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COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

between

**BBS ONTARIO INCORPORATED
(CHNB-TV AND CKNY-TV), NORTH BAY**

· and ·

**COMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY AND PAPERWORKERS
UNION OF CANADA**



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THIS AGREEMENT executed between:

**BBS Ontario Incorporated
(CHNB-TV and CKNY-TV), North Bay**

hereinafter referred to as the "Company",

Party of the First Part

and

Communications, Energy and Paperworkers
Union of Canada

hereinafter referred to as the "Union",

Party of the Second Part,

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ARTICLE 1

Intent

1.1 It is the purpose of this Agreement, in recognizing a common interest between the Company and the Union in promoting the utmost cooperation and friendly spirit between the Company and its employees, to set forth conditions covering rates of pay, hours of work and some conditions of employment to be observed between the parties and to provide a procedure for prompt and equitable adjustment of grievances. To this end, this Agreement is signed in good faith by the two parties.

ARTICLE 2

Definitions

2.1 Employee - The term "employee" as used in this Agreement shall mean any person, either male or female, employed in a classification included within the bargaining unit referred to in Article 2.2. It shall include any person employed in any job or classification created in the future unless the parties, by mutual consent, decide to exclude such new job or classification. Where mutual agreement is not reached, it shall not become subject to a grievance, but will be referred by the Company to the Canada Labour Relations Board.

2.1.1 When the Company creates a new position within the bargaining unit prior to posting, the Company shall first advise the Union in writing of their intentions, clearly, stating the proposed position:

- a) Job title
- b) Duties and responsibilities to be performed
- c) Effects that may be felt and possible changes to other related jobs
- d) Reasons to effect such change
- e) Proposed group pay classification

The Union will respond within ten (10) working days. The Company agrees to meet with the Union when requested to do so to discuss the details of the new position. The posting for this job will indicate that this is a "newly created bargaining unit position".

2.1.2 Wherever in the wording of the Agreement the masculine gender is used, it shall be understood to include the feminine gender.

2.2 Bargaining Unit - The Company recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining agent for all employees in the unit set forth in the certification of the Canada Labour Relations Board dated January 13, 1994, or any amendments thereto, as mutually agreed by the parties, or as ordered by the Canada Labour Relations Board, or in any of the job functions listed in the wage schedule under Article 16.

The Board's decision includes:

"all employees of BBS Ontario Incorporated working at CHNB-TV and CKNY-TV, North Bay, excluding station manager, technical manager, sales manager, news director, account executives, sales secretary and executive secretary".

2.3 Employee Categories - All employees covered by this Agreement shall be considered full-time employees of the Company except as hereinafter provided. They shall be probationary employees for a period of three (3) months and six (6) months for Maintenance technicians and Senior Maintenance technicians, from the date of their employment with the Company. The Company may extend the probationary period up to a total of six (6) months from the date of hiring, and in such event, will advise the Local Union prior to the end of the three- or six-month period. The employee and the Union shall be advised of such extension in writing and the reasons therefor. During the probationary period, the Company may release the employee for reasonable cause.

2.4 A part-time employee is defined as one hired on a regular or occasional basis to cover peak work periods, maternity leave, sick leave, summer relief, or to work on specific projects for a predetermined length of time. Such employees shall be paid on an hourly basis at a rate equal to **1/40** of the weekly salary of the wage group to which the employee is assigned. Such hourly rate shall be considered inclusive of a premium in lieu of benefit coverage.

The number of bargaining unit part-time hours worked in the station shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the regularly scheduled full-time hours worked by bargaining unit employees in any pay period.

For the purpose of monitoring the use of part-time employees, the Company agrees to provide the Union with adequate documentation of the above levels for any pay period, on written request, no more frequently than once per quarter.

2.4.1 All articles of this Agreement shall apply to part-time employees, except as hereinafter provided:

(a) Article 9.1 - Company seniority will be applied separately for part-time employees as a group distinct from full-time employees.

Part-time employees who have subsequently been hired as full-time staff shall be probationary for a minimum period of three (3) months if the transfer is to a different job classification. This minimum period will be one (1) month if the job classification is the same. The Company may extend the

probationary period for a further three (3) months, and in such event, will advise the Local Union prior to the end of the three (3) month period. During the probationary period, the Company may release the employee at any time for reasonable cause. On completion of the employee's probationary period, the employee shall be given credit for hours worked as a part-time employee in the calculation of seniority relative to other full-time employees.

(b) Articles 9.4 and 9.5 - However, when part-time persons are laid off, it is agreed that the following shall be applicable:

1: Part-time employees working on a regular weekly basis shall be given two (2) weeks notice in advance of the proposed layoff, or two (2) weeks pay in lieu of notice **[based on average number of hours worked in the previous thirty (30) days]**.

2: Part-time employees hired to work on a specific project, production, vacation or maternity relief or for a specific period of time, shall be considered to have received notice at the time of hiring.

3: Part-time employees hired on a daily basis, or on a sporadic basis will not require notice of layoff as provided in the Agreement due to the very nature of their assignment.

(c) Article 11.4 - Part-time employees shall be ineligible for Medical and Group Insurance. Part-time employees shall be provided with Occupational AD&D coverage to the equivalent of Workers'

Compensation (WCB) coverage, as provided in Article 11.4, Item 11.

- (d) Articles 13.1 and 13.1.2 shall apply as to vacation credits and scheduling, however, vacation pay will be calculated at the rate of four percent (4%) of gross basic earnings and eligibility will be based on accumulated hours, not nominal service.
- (e) Article 13.2 shall apply except that part-time employees shall be entitled to pay for a general holiday on which they do not work, calculated on the basis of one-twentieth (1/20) of the wages earned during the thirty (30) calendar days immediately preceding the general holiday.
- (f) Article 14.1 shall apply except that part-time employees shall receive a minimum credit of four (4) hours per tour of duty, to a maximum of twenty-five (25) hours per week. The maximum hours per week shall not apply when part-time employees are hired for purposes of vacation or sickness relief or maternity leave.
- (g) Article 15 - However, part-time employees shall receive a meal period in all tours of duty of more than six (6) hours, and in such event, such first meal period shall be inclusive of hours worked. Meal periods will be assigned in accordance with Article 15.
- (h) Article 16.2 - Part-time employees will be placed on a step in the wage scale of the classification to which they are assigned at the time of hiring.

Progression up to the salary scale shall automatically occur, as provided in Article 16.2 on the following basis:

- (1) a six-month increment will require a total of 1040 hours credited or worked, depending on the job classification of the part-time employee, or
 - (2) a yearly increment will require a total of 2080 hours credited or worked, depending on the job classification of the part-time employee. Upon request of a part-time employee, the Company will provide an updated total of credited hours once per calendar quarter for the purpose of monitoring this provision.
- (i) Only those part-time employees who have hours of work scheduled on the posted schedule, in accordance with Article 14.4, shall receive the penalty provided therein for a notice of change of starting time.
 - (j) Article 14.6 would only be applicable to part-time employees who work both 40 hours and on a 6th or 7th day in a given work week.
- 2.4.2** It is agreed that the provisions of Article 2.4 above will not be used for the purpose of eliminating or replacing regular or full-time employees or to avoid hiring regular or full-time employees. The Company will not consistently use penalty or premium clauses to avoid replacing full-time employees.

