COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

NIAGARA FALLS BRIDGE COMMISSION

- and -

TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 879

Affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

November 1, 1999 - October 31, 2002

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Dear Brothers/Sisters:

We require up-to-date addresses for all of our Teamster members. When you receive your Union dues receipt, if the receipt reads BAD ADR this means BAD ADDRESS or INCORRECT ADDRESS.

If your dues receipt reads BAD ADDRESS, or the address on the receipt **is incorrect**, please let us know by either mailing in a correct address to TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 879, 460 Parkdale Avenue N., Hamilton, Ontario, L8H 5Y2 or by calling the Hamilton office at:

(905) 547-3231 o r 1-800-528-8879

Your assistance in this matter would be appreciated.

ATTENTION

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 879 MEMBERS

It is extremely important that if you receive a jobrelated injury the following steps and recommendations be followed enabling the W.S.I.B. to process your reports in a timely fashion.

Important WSIB Information All Members Should Know:
How to Report an Incident and/or Accident

"Steps to Follow in Case of Injury"

- 1. **INCIDENT AND/OR ACCIDENT:** Report immediately to supervisor, (foreman) and union steward. If Doctor or health care professional suggest time off, get it in writing at the time it is recommended.
- 2. **REPORT INJURY PROPERLY:** Workers reporting incidents and/or injuries must always include: time, place, type and cause of injury, full names of witnesses and a full explanation of how the injury occurred and what they were doing.
- COLLECT WITNESS INFORMATION: Have your witnesses write down what happened, date, time, and sign it. When reporting an incident and/or injury it is in your best interest to have a job steward or witness present.
- 4. **BE CONSISTENT IN YOUR REPORTS: You** have to fill out first-aid, employer, hospital admittance, emergency room doctors and your own doctors' reports. WSIB will receive copies of all reports.
- 5. **LET PEOPLE KNOW OF YOUR PAIN:** This helps document injuries that are not visible or seem inconsequential at the time.
- KEEP ALL CORRESPONDENCE: Keep a
 journal of all conversations with WSIB. Keep
 short notes of what both parties have said. Take
 copies of all correspondence and keep a copy
 for your personal file.
- 7. **KEEP COOL:** When talking to the WSIB, stay cool. The Board documents all incidents.

UNION DUES RECEIPTS

Please be advised that receipts for Union dues are sent to your Steward, generally the Chief Steward.

If you have not received your dues receipt, check with your Steward.

Should you have any questions in this regard, contact the dues department in the Teamsters 879 Hamilton office at 547-3231 or 1-800-528-8879.

MEMBER'S REMINDER

APPLICATION FOR WITHDRAWAL

Application for a withdrawal card must be filed with the Union office within ten(10) days by the member who has been laid-off, terminated or is discharged from the Company, including sickness, accident or leave-of-absence.

THIS IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER.

Members who fail to file an application for withdrawal with the Union office will immediately fall into arrears.

Should a member return to work at any time during this period the withdrawal application will become null and void, and if once again absent for work for any reason must re-apply for withdrawal.

Applications for Withdrawal are to be sent to:

TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 879 460 Parkdale Ave. N. Hamilton, Ontario L8H 5Y2

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Between:

NIAGARA FALLS BRIDGE COMMISSION

(hereinafter referred to as the "Commission")

of the First Part

- and -

TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 879

Affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America (hereinafter referred to as the "Union')

of the Second Par

WHEREAS the Commission has been created as the sole body for the operation of the Rainbow Bridge, Whirlpool Rapids Bridge, and Lewiston-Queenston Bridge;

AND WHEREAS the Union has been certified as the bargaining agent for some of the employees of the Commission;

NOW THEREFORE this Agreement witnesseth that in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants hereinafter expressed and contained, the Commission and the Union Covenant, undertake, and agree, the one with the other, as follows:

ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION

1.1 The Commission recognizes the Union as the sole bargaining agent for all full-time, casual and part-time employees of the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission classified as toll captain, toll collector, maintenance, janitor/handyman, janitoress, and traffic director, excluding those employed by the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission in the United States of America, and excluding working maintenance foremen, management, clerical and supervisory employees.

1.2 For the purposes of this Agreement and its interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) Full-Time Employee **shall** mean an employee:

- (i) who is employed by the Commission to work more than thirty-two (32) hours per week, on a regular basis throughout the year, and
- (ii) has passed a physical medical examination by a duly qualified Canadian medical examiner appointed by the Commission at the Commission's expense. The medical examination will take place at the time the employee is placed in a full-time position, and shall be in addition to the medical examination required by part-time employees;
- (iii) has worked as a full-time employee for a period of not less than ninety (90) days, and
- (iv) who is not a probationary employee, and, who is not an employee who occupies a temporary position as defined in Article XI of this Agreement.

(b) Probationary Employee:

In this Agreement, probationary employee shall mean an employee of the Commission who occupies a job classification who has not worked more than ninety (90) days since the date of commencement of the employee's last hiring.

(c) Part-Time Employee

(i) In this Agreement, part-time employees shall mean all employees who are not full-time employees, probationary employees, or seasonal temporary employees, and shall include part-time employees who will be allowed to work not more than forty (40) hours per week from May 1st to October 3 1st in any year, and not more than thirty-two (32) hours per week at other times of the year.

- (ii) a part-time employee promoted to a full-time position shall be deemed to continue as a part-time employee until such time as the employee has occupied a full-time position for a period exceeding ninety (90) days;
- (iii) a part-time employee occupying any temporary position as defined in Article XI of this Agreement, shall be deemed to continue as a part-time employee, notwithstanding that the part-time employee may work more than thirty-two (32) hours per week between November 1st and April 30th of any year while occupying the temporary position;
- (iv) an employee shall be required to pass a physical examination by a duly qualified Canadian medical practitioner appointed by the Commission at the Commission's expense, before being classified as a part-time employee.

(d) <u>Seasonal Temporary Employee</u>

Seasonal Temporary Employee shall mean a temporary employee of the Commission who was hired as a Seasonal Temporary Employee, for a fixed term or terms of employment, each term not to exceed six (6) months in length.

ARTICLE II - UNION SECURITY & DUES

- 2.1 It shall be a condition of employment that all new employees in the bargaining unit, as described in Article I 1.1, shall become members of the Union not later than the date on which the employee completes the probationary period and shall thereafter maintain such membership.
- 2.2 Once each month the Commission will deduct from the pay due to each employee in the second month of his employment, an amount equal to the regular monthly

Union dues which are uniformly authorized and collected from members of the Union under it's Constitution and By-laws. The Union shall notify the Commission in writing from time-to-time of the amount of such monthly dues. The amount so deducted for dues under this paragraph will be forwarded by the Commission to the Union not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the month in which such deduction was made, together with a list of names of employees and social insurance numbers from whose pay Union dues were deducted. The total monthly Union dues deducted shall be listed on the employees' yearly T-4 slip.

- 2.3 The Union will indemnify and save the Commission harmless from and against any and all claims and demands which may be made by an employee against the Commission arising out of the deduction from his pay of such dues and their remittance to the Union pursuant to this Article.
- When a new employee is hired, the Commission will present him with a Union membership card and a dues check-off card together with a copy of this Collective Agreement and will announce Union membership as a condition of employment and will direct him to the appropriate Steward for joining the Union. The Commission will receive the original of each signed dues check-off card for its files.
- 2.5 In addition to deducting Union dues pursuant to Article 2.2, the Commission will also deduct from the pay due to each employee, at the times and in the amounts agreed upon between the Commission and the Union, sums totaling and amount equal to the initiation fee and any arrears in dues or re-initiation fees which is uniformly authorized and collected from members' of the Union under its Constitution and By-laws.
- The provisions of the foregoing shall not apply to the employees specifically excluded under Article I 1.1.

ARTICLE III - UNION REPRESENTATION

- The Union may elect or appoint and the Commission will recognize a committee of four (4) employees, made up of one (1) employee from among the Toll Captains, one (1) employee other than a Toll Captain from the Toll Department, and two (2) employees from the Maintenance Department, who shall be designated as Stewards. Such employees shall also form a committee to negotiate this Agreement and subsequent renewals. The Commission agrees to pay these four (4) employees at their respective regular rates of pay for all scheduled working time spent in such negotiations provided the amount of time so spent is not unreasonable in the opinion of the Commission.
- 3.2 The Commission will, similarly, pay a Steward for all regular scheduled working time spent in investigating and processing grievances provided that the amount of time so spent is not unreasonable in the opinion of the Commission.
- 3.3 No Committee member, including a Steward, shall leave his work on Union business without the consent of his immediate superior which consent shall not be unreasonably (withheld. For greater certainty herein the term "immediate superior" shall mean:
 - (a) for Toll Collector the Toll Captain in charge of shift.
 - (b) for Toll Captain Operations Superintendent,
 - (c) for Maintenance and Janitorial staff the Working Maintenance Foreman on shift.
- The Union will notify the Commission in writing of the names of the Committee members and Stewards from time-to-time provided that the Commission will not be required to recognize any employee as a member of the Committee or as a Steward until receiving such notice in writing.

