

PUBLIC LAW BOARD NO. 2143

AWARD NO. 348

SEABOARD COAST LINE RAILROAD COMPANY

VS.

UNITED TRANSPORTATION UNION

STATEMENT OF CLAIM: "Claim of Hostler J. W. Lee and Helper C. S. Silcox for 100 miles account instructed to start Engine No. 863 with jumper cables account of dead batteries.

FINDINGS: On March 3, 1981, regularly assigned Hostler J. W. Lee and Helper C. S. Silcox were instructed by Trainmaster R. E. Hampton to move SCL engine 300 adjacent to engine number 853, in order to jump-start engine 863 which had defective batteries. Claimants performed this simple task, and each of them filed a penalty claim for one hundred (100) miles for alleged violation of Article 48(f) of the applicable agreement, reading as follows:

"(f) At points where hostlers and hostler helpers are provided, it will be their duty, assisted by other employees as the necessity of the service may require, to turn locomotives where necessary, supply fuel, water or sand on diesel-electric locomotives in addition to their other duties.


f(2) Hostler and Outside Hostler Helpers may be required, without additional pay, to perform any of the following duties:

- (1). set-up brake equipment & assemble diesel units as required.
- (2). couple and/or uncouple jumper cables, air hoses and appurtenances (but not steam hose) between diesel units.
- (3). checking out (but not repairing) brakes, sanders, headlights, bell, horn, radio or similar appurtenances.


- (4). supply units with signal flags, fuses, paper towels, drinking cups, drinking water, oil.
- (5). Moving diesel consists to and making coupling on head car of outbound trains, including cutting air to head car, pumping off brakes, and/or assisting in making brake test; or, reverse movement of cutting off from train and moving diesel consist to the shop area.
- (6). Transfer crew members on diesel unit or consist to or from the yard and on or off duty point.

It is the contention of the organization that claimants, in violation of Article 48(f)(3)(4), repaired the battery. This position is without merit. The agreement was not violated.

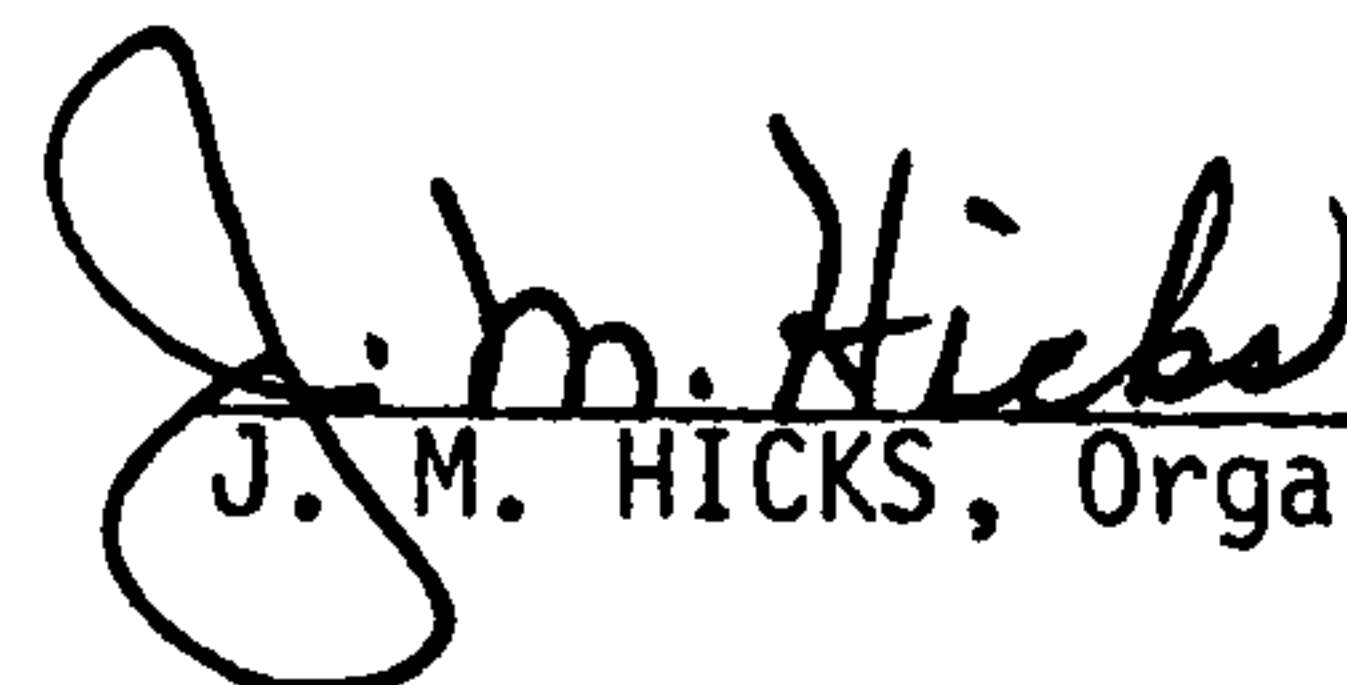
AWARD: Claim denied.



DAVID H. BROWN, Neutral Member



W. H. MORSE, JR., Carrier Member



J. M. HICKS, Organization Member

Jacksonville, Florida
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