ARTICLE 3

Management Rights

- 3.1 It is recognized that the management of the Company, the control of its properties and the maintenance of order on its premises is solely the responsibility of Management.
- 3.2 Other rights and responsibilities belonging to the management of the Company and hereby recognized, prominent among which, but by no means wholly inclusive, are determination and control of ail programmes; the right to decide the number and location of plants; the amount and type of supervision necessary; of machinery and technical equipment; methods, procedures and standards of operation; judgment, periodic and final evaluation of personnel qualifications; operating methods, schedules, and the selection, procurement, designing and engineering of equipment which may be incorporated into the Company's plant.
- 3.3 It is further recognized that the responsibility of the management of the Company for the selection, direction and determination of the size of the work force, including the right to hire, transfer, assign, promote or relieve employees from duty because of lack of work, or suspend, discipline, demote or discharge an employee for just and sufficient cause, or a probationary employee for reasonable cause, is vested exclusively in the Company.
- 3.4 The rights referred to in paragraphs 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 above shall not be exercised so as to violate specific provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4

Union Rights

- 4.1 Dues Checkoff - During the term of this Agreement, the Company agrees to deduct monthly, an amount equal to the uniform dues as levied by the Union. The deductions are to be based on the gross monthly earnings of every employee in the bargaining unit, beginning with the signing date of this Agreement or the date of hiring in the bargaining unit. The present rate of deduction is equal to one and two-thirds percent (1.666%) of basic earnings, and the same percentage shall be deducted on all additional earnings. The Company will be notified by registered mail of any changes in the present rate of deductions thirty (30) days prior to any required changes.
- 4.1.1 The Company agrees to remit the monies so deducted to the Union or its nominee, within two (2) weeks of every second pay period, by cheque, payable in Canadian funds. The Company shall provide the Union with a monthly computer disk in an ASCII format detailing the following information:
1. Employee name and address
 2. Sex
 3. Classification title and salary
 4. Amount of dues deducted on base salary
 5. Amount of dues deducted on additional earnings
 6. The name of any employee who has left or joined the Company since the last payment, including the name of any employee going or returning from child care leave.

- 4.1.2** Each year the Company will indicate on the T4 slips issued to employees, the total amount of dues deducted at source and forwarded to CEP.
- 4.2** Notices to Union - The Company shall forward to the Union at its Regional office and the Local Union Secretary one copy of the following:
- (a) Within five (5) calendar days, notice of dismissal, suspension, demotion or of any disciplinary action placed on any employee's file within the bargaining unit.
 - (b) Any notice pertaining to the application or agreed interpretation of this Agreement.
 - (c) The Company will furnish, upon request by the Union, two (2) copies of seniority records and wage information for negotiating purposes.
 - (d) The Company shall, when notifying a person of his/her acceptance as an employee, provide in writing, the starting rate of pay and the classification to which he/she is assigned. A copy of this notice shall be sent to the Union in accordance with Article 4.2 (a) of this Agreement. The Company shall also include, at the same time, a copy of the current Collective Agreement, which shall be supplied by the Union.
- 4.3** Union Access to Premises - Representatives of the Union shall have access to the Company's premises to service members of the bargaining unit by giving reasonable notice to the Company of any visits required. The

Company will, on request, furnish a suitable business letter or card of identification for the representative entitling him/her to admission to the premises of the Company, or other places where employees covered by this Agreement may be working.

- 4.4** Bulletin Boards - The Company agrees to the posting by the Union on scheduling boards of: announcements regarding elections, meetings, Local negotiation developments and internal affairs of the Union.

The Company agrees to furnish space for a Notice Board exclusively for the posting of Union notices.

The Company agrees to provide space wherein the Union may locate a filing cabinet. Local Union Officers will be given free access to this cabinet at all times.

- 4.5** Leave of Absence for Union Functions - Leave of absence without pay and without loss of seniority or benefits shall be granted upon request by the Union for employees elected or selected to represent the Union at Union Conventions, Conferences and/or schools, and at functions of any labour organizations with which the Union is affiliated, provided reasonable notice is received.

Such leave not to exceed seven (7) working days per employee in one (1) year. The duly elected President or Vice-president of the Local Union shall be allowed ten (10) working days. For the purpose of this Article, there shall be an aggregate total of twenty-five (25) days leave for Union functions in each calendar year. During

rating periods, leaves to on-air personnel will only be granted subject to operational requirements.

4.5.1 Upon request by the Union, the Company agrees to release on unpaid leave, up to three (3) employees to attend negotiating sessions with Management. A request for such release shall be submitted seven (7) days in advance of the first meeting.

4.5.2 Leave without pay or benefits will be granted to any employee who accepts a full-time elective position with the Union for a period not exceeding two (2) years, or a full-time appointive position with the Union for a period not exceeding one (1) year. Any additional yearly periods may be granted by the Company on receipt of a written request of the employee and the President of the Union. During this period, there will be no accrual of seniority or benefits. Established seniority will be maintained.

ARTICLE 5

Non-Discrimination

5.1 The parties hereto mutually agree that no employee shall be discriminated against because of membership, or lack of membership, or by reason of any lawful activity, or lack of activity on behalf of the Union. The Company will not discourage membership in the Union, or attempt to encourage membership in another Union.

5.1.1 Employees shall enjoy equal rights under this Agreement, regardless of age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, colour, race, ethnic or national origin, religious or political affiliation, family status, disability, or

pardoned conviction, as outlined in the Canadian Human Rights Act.

ARTICLE 6

No Strike Clause

6.1 The Union will not cause or permit its members to cause, nor will any member of the Union take part in any strike either sit down or stay in, or any other kind of strike or any other kind of interference or any other stoppage, total or partial, of any of the Company's **operations** during the term of this Agreement. The Company will not cause, engage in or permit a lockout of any of its operational locations during the term of this Agreement.

6.2 The Company will not require any employee, as defined in Article 2.1, to perform the duties of any other person who is engaged in a lawful strike, or to originate a programme or programmes expressly for the purpose of strike-breaking.

6.3 An employee shall have the right to refuse to cross a legal picket line and such refusal shall not be considered grounds for disciplinary action, except that News and **ENG** personnel will be required to provide their normal functions whether or not such functions require the crossing of any legal picket line except where there is reason to believe that there is a threat to personal safety.

ARTICLE 7

Grievance Procedure

7.1 The parties recognize that any employee may present a personal grievance to the Employer at any time. Any such grievance may be subject to consideration and resolution as provided in the following articles on grievance procedure.

7.2 In the event of a dispute between any member or members of the bargaining unit and the Company, in reference to the application, administration, interpretation or alleged violation of this Agreement, the following shall be the procedure for the adjustment and settlement thereof:

Step 1: The grievance shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof delivered to the employee's Manager or delegate within ten (10) working days of the occurrence of such grievance. The grievance must set out the matter complained of, the remedy sought, the provisions of the Collective Agreement allegedly broken, and bear the signature of the Grievor. If the grievance is not recorded as settled within ten (10) working days after receipt of the grievance by the employee's supervisor, the employee or the Union may refer the Grievance to Step 2.

Step 2: The grievance shall be discussed with the Station Manager or delegate and the Local Grievance Committee consisting of not more than two (2) members. Such meeting shall take place within ten (10) working days of the request for a meeting.

Step 3: If the grievance is not recorded as settled within ten (10) working days after the meeting described in Step 2, the dispute shall be referred to the General Manager in jurisdiction or delegate, and the Regional Union Office for further discussion and consideration.

Step 4: In the event that the representatives of the Company and the Union cannot reach agreement, the dispute may, by written notice of either party to the other party, be submitted to final and binding arbitration. The parties shall, within ten (10) working days of the sending of the notice requesting arbitration, select a mutually acceptable arbitrator.

If the parties are unable to agree on the selection of an arbitrator within these ten (10) working days, then the Federal Minister of Labour shall be requested by either party to appoint the Arbitrator.

