

Public Law Board No. 1922

PARTIES
TO
DISPUTE:

United Transportation Union (Switchmen)

and

Southern Pacific Transportation Company

STATEMENT
OF
CLAIM:

Org. File O 72-96 Co. YDM 148-15877

Claim is made for a day's pay at the yard rate of payment applicable for the three senior switchmen standing for service at 2:15 P.M. August 12, 1972, Oakland Yard.

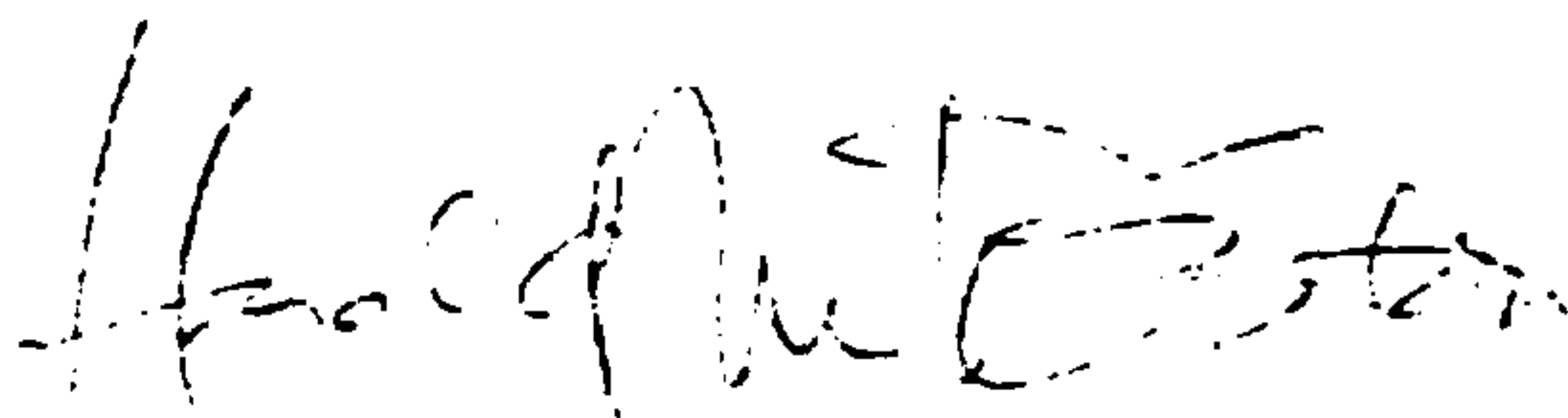
FINDINGS:

In order to replace a broken coupler, carmen using an off-track tractor moved three cars a few car lengths along the pile track. It was necessary to separate the cars in order to begin the repairs. After the work was completed the tractor was again used by the carmen to recouple the cars with other cars on the same track. The track, normally used for switching rather than repair purposes, was blue flagged at the time and no switches were crossed.

The recoupling in this case was an essential part of the repair process since it was necessary to determine that the coupler repairs had been effectively made. The moves were on a track earmarked for repair functions at the time and were incidental to the repair function. The claim will be denied in line with our Award No. 83.

AWARD: Claim denied.


Adopted at San Francisco, California, *March 28*, 1979.



Harold M. Weston, Chairman



Carrier Member



Employee Member