ARTICLE IV - MANAGEMENT'S RIGHTS

- 4.1 The management of the Commission undertakings and all of the other usual rights of management are vested exclusively in the Commission and without limiting the generality of the foregoing the Commission has the right to:
 - (a) hire, suspend, transfer, promote, demote, discipline or discharge employees for just cause and to maintain discipline and employee efficiency;
 - (b) assign work, determine and rotate shifts and assign employees to shifts and to classify employees in job classifications;
 - (c) make and enforce rules and regulations to maintain discipline, safety and efficiency;
 - (d) to engage independent contractors to do any work (including but not limited to bridge painting), provided that the Commission will not eliminate or discontinue any job classification or engage an independent contractor to do any work for the purpose of avoiding the terms of this Agreement or any other collective agreement to which the Commission is or may be a party;
 - (e) to continue present employment practices where not otherwise herein specifically altered.
- 4.2 In the event of a complaint that the Commission is exercising its rights of management contrary to any express provision of this Agreement, the complaint may be taken up under the Grievance Procedure set forth in Article XII of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V - STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS

5.1 So long as this Agreement continues to operate, the Commission agrees there will be no lock-out and the Union agrees there will be no interruption or impeding of work, work stoppage, strike, sitdown, slowdown or any other interference with the operations of the Commission by the Union or by any employee.

ARTICLE VI - NO DISCRIMINATION

6.1 The Commission and the Union agree that there' will be no discrimination against any employee because of his race, religion, nationality or sex, or because of his membership in the Union or any other Union.

ARTICLE VII - SENIORITY - FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

- 7.1 This clause shall apply to full-time employees only.
- 7.2 A full-time employee's seniority shall be back-dated to the date of his last hiring as a full-time employee. A full-time employee shall be deemed to have seniority over a part-time employee, regardless of their respective dates of hiring. If more than one employee is promoted from a part-time to full-time position on the same date, the employees shall retain the same seniority ranking as they had as part-time employees,
- 7.3 No grievances shall be submitted concerning the termination of employment, lay-off or discipline of a probationary employee as defined in Article I.
- A seniority list for full-time employees shall be prepared by the Commission and shall be revised biannually. One copy of such list shall be posted on the bulletin boards described in Article XXIV, and two copies shall be submitted to the Union. The seniority list shall be by Commission seniority.

- 7.5 In all cases of lay-offs, recalls, demotions, promotions, filling of vacancies in classifications and creation of new jobs. (other than the appointment to positions outside the bargaining unit and the appointment of Toll Captains and acting Toll Captains) the following factors shall be considered:
 - (a) seniority
 - (b) skill, ability and like qualifications,

and where the elements in (b) are relatively equal as among job applicants then (a) shall govern with employees in the bargaining unit being given preference over new employee applicants. The Commission's decision having reference to the seniority, skill and qualifications of the applicant for such position is subject to the Union's privilege to grieve.

Where new employment openings become available, the bids for such openings shall be extended to all Commission employees in the bargaining unit.

7.6 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article, the Commission may lay-off employees for temporary periods not exceeding two (2) days without regard to the seniority provisions of this Agreement, provided that the Employer has been unable to schedule such layoff in advance of the posting of this schedule. With respect to such temporary lay-off of two (2) days or less, the Union and the Commission agree that all parttime staff, seasonal temporary and probationary employees will be laid off prior to any lay-off of fulltime employees that have acquired seniority. If the Commission contacts a full-time employee who has acquired seniority and is on lay-off to come in for temporary employment in an emerge&y situation, and the said employee declines or fails to report, the Commission shall be privileged to assign such employment to others without application of Article 7.5

(a).

- 7.7.1 Whenever a vacancy occurs in any job classification in Schedule "A" exclusive of the position of Toll Captain or Acting Toll Captains who shall be appointed by the Commission, and the Commission seeks to fill the vacancy or whenever a new job classification is established, the Commission shall post upon the bulletin boards for a period of seventy-two (72) hours prior thereto, a notice of such vacancy or new classification to be filled. An employee wishing to apply for such vacancy or new position shall submit his application in writing to the Operations Manager or Engineer Facilities Manager, as the case may be, within the aforesaid period.
- 7.7.2 In respect of a new classification only, the notice posted shall contain the job description, qualifications and pay rate.
- 7.7.3 In the filling of any vacancies or classifications herein the following factors will be considered:
 - (i) seniority
 - (ii) skill, ability and like qualifications,

An employee applying for a maintenance position must have an Ontario "Class D", "Condition Z" license otherwise his job bid will not be accepted and where the elements in (ii) are relatively equal as among job applicants then the elements in (i) shall govern with employees in the bargaining unit being given preference over new employee applicants, The Commission's decision having reference to the seniority, skill and qualifications of the applicant for such position is subject to the Union's privilege to grieve.

7.7.4 Similar provisions to that set out in sub-paragraph 7.7.1 regarding the posting shall apply to a vacancy created through transfer of the applicant who has been selected to fill the first vacancy or classification.

- 7.7.4 (a) Job vacancies created by requested transfers must not exceed two (2) transfers in any one (1) chain. Any vacancy created after two (2) transfers shall be filled at the option of the Commission.
- 7.7.5 Applicants for vacancies or classifications shall be given an opportunity to perform the work in order of seniority for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days and shall be provided with adequate training and instruction during that period. Should the senior of two or more applicants be deemed to have sufficient skill and qualifications, the Commission may make such employee permanent in this position between thirty (30) days and ninety (90) days of probation.
- 7.7.6 An employee who accepts a position in a different job classification after his probationary period, may not within one (1) year of accepting the new position, revert to his or her previous job classification, unless there are, in the Commission's determination, sufficient extenuating circumstances for so doing. The Commission shall have the sole discretion as to what shall constitute sufficient extenuating circumstances. The Commission agrees to consult with the Union Stewards prior to making its determination as to whether sufficient extenuating circumstances exist.
- 7.8.1 Subject only to the provisions in paragraph 7.8.2, if an employee of the Commission who is not within the bargaining unit is transferred to a position within the bargaining unit, whether voluntarily or otherwise, his seniority shall revert to that of a new employee.
- 7.8.2 Where an employee within the bargaining unit is promoted into a position outside the bargaining unit, he shall continue to acquire seniority for one further year. If the promoted employee should be demoted within one year of his initial promotion, he shall return to his former classification and seniority with the bargaining unit.

- 7.9 Au employee's seniority shall cease in any of the following events:
 - (a) he is discharged and not re-instated through the provisions of Article XII or Article XIII; or
 - (b) he quits his employment; or
 - (c) he is laid off for less than twenty-four (24) mouths and fails to report for work within seven (7) days of call-back following issuance of a notice of recall by the Commission. Such notice shall be sent by registered pre-paid post or by telegram to the last address of the employee listed on the Commission records; or
 - (d) he is laid off for more than twenty-four (24) consecutive months; or
 - (e) he fails to report for work upon expiry of a leave of absence.
- Absence due to proven illness shall not result in loss of seniority, except that if any employee shall be absent due to proven illness for over a continuous period of twelve (12) months, he shall have to establish to the Commission's satisfaction that he will be in a position to resume his employment with the Commission within a period of time that is mutually agreeable to the Commission and the Union. Failing such agreement, the seniority will continue for a further twelve (12) month period, at which time another review is to be made based on current medical information, which is to be made available by the employee.
- 7.11 Except as provided under Article 7.6, no part-time employee or seasonal temporary employee shall be employed while a full-time employee is on lay-off. No part-time employee or seasonal temporary employee shall be hired for the purpose of reducing the regularly scheduled work week of a full-time employee.

ARTICLE VIII - SENIORITY PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

- 8.1 This Article will have application to part-time employees only, and any other Article in this Agreement dealing with seniority shall not apply to part-time employees.
- 8.2 A part-time employee shall be considered to be probationary without seniority until the employee has completed ninety (90) calendar days of service with the Commission, and has passed a physical examination by a duly qualified medical examiner appointed by the Commission at the Commission's expense, after which his name will be placed on the seniority list of part-time If in the opinion of the Commission the employee is deemed qualified in less than ninety (90) calendar days, under these circumstances the employee shall be notified and the probationary period thereby shortened upon which his name is placed on the seniority list of part-time employees. The employee's seniority shall be back-dated to the date of his last hiring as a part-time employee. No grievances shall be submitted concerning the termination of employment or discipline of a probationary employee. This paragraph is subject to the provisions of paragraph 8.3 and 8.4.
- 8.3 A till-time employee shall be deemed to have seniority over a part-time employee, regardless of their respective dates of hiring.
- When a part-time employee is hired to fill a MI-time position, other than a temporary position, his seniority shall be back-dated to the date on which he became a full-time employee. A part-time employee who is promoted to a full-time position shall be deemed to continue as a part-time employee until such time as the employee has occupied a full-time position, other than a temporary position, for a period exceeding ninety (90) days.

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8.5 A seniority list for part-time employees shall be prepared by the Commission and revised annually. One copy of such list shall be posted on the bulletin board described in XXIV and two copies shall be submitted to the Union. The part-time seniority list shall be by Commission seniority.