The cost and/or expenses of the Arbitrator shall be borne equally by the Company and the Union, except that no party shall be obligated to pay the cost of stenographic transcript without express consent.

7.3 The Arbitrator shall not have the power to change, modify, extend or amend the provisions of this Agreement, but the Arbitrator shall have the power to direct, if he/she thinks proper, that any employee who has been wrongfully suspended, discharged, or otherwise disciplined shall be reinstated with pay and with any other benefit under this Agreement which may have been lost, or the Arbitrator may dispose of the case in any manner he/she deems appropriate.

7.4 If either of the parties of this Agreement consider that this Agreement is being misinterpreted, or violated in any respect by the other party, the matter may be discussed between representatives of the Company and the Union, and if not satisfactorily settled, either party may refer the matter to arbitration as provided in Step 4 of Section 7.2.

7.5 Time Limits - Any time limit mentioned under grievance procedure shall exclude Statutory Holidays and vacations of the employee concerned at the Step 1 level and may be extended by mutual consent.

7.6 Unless held on an employee's regular shift, all time spent in grievance meetings shall be considered unpaid time. Time spent preparing for and participating in Arbitration hearings shall be considered unpaid time.

ARTICLE 8

Report on Performance

8.1 An employee shall be notified in writing, of any expression of dissatisfaction concerning his/her work, within ten (10) working days of cause for dissatisfaction becoming known to the supervisor. The employee shall be furnished with a copy of any complaint or accusation which may be detrimental to his/her advancement or standing within the Company, as soon as possible after the complaint or accusation is made. If this procedure is not followed, such expression of dissatisfaction shall not become part of the employee's record for use against him/her at any time.

8.2 The employee's reply in writing to such complaint or accusation if received within ten (10) working days after he/she has been given the notice referred to in Article 8.1 above, shall become part of the record. If such reply is not received, it will not become part of the record for use by the employee at any time.

8.3 An employee shall have access to his/her personnel performance file in the presence of the supervisor during office hours, once every six (6) months (or earlier in the case of a grievance), at a mutually agreeable time, but in no event later than three (3) days after the initial request.

8.4 The record of an employee will not be used against him/her for any purpose for something that occurred more than twenty-four (24) months prior to the latest incident.

ARTICLE 9

Seniority Rights

9.1 Company seniority shall be deemed to have commenced on the date of hiring by the Company, and shall be equal to the length of continuous service with the Company. Company seniority shall relate to the order of layoffs, recall from layoff, promotions, severance pay and the choice of vacation periods, as provided for in the applicable articles.

Seniority rights and employee benefits shall cease, and the employee deemed terminated for any of the following reasons:

- (a) If the employee voluntarily quits;
- (b) if the employee is discharged and the discharge is not reversed through the grievance procedure;
- (c) if the employee does not respond to a recall notice as outlined in Article 9.5.2;
- (d) if an employee is on layoff for twelve (12) consecutive months.

9.1.1 Seniority credits shall continue to exist but not accrue while an employee is on leave granted by the Company to a maximum period of one (1) year.

9.2 Promotions and Transfers - The employee with the greatest composite of skill, ability, and qualifications, as determined by the Company, relative to the vacant position, shall be transferred to fill a vacancy in a different classification within the bargaining unit. Only where two internal applicants are equal in these terms, shall the applicant with the most Company seniority be transferred. The Company may hire applicants from outside the bargaining unit where no acceptable employees apply for the position. A vacancy shall be posted a minimum of five (5) days prior to filling the vacancy.

9.2.1 An employee promoted to fill a vacancy in a different classification shall be on a trial period in such classification for a period of three (3) months, however, the period may be extended up to a total of six (6) months. The Company may at any time during this trial period, return the employee to his/her former classification with no loss of seniority. At the conclusion of a

successful trial period the employee will be advised in writing that his/her transfer has been made permanent.

9.2.2 Employees who are assigned work in a job classification different from their regular classification will not be penalized for errors committed during such performance if such errors are not a result of negligence.

9.2.3 Should an applicant for promotion or transfer be unsuccessful, it is agreed that Management will discuss with the employee, if so requested, why his/her promotion or transfer was denied and will bring to the employee's attention any shortcomings which may affect his/her opportunities for advancement.

9.2.4 No employee shall be permanently transferred to another classification within the bargaining unit by means other than the activation of his/her bumping rights as outlined in Article 9.4.

9.3 Discharge and Demotion - The discharge or demotion of any employee, except for probationary employees as provided in Article 2.3, shall only be for just and sufficient cause. An employee discharged for just and sufficient cause, other than gross misconduct, shall be entitled to two (2) weeks' notice or pay in lieu thereof.

9.4 Layoffs - When layoffs are to be made, such layoffs shall proceed in inverse order of Company seniority within those job functions in the location affected; said job functions are listed in Article 16.8.

9.4.1 An employee about to be laid off from one job function, may apply his/her seniority and bump into another job function, provided the employee has the

skill, ability and qualifications to perform the job. A suitable familiarization and trial period, as determined by the Company, will be allowed if required. Only when an employee has exhausted his/her bumping rights with respect to full-time positions, may the employee move into the part-time pool. Notwithstanding Article 9.4.6, an employee who moves into the part-time pool, shall adopt the wages and working conditions of other part-time employees.

9.4.2 The Company shall advise the employee and the Union at least four (4) weeks in advance of the proposed layoff, or such length of time as prescribed by legislation, or in lieu of such notice shall pay the employee laid off four (4) weeks salary, plus severance pay and accrued vacation pay.

9.4.3 Employees laid off and deemed terminated pursuant to any statute, will receive severance pay equal to five (5) days pay for each year of continuous service. With respect to incomplete years, the severance pay shall be on a pro-rated basis, calculated to the nearest month. The above-noted severance payment shall be deemed to include any severance required pursuant to any Statute.

9.4.4 While an employee is laid off, the Company will continue the group health (except for **STD, LTD** and **Pension**) and benefit payments for the period of layoff up to a maximum of six (6) months or until the employee is eligible for benefits at the new place of employment.

9.4.5 The Company agrees that it will not consistently schedule overtime in order to effect or extend layoffs.

9.4.6 An employee who has reverted to a lower salary group as the result of a layoff only and whose salary is higher than the maximum of this group, shall continue to receive the higher salary which shall be frozen (red-circled) until such time as the salary in the lower-rated job function reaches the employee's salary and then such employee will proceed on the scale in accordance with Article 16.8.

9.5 Re-engagement of Laid-off Employees - When full-time vacancies occur, the Company agrees to re-engage, in the order of Company seniority in the location, former employees who have been laid off for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months, provided the employee possesses the occupational qualifications to fill the vacancy, as determined by the Company. In the event that the Company and the Union do not agree on the occupational qualifications of the employee in question, the matter will be subject to the grievance procedure.

An employee who is bumped into a lower rated classification in accordance with Article 9.4.1, shall retain first recall rights to his/her previous classification when a vacancy occurs therein.

9.5.1 The Company's responsibility will be considered to be fulfilled if the Company gives notice, in writing, by registered mail to the employee's last known address. The employee must notify the Company of his/her intention within five (5) days.

9.5.2 Employees will be deemed to be terminated and will lose their seniority should they fail to return to work

after having been recalled within ten (10) days of receipt of the recall notice.

9.6 Computation of Seniority After Uninterrupted Service - In the event an employee with more than one (1) year Company seniority is laid off or transferred to a

(b) If he/she returns to the status of an employee after twelve (12) months have elapsed, his/her Company seniority upon return may be that which he/she had on the effective date of such layoff or transfer.

