the same basis as such Index, except that, if the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department

of Labor should, during the effective period of this Article, revise or change the methods or basic data used in calculating such Index in such a way as to affect the direct comparability of such revised or changed index with the CPI-W Index during a measurement period, then that Bureau shall be requested to furnish a conversion factor designed to adjust the newly revised index to the basis of the CPI-W Index during such measurement period.

Section 2 - Payment of Cost-of-Living Allowances

(a) The cost-of-living allowance payable to each employee effective July 1, 1995 shall be equal to the difference between (i) the cost-of-living allowance in effect on that date pursuant to Section 1 of this Part, and (ii) the cents per hour produced by dividing one-quarter of the increase, if any, in the carriers' 1995 payment rate for foreign-to-occupation health benefits under the Plan over such payment rate for 1994, by the average composite straight-time equivalent hours that are subject to wage increases for the latest year for which statistics are available, but not more than one-half of the amount specified in clause (i) above. For the purpose of the foregoing calculation, the amount of any increase described in clause (ii) that has been taken into account in determining the amount received by the employee as a lump sum payment on January 1, 1995 shall not be taken into account.

(b) The cost-of-living allowance payable to each employee effective January 1, 1996, shall be equal to the difference between (i) the cost-of-living allowance in effect on that date pursuant to Section 1 of this Part, and (ii) the cents per hour produced by dividing one-quarter of the increase, if any, in the carriers' 1996 payment rate for foreign-to-occupation health benefits under the Plan over the amount of such payment rate for 1995, by the average composite straight-time equivalent hours that are subject to wage increases for the latest year for which statistics are available, but not more than one-half of the amount specified in clause (i) above.

(c) The procedure specified in paragraph (b) shall be followed with respect to computation of the cost-of-living allowances payable in subsequent years during which this Article is in effect.

(d) The definition of the carriers' payment rate for foreign-to-occupation health benefits under the Plan set forth in Section 5 of Part A shall apply with respect to any year covered by this Section.

(e) In making calculations under this Section, fractions of a cent shall be rounded to the nearest whole cent; fractions less than one-half cent shall be dropped and fractions of one-half cent or more shall be increased to the nearest full cent.

Section 3 - Application of Cost-of-Living Allowances

The cost-of-living allowance provided for in this Part will not become part of basic rates of pay. Such allowance will be applied as follows:

Each one cent per hour of cost-of-living allowance will be treated as an increase of 8 cents in the basic daily rates of pay produced by application of Article I of this Implementing Document. The cost-of-living allowance will otherwise be applied in keeping with the provisions of Section 6 of Article I.

Section 4 - Continuation of Part B

The arrangements set forth in Part B of this Article shall remain in effect according to the terms thereof until revised by the parties pursuant to the Railway Labor Act.