8.6 <u>Full-time and Temporary Positions</u>

When filling a vacant full-time or temporary position, the Commission shall give preference to qualified applicants who are members of the Union.

When a vacancy occurs in any job classification in Schedule "A" exclusive of the position of Toll Captain, and Acting Toll Captain, which shall be appointed by the Commission, and the Commission seeks to fill the vacancy or whenever a new job classification is established, the Commission shall post upon the bulletin boards for a period of seventy-two (72) hours prior thereto, a notice of such vacancy or new classification to be filled. An employee wishing to apply for such vacancy or new position, shall submit his application in writing to the Operations Manager or Engineer Facilities Manager, as the case may be, within the aforesaid.

In the filling of any vacancies or classifications herein, the following factors will be considered:

- (i) seniority
- (ii) skill, ability, and like qualifications,

and where the elements in (ii) are relatively equal as among job applicants, then the elements in (i) shall govern. The Commission's decision, having reference to the seniority, skill and qualifications of the applicant for such position is subject to the Union's privilege to grieve.

Applicants for vacancies or classifications shall be given an opportunity to perform the work in order of seniority for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days and shall be provided with adequate training and instructions during that period. Should the senior of two or more applicants be deemed to have sufficient skill and qualifications, such employee shall be considered the successful applicant at the conclusion of his ninety (90) day trial period.

- An employee who accepts a position in a different job classification after his probationary period, may not within a one (1) year period after accepting the new position, revert back to his or her previous job classification, unless there are in the Commission's determination sufficient extenuating circumstances for so doing. The Commission shall have the sole discretion as to what shall constitute sufficient extenuating circumstances. The Commission agrees to consult with the Union Stewards prior to making its determination as to whether sufficient extenuating circumstances exist.
- 8.8 If an employee of the Commission who is not within the bargaining unit is transferred to a position within the bargaining unit, whether voluntarily or otherwise, his seniority shall revert to that of a new employee.
- 8.9 An employee's seniority shall cease in any of the following events:
 - (a) he is discharged and not re-instated through the provision of Article XII or Article XIII; or
 - (b) he quits his employment; or
 - (c) he is laid off for more than sixty (60) consecutive days.

8.10 Absence due to proven illness shall not result in loss of seniority, except that if any employee shall be absent due to proven illness for over a continuous period of twelve (12) months, he shall have to establish to the Commission's satisfaction that he will be in a position to resume his employment with the Commission within a period of time that is mutually agreeable to the Commission and the Union. Failing such agreement, the seniority will continue for a further twelve (12) month period, at which time another review is to be made based on current medical information, which is to be made available by the employee.

ARTICLE IX - PART-TIME AND SEASON STAFF

- 9.1 The Commission agrees to employ not more than twelve (12) part-time employees, who are eligible to work in both the Maintenance and Operations department(s).
- 9.2 Seasonal temporary employees shall be permitted to work not more than twenty-four (24) hours per week during the period November 1st to April 30th, and not more than forty (40) hours per week during the period May 1st to October 3 1st.
- 9.3 If two (2) or more temporary positions under Article XI are being filled by part-time employees, the Commission may schedule the remaining part-time employees for work hours of not more than forty (40) per week at the part-time rate. Employees scheduled for work in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall be deemed to be continuing as part-time employees, notwithstanding paragraph 1.2 of the Agreement.
- 9.4 If all of the part-time employees are either occupying temporary positions and/or scheduled for forty (40) hours of work per week, the Commission may schedule seasonal temporary employees to work for not more

- than forty (40) work hours per week, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 9.2.
- 9.5 (a) The Commission agrees to credit part-time employees who have been employed twelve (12) months part time to any November 1st, two (2) Free Days to be used in the succeeding year. For employees who have been employed part-time for less than twelve (12) months, the entitlement will be pro-rated. The Commission reserves the right to reschedule hours worked for Free time off and to fill the vacancies by scheduling seasonal temporary employees.
 - (b) Part-time employees will be entitled to the Prescription Drug Plan as outlined for full-time employees in Schedule "B: B.2, effective May 1, 1995.

ARTICLE X - SHIFT SWITCHING

- 10.1 Employees may switch shifts, with the prior approval of management, however, the changed shift must be paid back within the designated periods outlined below:
 - (a) When a full-time employee switches shifts with another full-time employee, the pay back date must be specified on the shift change form. Pay back must occur within a two-week period, or the person owing will incur a loss of Free Day or loss of pay.
 - (b) When a full-time employee switches with a part-time employee, the pay back date must be specified on the shift change form. Pay back must occur within the same scheduled week or the person owing will incur a loss of Free Day or loss of pay.
 - (c) When a full-time employee switches shifts with a seasonal employee, the pay back date must be specified on the shift change form. Pay back must occur within the same scheduled week or the person owing will incur a loss of Free Day or loss of pay.

- (d) When a part-time employee switches shifts with another part-time employee, the pay back date must be specified on the shift change form. Pay back must occur within the same scheduled week or the person owing will incur a loss of Free Day or loss of pay.
 - (e) Where a part-time employee switches shifts with a seasonal temporary employee, the pay back date must be specified on the shift change form. Pay back must occur within the same scheduled week or the person owing will incur a loss of Free Day or loss of pay.
 - (f) Approval of shift changes will not be unreasonably withheld.
- The Operations Superintendent or his designee shall be notified of all shift changes by means of a shift change form to be submitted prior to the switch. Three-way switching is prohibited.

ARTICLE XI - TEMPORARY POSITIONS.

- Whenever a temporary vacancy appears in a till-time position, due to illness, accident, or other unforeseen circumstance; the Commission may post the vacancy as a temporary position. The temporary position will be filled pursuant to the provisions of Article VII and Article VIII of this Agreement.
- A part-time employee filling a temporary position shall be deemed to continue as a part-time employee, notwithstanding the fact that the part-time employee may work more than thirty-two (32) hours per week between November 1st and April 30th of any year, while filling the temporary position. A part-time employee filling a temporary position shall not acquire any rights as a full-time employee, and will be deemed to be continuing as a part-time employee. A part-time employee filling a temporary position under this

paragraph will receive the hourly full-time wage rate for the position as set out in Schedule "A:.

- A temporary position, as defined in paragraph 11.1, shall not continue for a period of longer than six (6) consecutive months. The Commission shall not be required to create a temporary position to fill a vacancy in a full-time position due to illness, accident, or any unforeseen circumstances, or to continue, a temporary position, but may, as an alternative to creating or continuing a temporary position, schedule part-time or seasonal temporary employees.
- 11.4 If a full-time employee is absent on a maternity leave, the Commission may create a temporary position to fill the vacancy created by the maternity leave. Notwithstanding paragraph 11.3, a temporary position created to fill a vacancy created by a maternity leave may continue for a period of longer than six (6) months.

ARTICLE XII - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- In the event of a complaint by an employee who is covered by this Agreement that he has been dealt with contrary to its terms or that he has been unjustly disciplined, the employee shall not have a grievance unless and until he has first discussed the matter with his immediate supervisor, namely, the Operations Superintendent or the Maintenance Foreman. An employee who is subject to disciplinary action may, at his option, have a Steward present at any discussion with his immediate supervisor.
- 12.2 If the matter is not settled by such discussion, the employee may take the matter up as a grievance under this Article. All grievances shall be in writing except in STEP 1 and shall contain a concise statement of the facts complained of and shall state the Article of this Agreement which the Commission is alleged to have

violated. A grievance shall be filed at STEP 2 of the Grievance Procedure within and not after five (5) working days of the date of the incident giving rise to the grievance, otherwise it shall be deemed to have been withdraw.

The following procedure shall be adhered to in processing grievances:

STEP 1: The aggrieved employee shall present his verbal grievance to the Operations Superintendent, or working Maintenance Foreman in charge of his shift, and at such time, the employee may be accompanied by the appropriate Steward. The Operations Superintendent or Working Maintenance Foreman shall deal with the grievance directly, and give his verbal response within three (3) working days thereafter.

STEP 2: Should the grievance not be settled at Step 1, the grievance may then be presented forthwith to the appropriate Operations Manager, or Engineer Facilities Manager, who shall respond to the grievance within three (3) working days thereafter. The response shall be in writing and delivered to the Steward in the employee's department.

STEP 3: Should the grievance not be settled at STEP 2, the grievance may then be forwarded directly to the General Manager by the appropriate Steward within three (3) working days of receipt of the response specified in STEP 2. The General Manager will give his decision in writing within five (5) working days thereafter.

STEP 4: Should the grievance not be settled as aforesaid, and the Union representative has not been in attendance with the Employer at any stage to date, then a Union representative shall attend on the General Manager or his designate within ten (10) working days to attempt settlement without involving Arbitration.

STEP 5: Should the grievance not be settled within eighteen (18) working days of its receipt as aforesaid, the grievance may be referred to Arbitration under Article XIII.