ARTICLE 10

Contracting Out and Technological Change

10.1 No employee shall be laid off by the Company as a direct result of the contracting out of work or the assignment of duties to non-bargaining unit personnel.

10.2 The technological change provisions of Part I of the Canada Labour Code, as amended from time to time, shall be deemed to be incorporated herein.

10.3 Prior to implementing technological change, the Company agrees to consult with the Union, with a minimum two-week notice period prior to implementation regarding the nature and extent of the change, the planned timing, and the anticipated effect the change will have on staff and operations.

ARTICLE 11

Employee Benefits

11.1 Existing Benefits - The Company recognizes that as of January 13, 1994, the employees in the bargaining unit enjoyed certain benefits and privileges not referred to herein. The Company agrees not to alter or change these practices in such manner as to discriminate against employees in the bargaining unit.

11.2 Sick Leave - Sick leave means the period of time an employee is absent from work (if more than two (2) hours) by virtue of being sick or disabled. When taken ill or incapacitated, the employee shall notify his/her supervisor, as soon as possible, or at least four (4) hours before his/her shift commences, except for employees on a morning shift where at least one (1) hour's notice will be given.

An employee who is incapacitated for duty through illness shall be paid for the time off from work for such illness or accident for up to six (6) months. Should such illness or accident exceed this six- (6) month period, the

employee must apply before the expiry period for Long Term Disability Benefits. Sick leave with pay may not apply to an employee during the first three (3) months of employment.

- (a) Where such leave extends to three (3) or more consecutive days, the Company may require a doctor's certificate, or other satisfactory evidence to substantiate this leave. For illness of less than three (3) days, the Company may require that the employee provide a written declaration of illness.
- (b) At its time and expense, it is agreed that the Company may require an employee to undergo a medical examination by a qualified practitioner acceptable to the employee and Employer. This may be required when it is necessary to establish the state of health of a particular employee or to prevent abuse of the Company's sick leave policy. At the time of the examination, the employee will be advised whether he/she is well enough to work. If the employee so requests in writing, the results of any such examination will be conveyed to the employee's personal physician. It is understood that without the express written approval of the employee, confidential medical information may not be provided to others. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is understood that the Company shall be entitled to receipt of information as to whether an employee is well enough to return to work.
- (c) It is understood that any reports or certifications required by the Company would be at the Company's expense.

11.2.1 Absence because of illness or incapacity shall not interrupt an employee's vacation credits for a period of up to six (6) months only.

11.2.2 Except for those incapacitated by a work-related illness or injury, employees who are absent due to illness or incapacity for a period of six (6) months, and who do not qualify for the Long Term Disability payment in the Company Plan, shall be deemed to have voluntarily quit their employment with the Company.

It is the responsibility of the employee to make application to the Insurance Company prior to the expiry of the Company's six-month full-pay provisions. Employees who fail to apply or do not meet the requirements for disability payments will be deemed to have voluntarily resigned their position within the Company.

Except for those incapacitated by a work-related illness or injury, employees who are unable to return to the job classification on a regular full-time basis, having been on Long Term Disability for a period of two (2) years will have voluntarily resigned their position within the Company.

11.3 **Maternity Leave/Child Care** - The Company, shall grant maternity leave of absence for a period of seventeen (17) weeks without pay. Upon application, the Company shall grant up to an additional twenty-four (24) weeks child care leave without pay. During the maternity and child care leave, seniority credits and fringe benefits contained in Article **11.4** continue to apply and the Company shall pay its share of the cost of such benefits. Vacation credits and payment for holidays shall not apply while on maternity leave. This Article

shall also apply for the legal adoption of a child, except the legal adoption of a spouse's child.

It is recognized that with respect to maternity leave, Article 11.3 fulfills the Company's obligations under Sections 206 to 209 of the Canada Labour Code, which is posted at the station.

11.3.1 A male employee shall be entitled to paternity leave of two (2) days, with pay, at the time of the birth or adoption of a child.

11.4 Medical and **Group**' Insurance - The Company agrees to continue in full force and effect for regular full-time seniority employees, during the term of this Agreement, its existing Health and Welfare coverage, or its equivalent; and contribution towards the cost, which **may** be improved during the duration of the Agreement, shall be:

1. Group Life Insurance - Company contribution seventy percent (70%)
2. Accidental Death and Dismemberment - Company contribution seventy percent (70%)
3. Long Term Disability - Employee contribution one hundred percent (100%)
4. Healthguard - Company contribution seventy percent (70%)
5. Dental Plan - Company contribution seventy percent (70%)

6. Dependent Life - Spouse - \$5,000.00
Child - \$2,500.00
Company contribution seventy percent (70%)
7. Pension Plan - as per Company's present policy - Company contribution five percent (5.0%) of basic earnings.
8. Short Term Disability - Company contribution one hundred percent (100%).
9. Ontario Hospital Insurance Plan (OHIP) - 100% company paid through the Employer Health Tax (EHT).
10. Vision Care - Company contribution seventy percent (70%).
11. Occupational **AD&D** Coverage - Company contribution one hundred percent (100%).

11.4.1 Where the Company discharges or suspends for at least one (1) month an employee who is entitled to coverage and who has completed the probationary period and has filed a grievance disputing such discharge or suspension, benefits set out in the welfare provisions of the Agreement shall cease for the employee. The Company shall, within one (1) week of the discharge or suspension, send by registered mail to the address of the employee on record with the Company, a copy of this provision of the Collective Agreement, together with the amount of premium required and the dates when such are due.

11.4.2 The employee may, at his/her option, reply in writing, within two (2) weeks from the filing of his/her grievance on the discharge or suspension, to the Company for continued coverage under this Article, and pay to the Company the amount of any premiums to provide the employee with the benefits set out in this Article during the period subsequent to his/her discharge or suspension, whichever is applicable.

The Arbitrator, if the grievance is successful, shall be limited to reimbursement to the employee for welfare to the amounts paid by the employee for coverage maintenance during such aforementioned periods.

11.5 Pension Plan - The Pension Plan in existence at the signing of this Agreement shall apply during the term of this Agreement, subject to the terms and/or conditions of Provincial and/or Federal legislation. The Plan requires mandatory participation after an employee has both one year of service and attained the age of thirty. Each employee enrolled in the Pension Plan shall receive annually a statement of his/her contributions to the end of each Plan year.

11.6 Bereavement leave - All employees will be granted a leave of absence without loss of pay for bereavement leave for purposes of arranging for and attending the funeral as follows:

Up to five (5) consecutive working days in the event of the death of a spouse (includes common-law spouse) or child. Up to three (3) consecutive working days in the event of the death in the immediate family (parent, step-parent, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, maternal and paternal

grandparents, grandchildren, legal guardian, and any relative permanently residing with the employee or with whom the employee resides.)

Where the burial occurs outside a two hundred and forty (240) kilometer radius of the station, such leave shall also include reasonable travel time. Total leave under this Article shall not exceed seven (7) days. It is understood that such leave with pay will apply only to days on which the employee normally would be required to work. Where the funeral and internment occur at different times, one day off with pay will be provided for the internment, in addition to any required travel time as outlined herein.

11.6.1 The Company will consider requests for specified leave for emergencies (e.g., birth of a child, critical illness in the immediate family). However, the payment for such leave will be at the sole discretion of the Employer.

11.6.2 The Company will grant time off, as in the past, to employees for medical, dental and eye appointments where reasonable notice is given and subject to operational requirements.

11.7 Witness or Jury Duty - Employees called to serve on juries or to obey a subpoena shall receive their regular salaries during such periods, less the fees received for such service provided the employee returns to work if he/she is released from jury duty prior to 1:00 p.m. An employee serving on a jury will not be assigned to work on evenings or weekends during such jury service.

11.8 Leave of Absence - The Company will consider, on an individual basis, all requests for long-term leaves of absence without pay and will not unreasonably deny any request..

11.9 Educational Assistance - The Company agrees to continue its educational assistance for employees in the bargaining unit. Financial assistance will be provided to employees who successfully complete (i.e., Grade of C, 65%, or above) course(s) that have been approved by their manager and the Human Resources Department. The employee's Manager and the Human Resources Department may grant approval only if the successful completion of the course can be reasonably expected to upgrade the employee's potential, not only to the employee, but to the Company.

ARTICLE 12

Travel Provisions and Expenses

12.1 Transportation - The Company shall reimburse each employee for all necessary travelling and other expenses when such travel is authorized by the Company. Use of the employee's own automobile for transportation in connection with his/her assigned duties must be previously authorized before reimbursement will be made.

12.1.1 In such authorized cases the Company shall reimburse the employee at the rate of thirty cents (30¢) per kilometer, with a minimum payment of three dollars (\$3.00) for each completed trip (i.e., a trip is completed each time an employee returns to base). The Company shall have the right to determine the method of transportation used except that the use of public motor buses

shall not be required when other methods of transportation are available. Employees shall not be required to use their own automobiles unless they consent thereto. Employees shall be reimbursed as promptly as possible, but not more than four (4) weeks after their submission for all authorized expenses made for and on behalf of their assignments, as provided herein, upon submitting a statement for approval on forms prescribed by the Company.

12.1.2 The Company agrees to maintain adequate liability insurance on all vehicles owned or rented by the Company which it requests an employee to drive. Said vehicles will be maintained in a safe operating condition. Employees shall not be penalized for accidents with the Company vehicles while on an assignment except in cases of proven negligence or impairment.

12.1.3 Employees shall be credited with all time used during their day's assignments in which travelling is authorized.

12.1.4 When employees are called in, or are working overtime and are required to begin or end a tour of duty at a time when public or other transportation is not available, taxi fare home will be provided, when required, to a maximum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) upon submission of a proper receipt.

12.2 Expenses - When an employee is required to work "out-of-town", he/she shall be reimbursed for the cost of any meal required during his/her regular meal period as follows:

	<u>Sept. 1/96</u>	<u>Sept. 1/97</u>	<u>Sept. 1/98</u>
Breakfast	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$7.00
Lunch	14.00	15.00	15.00
Dinner	<u>20.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL	\$40.00	\$41.00	\$42.00

Where exceptional conditions require higher expenses than those contained herein, the Company will, with prior approval, provide an additional amount based on conditions at the location concerned.

12.3 Definition of Location and Location Expenses - For the purposes of this Agreement, the following definition of "location" shall apply:

- (a) "Local" location is considered to be any point within a forty (40) kilometer radius of the station.
- (b) "Out-of-Town" location shall be any point beyond the limits defined as "Local" location.

12.3.1 Employees on "out-of-town" assignments requiring overnight accommodation shall receive single occupancy 3 Diamond accommodation as per CA4 standards at Company expense when available at the location concerned.

12.3.2 Expense Advance - If an employee requests it, cash will be advanced to him/her in the equivalent of the estimated amount of approved expenses expected to be incurred on the assignment. Each employee must give an accounting of his/her expenses together with receipts within five (5) days after completion of the assignment.

12.3.3 Except in late breaking news assignments, the Company will use its best efforts to provide affected employees with one (1) week's notice of out-of-town assignments.

ARTICLE 13

Annual Vacation and Paid Holidays

13.1 Annual Vacations - Employees shall be entitled to an annual vacation with pay based on their regular rate in effect at the time the vacation is taken. Vacation credits shall be computed as of June 30th of each year, and earned in the following manner:

- (a) Less than 24 months employment - 5/6 day for each completed month of employment (i.e., 2 calendar weeks per year).
- (b) 24 months to 96 months (8 years) - 1 1/4 days for each completed month of employment (i.e., 3 calendar weeks) for employees with two (2) years of seniority but less than eight (8) years of seniority.
- (c) 8 years (96 months) to 20 years (240 months) - 1 2/3 days for each completed month of employment (i.e., 4 calendar weeks) for employees with eight (8) years of seniority but less than twenty (20) years of seniority.
- (d) 20 years (240 months) or more - 2 1/12 days for each completed month of employment (i.e., 5

calendar weeks) for employees with twenty (20) years of seniority.

RECAP

Service:

Company Seniority Computed as of <u>June 30 of each Year</u>	Duration of Vacation in <u>Working Days</u>
Less than 24 months	5/6 day/month (10 days)
24 to 96 months	15 days
96 to 240 months	20 days
240 months or more	25 days

13.1.1 If employment is terminated for any reason, accrued vacation credits shall be liquidated in cash.

13.1.2 The vacation year shall be from July 1st to June 30th. When the projected vacation is to begin and/or end during the months of July and August, the following procedure shall apply:

The Company will post a vacation planner on March 1st in each location. Employees shall submit their requests on the planner by Noon March 31st. Approved vacation schedules will be posted no later than May 1st.

When the projected vacation falls outside of July and August, the following procedure shall apply:

The employee's application shall be submitted, in writing, to the supervisor at least sixty (60) days in advance of the projected vacation and the Company

shall confirm the granting or denial of such dates forty (40) days before the start of the vacation.

The Company will post any unused vacation credits on January 15th of each vacation year. Each listed employee shall have until March 31st to schedule his unused vacation credits within the current vacation year. Any unscheduled vacation credits remaining after March 31st will be assigned by the Company within the time remaining in the current vacation year, provided the employee is given two (2) weeks notice of the assigned vacation.

As in the past, the Company will not unreasonably deny requests for vacation schedules on short notice. Where employees require long-term notice of vacation schedules to plan and confirm travel arrangements, the Company will endeavour to confirm the granting or denial of such vacation requests.

The parties recognize that the scheduling of vacations is subject to the operational needs of the Company. Within this restriction, the parties agree that preference in the scheduling of vacation shall be given to employees within a functional group on the basis of seniority.

13.1.3 Every employee shall be entitled to have at least two (2) weeks of his/her vacation period scheduled consecutively and request for additional consecutive vacation entitlement will not unreasonably be denied.

13.1.4 In special circumstances, with the written agreement of the Company, employees may be allowed to waive their vacation period or a portion thereof, and allow their vacation credits to be held over to the next vacation year.

13.2 Paid Holidays - The Company recognizes the following as paid holidays:

New Year's Day	Canada Day
Good Friday	Labour Day
Victoria Day	Thanksgiving Day
Civic Holiday	Christmas Day
	Boxing Day

In addition to the holidays listed above, one (1) additional day within the calendar year shall be available to the employee having at least six (6) months of Company seniority as of December 31st of the first year of employment, and shall be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.

When one of the holidays listed above falls on a Sunday and the day following is proclaimed a holiday by Federal, Provincial, or Municipal Authority, the Sunday shall be deemed to be the holiday for the purposes of this Agreement, except for those employees who regularly work Monday through Friday, in which case the proclaimed day shall be the holiday.

13.2.1 Employees shall be compensated for the above holidays in the following manner:

- (a) If the holiday falls on a regular working day and the employee is not required to work, he/she shall receive his normal basic pay for such day (eight (8) hours at the straight time rate).
- (b) If the holiday falls on a regularly scheduled day off or during the vacation period, the employee may

add one (1) day to his/her annual leave or be given one (1) day off with pay at a mutually agreeable time.