- A policy grievance of the Union shall be in writing delivered to the Commission. Such grievance shall be taken up with the Operations Manager or engineer Facilities Manager, as the case may be, at STEP 2 within ten (10) days of the date of the alleged cause for grievance having come to the Commission's attention.
- A policy grievance of the Commission shall be in writing and shall be delivered by the Operations Manager or Engineer Facilities Manager to the appropriate Steward within ten (10) days of the alleged incident giving rise to' the grievance. Should no Steward be elected at the time, then the grievance may be directly submitted to the Union by registered prepaid post addressed to: 460 Parkdale Avenue North, Hamilton, Ontario L8H 5Y2, within the aforesaid ten (10) day period.
- 12.6 An Arbitration Board shall not have jurisdiction to entertain any grievance which has not been duly processed through the provisions of Article XII.

ARTICLE XIII - ARBITRATION

Where a difference arises between the Commission and the Union relating to the interpretation, application or administration of this Agreement, including any question as to whether a matter is arbitrable, or where an allegation is made that this Agreement has been violated, either of the parties may, after exhausting the

Grievance Procedure established by this Agreement, notify the other party in writing of its desire to submit the difference or allegation to arbitration and the notice shall contain the name of the first party's appointee to au Arbitration Board. The recipient of notice shall within seven (7) days inform the other party of the name of its appointee to the Arbitration Board. The two appointees so selected shall, within five (5) days of the appointment of the second of them, appoint a third person who shall be the Chairman. If the recipient of the notice fails to appoint au arbitrator, or if the two appointees fail to agree upon a chairman within the time limit, the appointment shall be made by the Minister of Labour for Canada upon the request of either party. The Arbitration Board shall hear and determine the difference or allegation and shall issue a decision and the decision is final and binding upon the parties and upon any employee affected by it. The decision of a majority is the decision of the Arbitration Board, but if there is no majority, the decision of the Chairman governs. The parties shall pay the costs of their respective appointees and share equally the feels and disbursements of the Chairman of the Arbitration Board.

13.1 (a) Notwithstanding the Arbitration provision of this clause the parties hereto may, if agreed to jointly, refer to a single Arbitration any difference between the parties to the Collective Agreement arising from the interpretation or alleged violation of the Agreement.

The procedure in selecting the single Arbitration shall be the same as outlined in paragraph 13.1 for the selection of the three (3) man Arbitration Board Chairman.

13.2 The Arbitration Board shall not have any authority to alter or change any of the provisions of this Agreement or to substitute any new provision in lieu thereof or to give any decision contrary to the terms and conditions

of this Agreement or in any way modify, add to or detract from any provision of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XIV - DISCHARGE OR SUSPENSION

- Where an employee is discharged or suspended as a disciplinary measure, he may file a grievance at STEP 2 of Article IX within and not after three (3) working days of such discharge or suspension.
- Where a grievance against discharge or suspension is not settled and duly comes before an Arbitration Board, the Board may make a ruling:
 - (a) confirming the Commission's action; or
 - (b) reinstating the employee with or without compensation for time lost; or
 - (c) disposing of the grievance in any other manner which may be just and equitable.
- 14.3 The Commission will notify the Union by registered mail or telegram prior to suspension or discharge of a Steward.
- 14.4 For disciplinary measures all infractions of rules and regulations shall be removed from the employees record after two (2) years. Any employee covered by this Agreement when called into the Commission's office for any discussion which may result in disciplinary action or a grievance shall, upon request, be accompanied by a Steward or Business Representative. Any employee requested to sign for a receipt of an incident may be accompanied by a Steward. All penalties and reprimands must be issued to the employee expeditiously as possible from the time the infraction became known

ARTICLE XV - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

15.1 This Article shall only apply to full-time and part-time employees.

The Commission may grant reasonable leave of absence, not exceeding thirty (30) days, to an employee for personal reasons having due regard for the Commission's operational and maintenance requirements; provided that reasonable notice of the request is given in writing and the reasons for requesting the leave of absence are set out in the notice. a leave of absence under this paragraph may be extended by the Commission.

- The Commission may also grant reasonable leave of absence to one (1) employee at any one time to attend a Union convention or similar Union function, having due regard for the Commission's operational and maintenance requirements; provided that reasonable notice of the request is given in writing by the Union and the name of the employee is set out in the notice.
- Au employee who is elected to an office in the Union which requires him to take full-time employment with the Union, will be granted leave of absence for not more than one (1) year, but no more than one (1) employee at a time will be entitled to leave of absence under this paragraph. A leave of absence under this paragraph, may be extended by the Commission.
- When the Commission grants leave of absence to au employee, it shall be in writing and shall set out the length of the leave of absence granted, the purpose of it and the terms, if any, upon which it is granted, and will meet the requirements of pension, health and group insurance in total. An employee who obtains a leave of absence for one purpose and uses it for another will be subject to dischage.

This paragraph will apply to full-time and part-time employees only.

A female employee with one or more consecutive years of service as a part-time and/or full-time employee shall be entitled to an eleven (1 I) week leave of absence in addition to and immediately following e child care leave that the employee would otherwise be entitled to under the Labour Standards Provisions of Canada Labour Code. To be entitled to his leave of absence, the female employee must apply to. the Personnel Department in writing within two (2) months of the date of birth of her child. The applications hall include the date of commencement of the leave, the date of termination of the leave, and a doctor's certificate confirming the date of birth of the child.

At the ending of the approved leave she shall return to her regular employment, seniority permitting.

<u>ARTICLE XVI - BEREAVEMENT LEAVE</u>

16.1 This Article shall only apply to full-time and part-time employees.

Should a death occur in an employee's immediate family, he shall be entitled to three (3) consecutive days off without loss of pay. Should such death occur during the employee's regular days off, or during his annual vacation, or other time when he would not ordinarily be employed, then this provision shall have no application to those days applicable.

- The expression "immediate family" shall be defined to include only the following persons:
 - (a) spouse;
 - (b) child;

- (c) parent;
- (d) sister;
- (e) brother;
- (f) mother-in-law;
- (g) father-in-law;
- (h) employee's grandmother
- (i) employee's grandfather
- (j) grandchild;
- (k) any other relative actually residing in the employee's residence at the date of death.
- An employee will be entitled to one (1) day off with pay to attend the funeral of a brother-in-law or sister-in-law.
- The Commission reserves the right to reschedule hours worked to accommodate requests of employees for bereavement leave and, where necessary, to fill vacancies by scheduling part-time or seasonal temporary employees.

ARTICLE XVII - REPORTING AND CALL-IN PAY

17.1 This Article shall only apply to full-time employees.

When an employee, who is scheduled for work, reports for work at the beginning of his regularly scheduled shift without having been previously notified by the Commission not to report, he shall be entitled to be paid a minimum of four (4) hours pay at his regular straight time hourly rate, except where the reason for lack of work is due to some condition over which the Commission has no control and provided the employee performs any work which is available and which is assigned to him.

When an employee is called back after he has completed his regularly scheduled shift, he shall be paid a minimum of four (4) hours pay at his regular hourly rate or he shall be paid at time and one-half his regular

straight time hourly rate for all time actually worked, whichever is the greater of the two.

When au employee is required to start work more than two and one-half (2 ½) hours prior to his regular starting time, he shall be paid a minimum of four (4) hours pay at his regular hourly rate or he shall be paid at time and one-half his regular straight time rate for all time actually worked, whichever is the greater of the two.

Where an employee is required to start work less than two and one-half (2 ½) hours prior to his regular starting time, he shall be paid time and one-half his regular rate for time worked prior to the start of his regular shift.

ARTICLE XVIII - OVERTIME AND SCHEDULING

- 18.1 The regular work week for full-time employees consists of five (5) days of eight (8) hours, totaling forty (40) hours in one week.
- The regular hours of work are stated solely for the purpose of calculating overtime and shall not be construed as a guarantee of any minimum or maximum. should an employee elect to work in excess of forty (40) hours in any week due to a trade of time off with another employee or employees, no overtime compensation shall attach hereto.
- Overtime created by the absence of a full-time Toll employee for a full shift, shall be offered to another full-time Toll employee if the Operations Super-intendent determines that it is necessary to cover the shift by overtime, and subject to the terms and conditions set out in article 28.1. If no full-time toll employee is available, the shift may be offered to a part-time Toll employee who is scheduled to work less

than five (5) days in the week that the shift falls, (May 1st to October 31st) or less than four (4) days in the week the shift falls (November 1st to April 30th). The part-time Toll employee will work the shift if the part-time Toll employee or eligible part-time employee is available; the shift may be covered by a seasonal temporary employee.