- (c) If a holiday falls on a scheduled work day and the employee is required to work, he/she shall receive two and one-half (2½) times his/her basic rate (which amount shall include his/her basic rate) with a minimum credit of eight (8) hours.
- (d) If the holiday falls on a scheduled day off and an employee is required to work, he/she shall receive three (3) times his/her basic rate with a minimum credit of eight (8) hours.
- (e) Any time worked in excess of eight (8) hours on a holiday shall be compensated at one-half (1/2) the basic rate in addition to the rates provided in (c) and (d) above.

13.2.2 With respect to Article 13.2.1 (c), an employee, at his/her own option, shall be permitted to add one (1) day off to his/her annual leave or be given one (1) day off with pay at a mutually agreeable time, and this shall result in a reduction of eight (8) hours times the basic rate only from the holiday payment earned under Article 13.2.1, (c). The employee shall indicate his/her option on the weekly time sheet for such holiday.

13.3 Before November 1st of each year the employees will advise the Company of their preference of days off to be scheduled over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The employee's choice of days off shall be considered on the basis of Company seniority within the employee's job assignment, and each employee, if

he/she so requests, shall be scheduled off on either Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

13.4 In order to be eligible for pay on a Statutory holiday an employee must:

- a) have worked thirty (30) days with the Company;
- b) have worked fifteen (15) days during the thirty (30) calendar days immediately preceding the general holiday (vacations and reserve time are considered as time worked);
- c) worked the scheduled day after the holiday.

ARTICLE 14

Hours and Scheduling of Work

14.1 Work Week - The forty (40) hour work week shall commence at 12:01 a.m. Thursday. The Union agrees that the work week commencing at 12:01 a.m. Thursday may be changed to commence at 12:01 a.m. on another day of the week, such as Sunday or Monday, should the Company determine to do so. In such event, the Union will be advised of such change one (1) month in advance and the Company agrees to assist employees with temporary advances to adapt to any new pay system resulting therefrom. The work day shall consist of a minimum eight (8) consecutive hours. The work day shall be inclusive of all meal periods or break periods.

The Company will continue the present practice of scheduling two (2) consecutive days off for each employee. These two (2) consecutive days off may be

in separate work weeks, i.e., Wednesday and Thursday. No employee shall be required to work more than seven (7) consecutive tours of duty.

14.2 Tour of Duty - A tour of duty or tour shall mean the authorized and/or approved time worked by an employee during a day, calculated to the end of the last quarter (¼) hour in which work was performed. If a tour of duty extends beyond midnight, it shall be considered as falling wholly within the calendar day in which it starts. There shall be no assignment of split shifts.

14.3 Overtime - The parties agree that operational requirements may require overtime to be worked. It is further agreed that employees have the right to refuse to work overtime hours scheduled prior to the day in question. Should all employees in the job classification refuse to work the scheduled overtime, then the Company may assign the work to any employee who can be reached and who, in the Company's opinion, is qualified to do the job.

14.3.1 The Company will use its best efforts to assign overtime in a fair and equitable manner.

14.3.2 All scheduled time worked in excess of eight (8) hours in any one (1) day shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times the basic hourly rate of the employee. Employees shall be compensated at twice the basic hourly rate for all hours worked in excess of four (4) overtime hours in a tour of duty.

14.4 Posting of Schedules - Each employee's work schedule shall be posted by 4:00 p.m., two Fridays prior

to the week covered by the work schedule. The schedule shall state clearly daily starting and finishing time and days off. Within this posting period, there shall be no change to an employee's scheduled days off, from the Friday one week before the weekly schedule is in effect, without the consent of the employee. Notice of change in starting time shall be given as much in advance as possible, but not later than 1:00 p.m. of the employee's last working day, prior to the day in question. If such notice is not given, the hours outside of those originally scheduled shall be payable at one and one-half (1½) times the basic rate.

When an employee is on duty, the Company will be deemed to have given notice when such notice is posted and the Company has made every reasonable effort to reach the employee. If the employee is off duty, the Company will notify the employee directly.

It is the intent of the foregoing to ensure that each employee shall be apprised of his/her daily work schedule at the earliest possible time.

14.5 Scheduled Days Off - A day off shall consist of twenty-four (24) hours plus a turnaround period of twelve (12) hours for a total of thirty-six (36) hours. Where two (2) or more days off are taken consecutively, or in conjunction with a paid holiday or leave of absence, only one (1) turnaround period shall apply.

14.6 Work on Scheduled Days Off - When an employee agrees to work on a scheduled day off, work performed on that day shall be compensated at one and one-half (1½) times the basic rate, with a minimum credit of four (4) hours. When an employee works on a second day

off, after having worked on his/her first day off, work performed on the second day off shall be compensated at two (2) times the basic rate, with a minimum credit of eight (8) hours. When an employee works in excess of eight (8) hours on a scheduled day off, the employee shall be compensated at one-half (½) the basic hourly rate, in addition to the rates provided above.

14.6.1 Notice of cancellation of assigned work on a scheduled day off or on a holiday shall be given no later than the fourth (4th) hour of the previous shift of the employee concerned. If such notice is not given, the employee shall receive a minimum of four (4) hours pay at the basic rate, computed separately from the work week.

14.7 Turnaround - A turnaround period is the period of at least twelve (12) hours between the end of one (1) tour of duty and the commencement of the next tour of duty, or between the end of a call-back and the commencement of the next tour of duty, whichever is later.

14.7.1 All time worked which encroaches on the turnaround period shall be paid for at an additional one-half (½) the basic hourly rate computed separately from the work week except as provided in Article 14.7.3.

14.7.2 In the event a turnaround period is less than four (4) hours, the shift shall be considered continuous.

14.7.3 No payment shall be made for the following encroachments:

- (a) On a swing-in shift, on a regular rotating shift pattern, which occurs in conjunction with an employee's day off.
- (b) On a shift where an employee is released from duty to attend labour/management meetings.
- (c) Where an employee has been called back to work during the turnaround period in accordance with Article 14.8.

14.8 Call-Back - Should an employee, who has completed his tour of duty, be called back to work, he/she shall be paid at the time and one-half (1½) rate with a minimum credit of four (4) hours.

14.8.1 An employee, at his/her own discretion, may refuse to work call-back as outlined in Article 14.8 and he/she shall not be penalized for such refusal. Should all qualified employees who could be reached refuse a call-back, the Company can assign the work to anyone in that functional group.

14.9 Temporary Upgrades -

- (a) Whenever an employee is assigned a **task** in a classification with a higher rate of pay, the Employer agrees to pay an additional amount with a minimum credit of two (2) hours as follows:

Effective September 1, 1996 - \$1.15 per hour
 Effective September 1, 1997 - \$1.20 per hour
 Effective September 1, 1998 - \$1.25 per hour

- (b) Where the employee is designated by the Company to temporarily act in a supervisory position not covered by this Agreement, the **employee** so designated shall be entitled to the upgrading set forth in Article 14.9 (a).

14.9.1 Without his/her consent, no employee shall be permanently transferred or assigned to a position outside the bargaining unit and the employee will not be penalized for such refusal.

14.10 Excessive Hours and Safety - The Company shall not assign excessive hours of work to employees. The Company also agrees to give proper attention to the elimination of working conditions which are a hazard to the health and safety of employees.

14.10.1 Where the Health and Safety Committee and the Canada Labour Code, Part II, require it, the Company agrees to supply protective clothing and/or safety devices for employees on assignments (e.g., remotes, towers), where conditions require their use and to supply other special attire where required.

14.10.2 A first-aid kit will be maintained in the control room area in each studio, on all locations and in all Company vehicles. All vehicles provided by the Company for travel to and from remote sites shall contain: first aid kits, basic tools, survival equipment (blanket, tow rope, battery cables) and a safety partition. The technical vehicle shall also be equipped with a radiotelephone in good working order (where operable).

14.10.3 All ladders used on electrical outlets, scaffolding and platforms must be in compliance with Safety laws.

- 14.10.4** No employee shall be disciplined or discharged for refusal to work on a job in any work place or to operate any equipment where he/she has reasonable grounds to believe that it would be unsafe or unhealthy to do so or where it would be contrary to applicable Federal, Provincial, or Municipal regulations or legislation. Where, in such circumstances, the employee does not work, he/she shall not suffer a loss of pay.
- 14.10.5** The Company shall provide reasonable inspections and necessary repairs to VDT's and CRT's to ensure that equipment meets pertinent Federal or Provincial standards. The Company will provide for employees who are pregnant and who operate VDT's or CRT's protective screens for the duration of the pregnancy.
- 14.10.6** A Joint Health and Safety Committee shall be constituted consisting of an equal number of representatives of Management and the Union, which shall identify potential dangers and health hazards, and obtain information from the Company or other persons respecting the identification of hazards and health and safety experience and work practices and standards elsewhere. The committee shall meet at least once a month. Notes shall be taken of all meetings and copies shall be sent to the Company and the Union. Time spent on the Safety Committee to attend meetings or inspections will be considered as time worked.
- 14.10.7** Two (2) representatives of the Joint Health and Safety Committee, one (1) from management and one (1) from the Union, shall make annual inspections of the work place and equipment and shall report to the Health

- and Safety Committee the results of their inspection. Time spent on such inspections shall be considered as time worked.
- 14.10.8** The Joint Health and Safety Committee shall have access to any work related accident reports submitted to the Insurance Company and the government or its agencies.
- 14.10.9** In the case of hazardous, inclement weather, no reasonable request for assistance in servicing remote sites will be denied.
- 14.11 ENG/EFP** - In the operation of ENG/EFP cameras and related equipment, it is understood the camera operator will not be unreasonably denied assistance when it is requested.
- 14.12** Reserve Time - An employee may elect to receive time off in lieu of any overtime or credit for work performed on days off or paid holidays. Such time off shall be based on the actual rate of the penalty of premium time earned (e.g., eight (8) hours at one and one-half (1½) times basic pay equal twelve (12) hours credit) and shall be in lieu of such payment. The reserve time must normally be taken within thirty (30) days at a time mutually acceptable to the employee and the immediate manager. Time may not be accumulated outside this thirty (30) days without a specific date assigned, and without the manager's approval.

ARTICLE 15

Meal Periods and Break Periods

- 15.1** First Meal Period - The present practice of employees receiving a first meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes, and not more than sixty (60) minutes, shall be continued. Should an employee not receive his/her normal meal period as in the past, the employee shall add thirty (30) minutes to the tour of duty to be paid at the appropriate rate.
- 15.2** Second Meal Period - A second meal period of not less than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour, and not more than one (1) hour's duration shall be received in tours of duty of more than ten (10) hours, during which a first meal period was received. If an employee does not receive a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour second meal period, one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour will be added to the tour of duty to be paid at the appropriate rate.
- 15.3** In no event shall an employee be required to work more than six (6) hours without a meal period, except in the case of a broadcast "on-air" emergency.
- 15.4** The present practice of employees receiving reasonable rest periods will be continued. Rest periods shall be taken so as not to interfere with the efficient operation of the station and they will not be deducted from the hours of work.

ARTICLE 16

General Wage Provisions and Wages

- 16.1** Employees shall be paid according to the wage scale of the classification for which they are hired and/or assigned, at the time of hiring. Should an employee be hired at a rate of pay above the start level in his classification, he shall progress from that point upwards on his semi-annual or annual anniversary date of hire.
- 16.2** Progression up the salary scale within each classification shall automatically occur on the first complete pay period of the month following nearest to the employee's semi-annual or annual anniversary date of hire, transfer or promotion to the wage classification.
- 16.3** When an employee is transferred into a higher pay classification he/she shall immediately move into the higher salary scale and receive a salary increase which is at least the equivalent of one (1) full increment in his/her former group, plus the amount necessary to place the employee on step in the new group. and shall progress upward on the annual or semi-annual anniversary date of his/her upgrading. One (1) full increment means the increase in pay that the employee would have next received had he/she remained in his/her former classification, or if the employee is at the top of his/her scale, the increase he/she last received in reaching the top rate.
- 16.4** Twice the weekly salary (i.e., salary after a reasonable portion of the total monthly deductions have been made) plus any approved overtime and penalty payments

Group 7 - Vacant

	SEPTEMBER 1, 1996			SEPTEMBER 1, 1997			SEPTEMBER 1, 1998		
	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	Annual	Weekly	Hourly
Start	\$19,912	\$383	\$9.57	\$20,112	\$387	\$9.67	\$20,514	\$394	\$9.86
6 months	20,765	399	9.98	20,973	403	10.08	21,392	411	10.28
Level 1	21,619	416	10.39	21,835	420	10.50	22,272	428	10.71
Level 2	22,757	438	10.94	22,985	442	11.05	23,444	451	11.27
Level 3	24,179	465	11.62	24,421	470	11.74	24,909	479	11.98
Level 4	26,110	503	12.58	26,432	508	12.71	26,960	518	12.96
Level 5	28,446	547	13.68	28,730	553	13.81	29,305	564	14.09

Group 6 - Photo/ENG, Operators, Traffic

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Group 5 - Editor

	SEPTEMBER 1, 1996			SEPTEMBER 1, 1997			SEPTEMBER 1, 1998		
	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	Annual	Weekly	Hourly
Stan	\$19,449	\$374	\$9.35	\$19,644	\$378	\$9.44	\$20,037	\$385	\$9.63
6 months	20,283	390	9.75	20,486	394	9.85	20,895	402	10.05
Level 1	21,116	406	10.15	21,327	410	10.25	21,754	418	10.46
Level 2	22,228	427	10.69	22,450	432	10.79	22,899	440	11.01
Level 3	23,616	454	11.35	23,852	459	11.47	24,329	468	11.70
Level 4	25,561	492	12.29	25,817	496	12.41	26,333	506	12.66
Level 5	27,784	534	13.36	28,062	540	13.49	28,623	550	13.76

Start	\$21,258	\$409	\$10.22	\$21,470	\$413	\$10.32	\$21,900	\$421	\$10.53
6 months	22,169	426	10.66	22,390	431	10.76	22,838	439	10.98
Level 1	23,081	444	11.10	23,311	448	11.21	23,778	457	11.43
Level 2	24,295	467	11.68	24,538	472	11.80	25,029	481	12.03
Level 3	25,813	496	12.41	26,071	501	12.53	26,593	511	12.78
Level 4	27,939	537	13.43	28,218	513	13.57	28,783	554	13.84
Level 5	30,368	584	14.60	30,672	590	14.75	31,286	602	15.04

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Group 9 - Creative Writer

	SEPTEMBER 1, 1996			SEPTEMBER 1, 1997			SEPTEMBER 1, 1998		
	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	Annual	Weekly	Hourly
Start	\$22,027	\$424	\$10.59	\$22,247	\$428	\$10.70	\$22,692	\$436	\$10.91
6 months	22,970	442	11.04	23,200	446	11.15	23,664	455	11.38
Level 1	23,915	460	11.50	24,154	465	11.61	24,637	474	11.84
Level 2	25,174	484	12.10	25,425	489	12.22	25,934	499	12.47
Level 3	26,746	514	12.86	27,014	519	12.99	27,554	530	13.25
Level 4	28,950	557	13.92	29,239	562	14.06	29,824	574	14.34
Level 5	31,467	605	15.13	31,782	611	15.28	32,417	623	15.59