- 18.4 Overtime created by the absence of an employee in the Maintenance Department for a full shift shall be offered to another employee in the Maintenance Department, if the Engineer Facilities Manager or the working Maintenance Foreman determine that it is necessary to cover the shift by overtime. If the Engineer Facilities Manager or the working Maintenance foreman determines that it is necessary to cover the shift, and no employee in the Maintenance Department is available, the shift shall be offered to a part-time employee in the Maintenance Department who is scheduled to work less than five (5) days in the week that the shift falls (May 1st to October 3 1st), or less than four (4) days in the week the shift falls (November 1st to April 30th). The part-time employee in the Maintenance Department will work the shift at the part-time Maintenance employee's regular rate of pay. If no employee in the Maintenance Department, or eligible part-time employee in the Maintenance Department, is available, the shift may be covered by a seasonal temporary employee in the Maintenance Department.
- 18.5.1 Full-time employees working overtime shall be compensated by payment in cash, at the rate of time and one-half (1½) at the full-time employee's regular rate of pay or, at the employee's option, by eight (8) hours off for eight (8) hours worked plus four (4) hours pay at the employee's regular rate of pay.
- 18.5.2 Compensatory time off under paragraph 18.5.1 is subject to the following rules:

- (i) When an employee, has elected to take compensatory time off in lieu of pay, the employee shall not be permitted to alter or change that election.
- When an employee wishes to make use of his (ii) compensatory time off which has been banked, the employee must advise the Toll Operations Superintendent or the Engineer Facilities Manager, in writing, at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the compensatory time off. employees may exercise days off in lieu of overtime the last week of December and the first week of January subject to seniority and availability. In this instance, the request for time off must be made not prior to or after the first week in November. The Commission reserves the right to refuse to permit compensatory time off at the requested date and time if it appears to the Commission that there are insufficient employees available for work.
- (iii) Compensatory time off must be taken in units of not less than eight (8) hours, except that an employee in the Maintenance Department may be granted compensatory time off in less than eight (8) hour units, provided that the said employee has not accumulated eight (8) hours compensatory time off, and provided that the employee's request is approved by the Engineer Facilities Manager.
- (iv) The Commission reserves the right to reschedule hours worked to accommodate the requests of employees for compensatory time off, and, where necessary, to fill vacancies by scheduling part-time employees or seasonal temporary staff.

- (v) Compensatory time off must be taken by the employee within one year following the shift which led to the compensatory time off. If the employee fails to take compensatory time off within one year, the compensatory time off shall be forfeited.
- (vi) an employee who takes a free day and works overtime in the same scheduled work week shall be compensated for the overtime, and the free day shall be subtracted from the employee's remaining free days.
- If a shift is to be covered as the result of the absence of a part-time employee, the shift shall be offered to another part-time employee in the same department, who is schedule to work less than five (5) days during the week the shift falls (May 1st to October 3 1st), or less than four (4) per week during the week the shift falls (November 1st to April 30th). The shift will be paid at the part-time employee's regular rate of pay. If no eligible part-time employee is available, the shift may be covered using a seasonal temporary employee in the same department is available, the shift shall be covered by a full-time employee in the same department is
- 18.7 If shift is to be covered as the result of the absence of a seasonal temporary employee, the shift shall be covered by another seasonal temporary employee in the same department, if available. If no seasonal temporary employee in the same department is available, the shift shall be offered to an eligible part-time employee in the same department. If no eligible part-time employee in the same department is available, the shift shall be offered to a full-time employee in the same department.
- 18.8 The responsibility for calling in the appropriate employee to cover a shift in the Toll Department will rest with the Toll Captain or Acting Toll Captain.

- 18.9 A full-time employee's regularly scheduled hours of work shall not be reduced only for the reason that the full-time employee has worked overtime during the week.
- 18.10.1 The Commission shall make every reasonable effort to distribute overtime equitably amongst the employees normally performing work done.
- 18.10.2 The Union and Commission agree that the Commission shall not be required to distribute overtime with any mathematical accuracy over any given period.
- 18.10.3 The Union and Commission agree that overtime shall be distributed by the Commission equitably amongst:
 - (i) Toll Department employees;
 - (ii) Maintenance Department employees by bridge locations and skills of the employee to be used. where extra overtime shifts are required in any two (2) month period, such shifts will be equitably divided amongst those employees within the Departments to which overtime attaches.

The Union will advise the Commission in writing of any employee complaint that the provisions of this paragraph have been allegedly breached over a two (2) month period. If, on investigation, the Commission determines that such breach has been committed, the Commission shall make the necessary adjustments during the months immediately following, by assigning available overtime shifts to those employees found to have sustained a deficiency of allocated overtime.

18.10.4 For the purposes of determining the distribution of overtime, overtime opportunities offered, but refused, shall be counted as overtime worked.

- 18.10.5 If a Union Steward receives a written complaint by an employee that the employee is not receiving equitable distribution of overtime, the Steward shall, on request, be afforded an opportunity to check the overtime records of the Commission for the period under review.
- 18.11 The Union and Commission agree that, where possible, the work week for full-time employees shall consist of five (5) consecutive working days immediately followed by two (2) consecutive days off. Commission will meet with the appropriate Union Stewards to form a schedule incorporating this principle. No full-time employee shall be required to work more than ten (10) consecutive days in the Toll Department without receiving two (2) consecutive days off wherever schedules permit. Where future changes on the work schedules are required, the Commission shall meet with the appropriate Stewards to discuss the It shall be the Commission's privilege to schedule changes without seeking Union consent or approval.

ARTICLE XIX - MEAL AND REST PERIODS

- 19.1 Operations Department employees shall receive three (3) fifteen (15) minute breaks and a thirty (30) minute lunch in an eight (8) hour shift.
- An Employee working over ten (10) consecutive hours other than on a shift switch will receive a meal allowance of ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50).
- Employees in the Maintenance Department shall receive a paid lunch period of not more than thirty (30) minutes.

ARTICLE XX - HOLIDAYS

20.1.1 This Article shall only apply to full-time employees.

The following will be recognized as holidays:

New Year's Day and Christmas Day In addition to the recognized holidays, five (5) days vacation will be given in addition to the regular vacations in lieu of five (5) other holidays.

- 20.1.2 Pay for an additional seven (7) days shall be included in the first pay after December 1st for all full-time employees, who have been actively at work and on the payroll as MI-time employees for a period of ten (10) months or more.
- 20.1.3 An employee who retires in a given year shall not receive holiday pay as set out in paragraph 20.1.1, 20.1.2, and 20.1.3, but instead, will be computed on hours worked from January 1st to retirement date.
- 20.2 An employee who has acquired seniority and who is not on lay-off or leave of absence will be paid for a recognized holiday at the amount of eight (8) times his regular hourly rate of pay provided he works his last scheduled shift before and his first scheduled shift after the recognized holiday and works his scheduled hours on the said holiday if he is scheduled to work, provided, that when an employee who is not on leave of absence or on lay-off is absent from work on any such shifts and such absence is excused by the Commission, he shall not lose his pay for the said holiday. If an employee is absent from work on any such shifts due to his being ill, he shall not lose his pay for the said holiday if he satisfies the Commission, when requested to do so, that his absence was due to such illness.
- 20.3 If an employee works on either of the recognized holidays, he should be paid for the holiday at time and one-half (1 ½) his regular hourly rate of pay for all hours worked by him on such holidays.

If one of the recognized holidays occurs while an employee is on vacation, he will be paid in addition to his vacation pay and in lieu of the holiday at the amount of eight (8) times his regular hourly rate of pay, or equal time off,

ARTICLE XXI - VACATIONS

21.1 (a) This Article shall apply only to full-time employees.

Employees in the Maintenance Department, and employees in the Toll Department who have a length of service as full-time employees, as shown below, shall be entitled to the corresponding vacation with pay:

after five years service - three (3) weeks - four (4) weeks - five (5) weeks after thirty years service - six (6) weeks - seven (7) weeks

(b) Vacation for employees hired after November 1, 1996:

one year service - two weeks after five years - three weeks after fifteen years - four weeks after twenty years - five weeks

- 21.2 (a) During the period commencing the first Monday in January and ending the last full week in April, three (3) members of the Toll Department may take a vacation at one time.
 - (b) During the period commencing the first full week in May and ending prior to the last full week in June, seven (7) members of the Toll Department may take vacation at any one time, of which not more than four (4) may be Toll Captains or Acting Toll Captains.
 - (c) During the period commencing the first full week in June and ending the Sunday before Labour Day, two

- separate vacation schedules will determine vacation entitlement. One for Toll Captains and Acting Toll Captains, and the other will cover Toll Collectors. five members from each schedule will be allowed to select vacation, to a total of ten (10) from both schedules. Toll employees may only choose four (4) weeks in the Summer in their first selection.
- (d) During the period commencing Labour Day and ending the last Sunday in October, five (5) members of the Toll Department may take a vacation at any one time, of which not more than four (4) may be Toll Captains or Acting Toll Captains.
- (e) During the period commencing the Monday following the last Sunday in October and ending the last Sunday in December, three (3) members of the Toll Department may take a vacation at any one time.
- (f) When Acting Toll Captains mirror Toll Captain's shifts, they will not take the same vacation week.
- 21.3 All vacations for Toll Department personnel shall be selected by seniority.
- In the Maintenance Department, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon between the individual employee and the Commission, a minimum of two (2) bargaining unit employees from Rainbow and Whirlpool, and three (3) at Lewiston-Queenston, not including Working Foremen, may be away on vacation at any one time.
- 21.5 The 'Union and the Commission agree to continue to post vacation annually with selection schedules by not later than the 1st day of November of the previous year. Subject to the conditions within this Article, the Toll Department shall choose by seniority, and the Maintenance Department shall choose by mutual agreement between employees at each bridge location. In the event of a conflict between employees as to vacation selections, normal seniority rights will apply.