Groups 10 and 11 - Vacant

	SEPTEMBER 1, 1996			SEPTEMBER 1, 1997			SEPTEMBER 1, 1998		
	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	Annual	Weekly	Hourly
Start	\$31,775	\$611	\$15.28	\$32,093	\$617	\$15.43	\$32,735	\$630	\$15.74
6 months	33,046	635	15.89	33,376	642	16.05	34,044	655	16.37
Level 1	34,317	660	16.50	34,660	667	16.66	35,353	680	17.00
Level 2	36,435	701	17.52	36,800	708	17.69	37,536	722	18.05
Level 3	38,977	750	18.74	39,367	757	18.93	40,154	772	19.30
Level 4	42,367	815	20.37	42,790	823	20.57	43,646	839	20.98

Group 14 - Sr. Technician

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Group 12 - Jr. Technician

	SEPTEMBER 1, 1996			SEPTEMBER 1, 1997			SEPTEMBER 1, 1998		
	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	Annual	Weekly	Hourly
Start	\$23,835	\$458	\$11.46	\$24,074	\$463	\$11.57	\$24,555	\$472	\$11.81
6 months	24,856	478	11.95	25,105	483	12.07	25,607	492	12.31
Level 1	25,878	498	12.44	26,137	503	12.57	26,660	513	12.82
Level 2	27,240	524	13.10	27,513	529	13.23	28,063	540	13.49
Level 3	28,943	557	13.91	29,232	562	14.05	29,817	573	14.33
Level 4	31,326	602	15.06	31,640	608	15.21	32,272	621	15.52
Level 5	34,050	655	16.37	34,390	661	16.53	35,078	675	16.86

Group 13 - Vacant



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ARTICLE 17

Effective Date and Duration

Any employee overscale shall receive a cash payment equal to two percent (2%) in year one; one percent (1%) in year two; and two percent (2%) in year three of his/her annual base salary on September 1st of the applicable year. Any employee on the grid who receives less than the bargained percentage increases, shall receive the difference between his/her general wage increase in the form of a lump sum payment.

Note: Weekly rates are taken to nearest dollar for information purposes only.

6.8.1 The rates in the above scales are minimum rates

6.8.2 For purposes of computation and this Agreement the basic hourly rate of the employee shall be 1/40 the weekly salary set forth above.

16.9 Stand-By - Maintenance Technicians, ENG Camera operators and Photojournalists assigned to standby during their off hours shall be compensated at the rate of one dollar and thirty-four cents (\$1.34) per hour. However, when assigned to standby on a scheduled day off, a minimum payment of thirty-two dollars (\$32) shall be paid. Standby shall be computed separately from the work week and shall be paid in addition to any payment required under the Agreement for time worked.

17.1 This Agreement shall commence on September 1, 1996 and shall remain in full force until August 31, 1999.

17.2 In the event that prior to the expiration date of this Agreement either party desires to negotiate a new Agreement, notice in writing by registered mail or fax shall be given to the other party not less than thirty (30) days and not more than ninety (90) days prior to the expiry date of this Agreement. In the event such notice is given, this Agreement shall continue in full force, until a new Agreement is concluded or until a lawful strike or lockout is executed, pursuant to the provisions of the Canada Labour Code, whichever first occurs.

17.3 Upon receipt of notice from either party of a desire to negotiate a new Agreement as provided in Article 17.2 above, a meeting shall be held between the parties within twenty (20) days for the purpose of negotiations and further meetings shall be held as frequently as possible until settlement is reached, or until either party makes application for conciliation.

17.4 If neither party gives notice of termination nor a desire to negotiate a new Agreement, this Agreement shall be automatically renewed for a further period of one (1) year..

17.5 The parties to this Agreement declare that it contains responsibilities and obligations for each such party and that in signing the Agreement, it binds the

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parties during the Agreement to do everything they are required to do by the Agreement and to refrain from doing anything they are not permitted to do by the Agreement. The parties further understand and declare that in case any provisions of this Agreement are now or hereafter, inconsistent with any statute of Canada or any Order-in-Council or regulations passed thereunder such provisions shall be to that extent deemed null and void or shall be applied in such manner as will conform with law.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE CAUSED THIS AGREEMENT TO BE EXECUTED BY THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES THIS 17th DAY OF JULY, 1996.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 1

EMPLOYMENT EQUITY (EE)

The parties jointly agree and support the goals of Employment Equity in our society. Both parties also recognize that special efforts will be necessary to improve the opportunities for permanent employment of designated group members. The parties desire to make those efforts without -

- a) lowering the high standards of performance expected of employees and co-workers, and;
- b) placing any quotas or targets on the number of designated group members who must be hired.

To take action on our beliefs, the parties have agreed to the following undertaking:

1. EE Scholarships and EE Co-operative Placement

In support of MCTV's Scholarship Program for designated group members, EE co-operative work placement will be made available to students from these groups as one method of increasing their qualifications for future vacancies. While the work terms will include "hand-on" experience, the students shall not be allowed to displace full-time employees.

2. EE Summer Jobs

Each summer for the term of this Agreement, the Company will post for a maximum of two (2) part-time/term vacancies in the bargaining unit, and one non-

union position, each of which will be designated for designated group applicants. These employees shall fall under all conditions of work provided for in this Agreement and by Company policy. The duration of the EE term vacancies will be a maximum of sixteen (16) weeks in each year. The Company may apply for government grants to offset the cost of providing these opportunities.

3. EE Term Employment

The parties agree that a maximum of one (1) term or permanent vacancy occurring in any year of the Agreement will be designated as a maximum one year EE term vacancy for a designated group member. The successful applicant shall fall under all conditions of work provided for in this Agreement and by Company policy. At the conclusion of the term, the employee will be terminated from our employ. If a full-time vacancy was designated as the term placement, the job will then be posted as a regular full-time vacancy. The Company shall not designate the EE term vacancy two years in succession.

This Letter of Understanding may be terminated by either party being given ninety (90) days written notice.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 2

DISABLED EMPLOYEES

The parties to this Agreement acknowledge their joint obligation to try and assist employees who become disabled as a result of an injury/illness, to return to meaningful employment at MCTV. To effect that shared belief, the parties have agreed to the following for the term of the Collective Agreement:

- a) During an employee's rehabilitative stage, the employee may be temporarily assigned to perform bargaining unit work without having to comply with the provisions of Article 9.2 (Vacancies) provided that no employee is displaced by the disabled employee. All other terms of the Collective Agreement would apply to the disabled employee.
- b) Once the employee's rehabilitation is complete, the parties will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the disabled employee in his/her former job. Where this is not practicable, the displaced employee may not displace any employee, but may be awarded any full-time, temporary or term position, without regard to the seniority provisions of the Agreement. The employee must still be able to demonstrate that he/she has the skills, qualifications and abilities to perform the job in accordance with Company standards.

This Letter of Understanding may be terminated by either party being given ninety (90) days written notice.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 3**LABOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The parties agree to the formation of a Labour Management committee (LMC), consisting of two (2) Union and two (2) Company representatives, one of whom will be the Station Manager and the Local President. The committee will meet regularly (but not less frequently than semi-monthly) to discuss matters relating to the administration of this agreement, and general matters relating to employee and Company concerns.

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