The employees shall be given the choice of vacation period subject to the Commission's right to maintain a qualified work force which shall not exceed the limits set forth in Article 21.2, 21.3, 21.4.

21.6 During the week within which falls the first day of November of the previous year, the Commission agrees to contact all eligible employees in order that vacation dates for the current calendar vacation year ending December 31, may be selected generally. Posted vacation selection shall terminate on the 30th day of November annually, the Union Stewards shall contact all eligible employees for selection of vacation dates, The employee has up to forty-eight (48) hours from the time of the Union Steward's request to select his vacation dates and advise the Union Steward. If the employee fails to select a vacation time within fortyeight (48) hours, the employee forfeits his selection, and is moved to the bottom of the vacation roster. All vacation weeks are to be selected prior to November 3 0th annually. Only employees who will have completed one year of service as full-time employees will be eligible to select vacation dates.

ARTICLE XXII - CALL-IN PROCEDURE

- When an employee books off a shift due to illness, the Toll Captain will contact another employee to work the shift and shall not work the shift until attempting to fill the shift with a part-time employee who has not worked more than thirty-two (32) hours in a week. If no part-time employee is available, a full-time employee shall be contacted to fill the shift.
- When a Toll Captain books off a shift due to illness, another Toll Captain shall be called to fill the shift. If no Toll Captain is available, an Acting Toll Captains hall be called into fill the shift.

ARTICLE XXIII - ACTING TOLL CAPTAIN

An Acting Toll Captain shall not be expected to perform any of the duties of a Toll Captain, unless the Acting Toll Captain is scheduled to work on a shift as Toll Captain.

ARTICLE XXIV - BULLETIN BOARDS

The Commission will supply bulletin boards upon which the Union may post notices of meetings of the employees' election of Union officers and officials, recreational and social events. Material other than such notices will be submitted to the General manager for approval prior to being posted. Bulletin Boards will be placed proximate to the respective time clock locations.

ARTICLE XXV - SAFETY COMMITTEE

- The Commission and the Union agree in principle to the establishment of a Safety Committee. The purpose of the Safety Committee shall be to discuss items relating to safety iii the operation of the Commission's bridges, with a view to making recommendations to the management of the Commission. The recommendations shall not be binding on the Commission.
- The Safety Committee shall be composed as follows:
 - (a) one (1) employee from the Toll Department to be chosen by the employees of the Toll Department;
 - (b) one (1) employee from the Maintenance Department to be chosen by the employees of the Maintenance Department; and
 - (c) two (2) representatives of Management, to be chosen by Management.

25.3 The Safety Committee shall meet for not more than one (1) hour once each month on a regularly scheduled day.

Employee representatives who are not scheduled to work at the time of the meeting will be paid for this one (1) hour only at their regular hourly rate of pay while in attendance at the meeting. Call-in pay and overt-time will not apply to this pay.

ARTICLE XXVI - BORDER CROSSING WORK PRACTICE

- 26.1 Employees on the Canadian side of the bridges may perform work on the United States side of the bridges and employees from the United States side of the bridges may perform work on the Canadian side of the bridges, provided that no such interchange of employees shall be used to deprive any employee of his regularly scheduled work hours.
- Subject to Article IV respecting the rights of Management, the Commission agrees that in the event of a movement of work or re-organization of operations to the American property of the Commission, the Commission agrees not to terminate or alter the status of any employee unless and until the Commission and the Union have had the opportunity to resolve any disputes arising from the termination or alteration of the employment status through negotiation.

ARTICLE XXVII - EXTRA CONTRACT AGREEMENTS

The Commission agrees not to enter into any agreement with another labour organization during the life of the Agreement with respect to the employees covered by this Agreement; or any agreement or contract with said employees, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms or provisions of this agreement.

ARTICLE XXVIII - FREE DAYS AND JURY DUTY

28.1 This Article shall only apply to full-time employees hired before November 1, 1996.

The Commission agrees to continue to credit all full-time employees who have been employed twelve (12) months full-time to any November 1st, ten (10) free days to be used in the succeeding year, For employees who have been employed Ml-time for less than twelve (12) months, one (1) day of every full month worked prior to November 1st, will make up his credit for the succeeding year. The Commission reserves the right to reschedule hours worked for Free Time off and to fill the vacancies by scheduling part-time or seasonal temporary employees. Requests for Free Days off in blocks of more than four (4) days at a time, must be given at least two (2) weeks in advance.

For employees hired full-time after November 1, 1996, the Commission agrees to credit all full-time employees who have been employed twelve (12) months full -time to any November 1st, five (5) Free Days to be used in the succeeding year. For employees who have been employed full-time for less than twelve (12) months, three and one-third hours (3 1/3) hours will be credited for every till month employed prior to November 1st and this will make up his/her credit for the succeeding year. the Commission reserves the right to reschedule hours worked for free time off and to fill the vacancies by 'scheduling part-time or seasonal temporary employees. Requests for Free Days off in blocks of more than four (4) days at a time, must be given at least two (2) weeks in advance.

28.2 The Commission agrees to pay full-time and part-time employees the difference between the Jury Duty or Crown Witness remuneration and his or her regular base salary, provided that the employee produces a Jury

Duty or Crown Witness voucher stating the time spent and remuneration received while on Jury Duty or when subpoenaed as a Crown Witness.

ARTICLE XXIX - UNIFORMS

The Commission will continue to supply uniforms and rainwear and clean same on the following basis:

(a) Toll Department

Each year at the beginning of November, the Commission will credit each qualifying Union employee with a \$225.00 clothing allowance.

It is understood, however, that the Commission will continue to supply either the three-season coat or a winter parka every three years, at the employee's option. The cost of the same will not be deducted from the \$225.00 clothing allowance.

(b) In (a) above, the Commission will pay for cleaning those items of clothing (uniform) which are required to be dry cleaned (as indicated by manufacturer of garment).

(c) Maintenance Department

The Commission will make every effort to provide eleven (11) full sets of uniforms and:

- a spring jacket every year;
- a winter coat every three (3) years
- coveralls first issue, 2000 winter coveralls
 - second issue, 2002, summer coveralls

*Cycle to continue in sequence.

29.2 Effective April 4, 1995, the Commission will subsidize an employee of the Maintenance Department a maximum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) towards the cost(s) of the purchase of one (1)

pair of leather safety shoes, as approved by the Engineer Facilities Manager, per year, for his personal use during his regular working hours.

Twice yearly, this protective footwear shall be made available at an established site location.

ARTICLE XXX - RATES OF PAY

The job classification and rate of pay shall be as set out in Schedule "A" to this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXXI - WELFARE PLAN

- Particulars of the Welfare Plan are as set forth in Schedule "B" to this Agreement. The benefits scheduled in Schedule "B" apply only to full-time employees, as defined in Article I of this Agreement.
- The Commission agrees to pay O.H.I.P. premiums in full for part-time employees, as defined in Article I of this Agreement, in accordance with the O.H.I.P. rates prescribed by the Ontario government.

ARTICLE XXXII - DURATION

This Agreement shall be for a term of thirty-six (36) months commencing on the first day of November 1999 and ending on the 31st day of October 2002. Thereafter, this Agreement shall continue from year-to-year unless either party gives notice in writing to the other not less than sixty (60) days and not more than one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the expiry date hereof of that party's intention to terminate this Agreement or to negotiate revision thereto.

SCHEDULE "A' - CANADA

A.1 The following are the job classifications and hourly rates of pay:

a)

Full-Time & Part-Time Employees Hired Before November 1st, 1996					
Job Classifications	Effective Ratification				
Toll Captain	\$1000 lump sum				
Toll Collector (full-time)	\$1000 lump sum				
Traffic Director (full-time)	\$1000 lump sum				
Maintenance (full-time)	\$1000 lump sum				
Janitor-Handy person (full-time)	\$1000 lump sum				
Part-Time Employee	\$1000 lump sum				

Full-Time and Part-Time Employees Hired Before November 1st, 1996

Job Classifications	Effective Nov. 1/2000	Effective Nov 1/ 2001	
Toll Captain	22.71	23.31	
Toll Collector (full-time)	20.78	21.38	
Traffic Director (full-time)	19.79	20.39	
Maintenance (full-time)	20.78	21.38	
Janitor-Handy person (full-time)	19.79°	20.39	
Part-Time Employee	12.42	13.02	

- Effective Date of Ratification
 Three special category Janitor-Handypersons to move to rate of \$16.48
- Effective Date of Ratification Lump sum of \$1000 each
- . Effective November 1, 2000 \$16.97
- Effective November 1, 2001 \$17.57

b)

Full-Time & Part-Time Employees Hired After November 1st, 1996						
Job Classifications	Effective Nov. 1/1999	Effective Nov 1/2000	Effective Nov 1/2001			
Toll Captain	\$15.72	\$16.21	\$16.81			
Toll Collector	\$13.86	\$14.35	\$14.95			
Traffic Director	\$12.83	\$13.32	\$13.92			
Maintenance	\$15.72	\$16.21	\$16.81			
Janitor	\$12.83	\$13.32	\$13.92			
Part-time Employee	\$11.85	\$12.42	\$13.02			

- A.2 When a full-time employee is temporarily assigned to a job classification and there is a difference in the rate of pay between the job classification and his regular job classification, he shall be paid the higher of the two rates during such temporary assignment.
- A.3 Janitor-Handypersons will be paid the Maintenance person's rate when assigned by the Foreman to perform electrical, plumbing, carpentry, welding duties and snowplowing and sanding with any vehicle requiring an Ontario "Class D", "Condition Z" license.

Any successful applicants to a Janitor-Handyperson classification will be required to obtain the aforementioned "D", "Z" license within ninety (90) days. All current employees in this classification who do not possess a "D" "Z" license will be grandfathered and will not be required to obtain said license.

- A.4 There shall be no pyramiding of overtime pay.
- A.5 Au employee who is temporarily promoted to an acting supervisory capacity, shall be paid not less than twenty-five (25) cents per hour above his regular rate of pay while he is so designated or temporarily promoted.
- A.6 This clause applies to full-time employees only. All full-time employees whose regular shift starts between the hours of 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon through 7:00 a.m. in the morning, shall be paid a shift differential as follows:

Fifty-five (55) cents per hour Overtime rates shall not apply to shift differential.

- A.7 A Janitor-Handyperson working the 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. shift shall be paid at the Maintenance rate.
- A.8 This clause shall apply to full-time employees only. A full-time employee in the Maintenance Department, who is designated to perform work under the span of one or other of the Commission's bridges, or while working in the bucket of the utility truck on light standards only, shall receive a premium on all such hours worked at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per hour and this premiums hall be in addition to the regular hourly rate of pay. Overtime rates shall not apply to premium pay.

B.1 FRINGE BENEFITS AND PROVISIONS

During the duration of this Agreement, all present fringe benefits and provisions are to remain as they existed at the termination of the previous Collective Agreement between the parties, namely:

(a) N.F.B.C. ADJUSTED COMPENSATION PLAN (PENSION PLAN)

The Commission agrees to continue this pension plan in accordance with the master contract with any or all of its amendments, as held by the Commission and the Insurance Carrier.

(b) GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

The Commission agrees to continue to pay one hundred percent (100%) of the premiums as set forth and in accordance with the master contract and all its amendments.

- 1) Life insurance benefits of one and one-half $(1\frac{1}{2})$ times yearly salary for each regular full-time employee,
- 2) The Life insurance coverage of a covered employee who is retired on his normal retirement date or on early retirement under the Commission's pension plan is entitled to a pension thereunder will be contained to age seventy (70) in the amount of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00), thereafter in the amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00).

(c) **O.H.I.P.**

The Commission agrees to continue premium payments in full for the plan in accordance with O.H.I.P. rates prescribed by the Ontario government.

(d) B<u>LUE CROSS EXTENDED HEALTH CARE OR</u> EQUIVALENT:

The Commission agrees to continue to pay one hundred percent (100%) of the premium for extended health care protection consistent and in accordance with the agreement and any or all of its amendments. This agreement is presented to the employee by the Commission

(e) SICK BENEFITS PROGRAM (SHORT-TERM & LONG-TERM DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES HIRED BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 1996:

The Commission agrees to continue to pay one hundred percent of the premiums for a short-term and long-term disability benefits program consistent with the mast contract and all of its amendments as held by the Commission or the Insurance Carrier. If an employee satisfies and meets the requirements of this Article, and after having first used free days towards an absence caused by sickness or accident in compliance with Plan formula - first day for hospitalization, fourth day for accidents and eighth day for sickness, the Commission also agrees to continue a wage continuation as set forth b e 1 o w:

- 1. After one (1) year of employment as a full-time employee, and through nine (9) years of employment, as a full-time employee, the Commission will pay fifty percent (50%) of the employee's base weekly salary for a maximum of fifteen (15) weeks.
- 2. After ten (10) years of employment, as a full-time employee, the Commission will pay fifty percent (50%) of the employee's base weekly salary for a maximum of twenty-six (26) weeks.

WEEKLY INDEMNITY SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR FULL-TIME AND ALL PART-TIME EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 1996

The Commission agrees to pay one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of a weekly indemnity plan. The main provisions of the weekly indemnity plan shall include:

- 1. Payment from the first day you are hospitalized.
- 2. Payment from the fourth day for accidents
- 3. Payment from the eighth day for sickness
- 4. Benefit fifty percent (50%) of your normal weekly earnings,
- 5. For a maximum of twenty-six (26) weeks.
- 6. If an employee satisfies and meets the requirements of this Article, and after having first used free days towards an absence caused by sickness or accident in compliance with Plan formula, he/she shall be eligible for coverage.

B.2 PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN:

The Commission agrees to continue all premium payments in full for the non-deductible prescription drug plan that takes effect December 1st, 1992. The new plan will have the features associated with a Prescription Drug Plan (as opposed to a prescribed Plan). The Commission shall provide a prescription rider that employees will not be required to pay a copay or user fee if they obtain their prescription drugs from Hy and Zels Pharmacy. Should they go elsewhere, the Commission agrees to pay the first six dollars (\$6.00) of the dispensing fee.

B.3 PENSION PLAN AND INSURANCE DETAILS:

The Pension Plan and the Insurance mentioned in this Schedule shall be as more particularly described and set forth in the Pension Plan documents and policy or policies of Insurance. The Commission's responsibility is limited to continuing the Pension Plan and Insurance

and to paying the premiums for the benefits mentioned in this Schedule and in case of any dispute over the payment of benefits to any employee, no grievance shall lie against the Commission, but the Commission will use its best efforts to adjust and settle any such dispute.

B.4 <u>DENTAL PLAN</u>

The Commission shall continue a non-deductible Dental Plan equivalent to Blue Cross No. 7 with Rider 1 and Rider No. 2 instituting at the earliest possible date in each year of this agreement the current Dental Association Schedule of Fees including (100%) prosthesis, consistent with the rules and regulations of the carrier,

An orthodontic plan to be introduced by June 1st, 1997. Provisions of the plan to include:

- i) payment of fifty percent (50%) of reasonable and customary charges to a lifetime maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each eligible family member.
- ii) coverage for children up to twenty-five (25) years of age.

B.5 EYE CARE PLAN

Commencing on the earliest date, at or around November 1, 1988, the Commission will institute an eye care plan, which will allow each person in a family two hundred dollars (\$200.00) every two (2) years for eye glasses, consistent with the rules and regulations of the carrier.

B.6 RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFITS

An employee with twenty (20) or more years of service retiring at age fifty (50) or thereafter, the Employer shall continue to pay the full cost of medical insurance and hospital coverage described in Sections B. 1 (c), B. 1

(d), B.2 and B.4 of the contract for the employee in accordance with the same type of coverage, individual or family, which the employee had at the time of his or her retirement (except for out-of-country benefits), until such time as the employee becomes eligible for government benefits, There will be one plan for both employees and retirees. Both full-time employees and retirees will share in plan changes as negotiated between the Union and the Commission. The Commission will pay up to sixty (60) consecutive days of out-of-country coverage in any one calendar year. The employee will be responsible for purchasing said coverage and must submit documentation to support the claim.

This coverage shall be available to each full-time employee and shall continue, so long as such coverage is available to your eligible dependents until the second anniversary of your death.

The Commission may terminate the benefits referred to in the event that the retired employee becomes employed at a place of employment where such coverage, or equivalent coverage, is available at no expense to the employee.

Employees hired before November 1, 1982, shall be required to have ten (10) years of seniority to qualify for payment of benefits after retirement as aforesaid. Employees hired after November 1, 1982, shall be required to have twenty (20) years of service to qualify for payment of benefits after retirement as aforesaid.

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NIAGARA FALLS BRIDGE COMMISSION

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

The three (3)present part-time employees who do not have their D-Z Driver's License shall not be required to do so in order to maintain their part-time employment.

Brent Gallaugher Operations Manager

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NIAGARA FALLS BRIDGE COMMISSION

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

The Commission agrees to provide sunscreen lotion to traffic directors, to be used in the performance of their duties,

Brent Gallaugher Operations Manager

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COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Rules and Regulations do not form part of the Collective Agreement, however, it is understood and agreed that the employees will respect and abide by the Commission's rules, regulations and practices. These rules shall be subject to change by the Commission at any time, however, they shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

NIAGARA FALLS BRIDGE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR HOURLY RATED EMPLOYEES

ARTICLE 1 - FUNCTION OF THE COMMISSION

1.1 The function of the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission is to provide industry and the public, safe, efficient and courteous service across its three international bridges.

1.2 Rules of Conduct

The purpose of these rules and regulations is to provide our employees with a guide for personal conduct outlining the parameters of acceptable conduct and to promote a harmonious and cooperative working environment.

Committing any of the following violations may be sufficient grounds for disciplinary action ranging from reprimand to immediate discharge, depending upon the seriousness of the offense judged by management.

ARTICLE II - GENERAL RULES

2.1 It is expected that each employee will act so as to improve the service of the Commission to the public, will work in harmony with fellow employees and will promote the business and goodwill of the Commission,

2.2 <u>BRIDGE COMMISSION EMPLOYEES WILL:</u>

- (a) Report to work well groomed, on time and ready to perform their work schedule or work assignment. Male employees will report to work clean shaven; sideburns or beards will be trimmed in compliance with the established dress code.
- (b) Maintain a professional attitude and good personal conduct when in direct contact with any segment of the traveling public.
- (c) Report to work in the uniform that is authorized for that particular season of the year. All uniforms will be cleaned and pressed and personal appearance will be maintained in a manner prescribed by Management which is designed to command the respect and admiration of our customers.
- (d) In the Maintenance Department, abide by Commission rules and wear and use the appropriate safety equipment as outlined by management.
- (e) Report all accidents, damages or malfunctions of any company vehicle to your immediate supervisor.

2.3 <u>CHANGING OF SHIFTS</u>

Employees will be allowed to change shifts within their respective departments provided that no overtime is involved and said change has the approval of the Toll Operations Superintendent or his designate. Approval or disapproval of the requested shift change will be at the sole discretion of management,

2.4 <u>ABSENCES AND TARDINESS</u>

- (a) Any employee who is absent for any reason, including illness, must call the Toll Captain at the appropriate toll station and report their illness at least one and one-half hours prior to the start of their regular shift; otherwise, it will be considered an unexcused absence.
- (b) If an employees becomes ill while on duty and it becomes necessary to excuse the employee from completing his or her duties, the employee's Supervisor must be notified immediately, The employee must be properly relieved or excused before leaving the property.

2.5 <u>COFFEE BREAKS</u>

(a) Toll Department

Ina the Toll Department, the Commission will continue the present practice of allowing employees to drink coffee during the performance of their duties.

(b) Maintenance Department

Two (2) fifteen (15) minute coffee breaks will be permitted during an eight (8) hour shift.

2.6 <u>ON THE JOB INJURIES</u>

All injuries to any employee which occurs on the job must be reported immediately to the Supervisor-in-Charge and, as soon as possible, a report must be filled out and turned in covering all the details of the accident. This action is demanded by government agencies and insurance carriers where applicable,

2.7 POLICY STATEMENT

The discipline and performance rules shall be applied impartially and fairly to all employees of the Commission. In the work environment, discipline:

- Involves careful discretionary judgment in its application by management;
- Is intended to change the performance action, rather than the personality of the performer;
- Should be fair, appropriate, progressive and consistent;
- Should be issued to the employee as soon after the infraction became known as possible. Time should be allowed to properly investigate and gather the facts before meeting with the employee.
- When issued, should be specific, honest tactful, and in a formal written warning or reprimand.

2.8 <u>PROHIBITED PRACTICES</u>

- (a) Committing any of the following acts of misconduct shall serve as sufficient grounds for immediate dismissal:
 - (1) Gambling on Commission property.
 - (2) Drinking of alcoholic beverages or spirits and/or the use of illegal drugs (or legal drugs without the benefit of a legal prescription) on the job.
 - (3) Possession of firearms or other concealed weapons on Commission property.
 - (4) Swiping the time record of another employee or otherwise fraudulently altering the timecards or time records of any employee, including his or her own.
 - (5) The commission of an assault or fighting on Commission property.

- (6) Disorderly or immoral conduct on Commission property.
- (7) Insubordination or the refusal to follow instructions of a Supervisor unless those instructions are clearly immoral, illegal, or unsafe.
- (8) Stealing, embezzlement, dishonesty, falsification of records or willful misrepresentation of facts.
- (9) Conviction of or pleading guilty to any federal, state or provincial criminal offense.
- (10) Due to our International operation and the trust placed in us by Customs and Immigration of both countries, any employee caught smuggling on Commission time, Commission property or while using Commission vehicles.
- (11) Employee misuse of sick leave benefits/compensation such as feigning an illness or injury, reporting illness that would not prevent proper performance of duty. employee.
- (12) Willful damage to Commission property, equipment, or vehicles by employee.
- (b) Committing any of the following violations will subject the employee to progressive discipline as set forth in Section 2.9 of these rules:
 - (1) Each unexcused absence beyond the normal use of Free Days,
 - (2) Two or more unexcused instances of tardiness in a pay period.
 - (3) Any person reporting for work under the influence of intoxicating liquor or spirits will be sent home and will be subject to disciplinary action.

- (4) Sleeping on duty.
- (5) Leaving of the work area or Commission property without authorization.
- (6) Intimidation, coercion, or harassment (verbal or otherwise) of any person on Commission property.
- (7) The use of abusive, vulgar, or threatening language towards any employee, the traveling public, or any agent or employee of any government agency using or operating at the three bridges.
- (8) Acting in a manner unbecoming to, the position and stature of an International Bridge Commission employee.
- (9) The eating of lunch outside the lunchroom or other authorized designated areas.
- (10) Operating a Commission vehicle without a valid license.
- (11) Employee failure to swipe time record in or out when entering or leaving Commission property without having time record initialed by a Supervisor.
- (12) Extending rest and lunch periods without permission of a supervisor, or loitering.
- (13) An employee taking unauthorized time off from or during a shift.
- (14) Employee making personal telephone calls on Commission telephones without permission of a Supervisor.
- (15) Failure to wear established protection equipment.
- (16) Employee found smoking in a prohibited area.

- (17) Employee reporting to work without a doctor's certificate after being on sick leave will not be allowed to return to work until he/she meets the established policy.
- (18) Failure by employee to give at least one and onehalf hours advance call prior to the start of his/her regular shift for an absence for any reason, including illness.
- (19) Carelessness with Commission funds.
- (20) Employee using Commission vehicles, equipment, tolls and devices without permission of a Supervisor.
- (21) Careless or negligent damage to Commission or personal property or equipment by employee.
- (22) Employee failure to operate all equipment, vehicles, appliances, devices and tools in a safe, normal, and prudent manner.
- (23) Violation of established Commission safety rules and practices that endanger or may endanger the worker, his or her co-worker, and/or life or property.
- (24) Employee swiping out other than at the designated end of scheduled shift without permission of a Supervisor.
- (25) Employee reporting for, or working on duty not in proper attire or appearance as outlined by Commission policy.

2.9 <u>INFRACTIONS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS</u>

(a) Immediate Dismissal

Violation of certain specified rules will be grounds for immediate dismissal as set forth herein. Discipline imposed for the violation of any other rule or regulation will be on a progressive basis as set forth in this paragraph.

(b) First Offense

Any employee who violates these rules and regulations will be reprimanded, and a letter of reprimand will be placed in their file.

(c) Second Offense

The second offense will bring a one day suspension without pay.

(d) Third Offense

The third offense will result in a three day suspension without pay.

(e) Fourth or Subsequent Offense(s)

The fourth or subsequent infraction of any rule or regulation will subject the employee to immediate dismissal or the imposition of a substantial suspension without pay (not less than five [5] days) in the discretion of Management.

ARTICLE III - TRAFFIC DIRECTORS & TOLL PERSONNEL

3.1 Traffic Officers

- (a) The primary function of the Toll Director is to direct traffic on the Plaza into the proper lanes for inspection.
- (b) A flashlight must remain handy at all times. Safety vests must be worn when directing traffic.
- (c) A Traffic Director shall not leave his or her work station unless a Captain is notified and approval granted.

- (d) Whenever there are three (3) inspection lanes open, the Traffic Director must station himself on the Plaza and direct traffic into the lanes on as even a basis as possible.
- (e) Hitch-hiking on Commission property is strictly prohibited; the Toll Captain should ensure that his rule is enforced.

3.2 Toll Collectors

- (a) The Toll Collector is the first person with whom the traveling public comes in contact. Each Collector is expected to behave in a highly professional and business like manner.
- (b) Every Toll Collector must be as helpful as possible, without causing a traffic delay when asked questions from the public. If a more detailed answer is required, 'the vehicle must be directed out of the traffic lane and a Atoll Captain or Supervisor notified.
- (c) The safety of the traveling public, as well as Commission employees, is the foremost consideration when trucks carrying explosives or hazardous material attempt entry onto the bridge.
- (d) Any Collector or Captain has the authority to refuse entry onto the bridge of any vehicle carrying prohibited materials. When in doubt, have the driver park the vehicle and notify the Supervisor immediately.
- (e) Before using any portion of the facility, all vehicles should be subject to inspection when, in the opinion of the Bridge employee in charge, such inspection shall be deemed necessary to determine whether such use would be in violation of existing rules and regulations on hazardous materials.

ARTICLE IV - MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

4.1 The primary function of the Maintenance Department is to maintain all buildings and Plaza areas, and to ensure that all equipment is kept in good working order.

4.2 Reporting for Work

All personnel shall be ready for work at the scheduled time. There will be no exceptions, unless designated by the Supervisor.

4.3 <u>Lunch Period</u>

Lunch period shall consist of thirty (30) minutes only and shall be taken halfway into each shift. five (5) minutes before lunch time will be allowed for clean-up and travel time.