

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 06-15

For the purpose of ratifying a collective bargaining agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local 701, tentative agreement.

Whereas, the Commission's designated representatives for labor relations have negotiated in good faith with IUOE; and

Whereas, the Commission's designated representatives for labor relations and the Union's designated bargaining representatives have reached a tentative agreement for a three-year collective bargaining agreement; and

Whereas, the tentative agreement is subject to ratification by a vote of the Union membership on behalf of the Union, and by a vote of the Commission on behalf of MERC; and


Whereas, the Union membership duly ratified the tentative agreement and Union leadership has formally signed the tentative agreement; and,

Whereas, MERC believes that the tentative agreement is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest,


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Commission hereby ratifies the tentative agreement attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.
2. The Commission hereby authorizes and directs the General Manager, or his delegate, to execute the collective bargaining agreement reflecting the terms of the tentative agreement on the Commission's behalf.

Passed by the Commission on October 5, 2006.

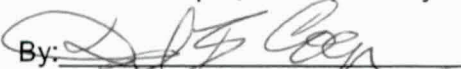


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MERC STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item/Issue: FOR THE PURPOSE OF RATIFYING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS (IUOE), LOCAL 701, TENTATIVE AGREEMENT.

Resolution no. 06-15

Date: October 5, 2006

Presented by: Rachel Bertoni

BACKGROUND:

IUOE 701 represents full and part time electricians and operating engineers at the Oregon Convention Center and Portland Center for the Performing Arts. Currently, there are 14 full time employees and 13 part time employees represented by IUOE. Their agreement expired on June 30, 2006. Negotiations began in May 2006 for a successor agreement. The negotiations concluded in September 2006. The union has ratified the agreement.

RESOLUTION 06-15:

The major elements of the tentative agreement are as follows:

Term of Agreement: Date of ratification to June 30, 2009.

Wages: Please refer to the wages listed as Attachment A to the contract for specific wage rates. Effective upon ratification, the wage rates will be increased by 3.0%. Effective July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2008 the rates will be increased by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (City of Portland, Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers—1982-84 Base) for the first half of the year as compared to the first half of the previous year with a minimum of 2% and a maximum of 4%.

Insurance: For full time employees, the contract continues to provide existing level of insurance benefits. As of ratification, MERC shall contribute \$727.12 per month for medical, dental and vision coverage; July 1, 2007 employer contribution shall be \$763.48; July 1, 2008 employer contribution shall be \$801.65.

Shift Differential: Shift differential increases by \$0.10 per hour over each year of the contract.

Language Changes: Significant language changes are listed below.

- Non-discrimination language was extended to include gender-identity, consistent with Metro/MERC's regulatory requirements.
- Management has agreed to provide two uniform shirts to each part-time employee during the contract term.

- Labor has agreed that employees will use personal holiday in increments of not less than four hours.

SHORT RANGE FISCAL IMPACT:

The costs of the collective bargaining agreement are within budgeted amounts.

LONG RANGE FISCAL IMPACT:

The costs of the collective bargaining agreement are within budgeted amounts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 06-15.

AGREEMENT

between

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

and

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

LOCAL UNION NO. 701, AFL-CIO

Effective upon ratification, – June 30, 2006

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PREAMBLE

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by the METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION, hereafter referred to as the "Employer," METRO, and INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, Local Union No. 701, AFL-CIO, hereafter referred to as the "Union", for the purpose of governing the wages and related fringe benefits of employees covered by this Agreement for the term specified herein.

The provisions of this Agreement shall be applied equally to all employees in the bargaining unit without discrimination as to age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, color, creed, religion, national origin, association or political affiliation, mental or physical disability.

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For purpose of ratification of this Agreement, changes in this Agreement, or strike votes, full-time and part-time employees are considered separate bargaining units.

Except as otherwise provided by law, regulation, or grant provisions, the PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1: BARGAINING UNIT

Employees covered by this Agreement shall be full-time and part-time maintenance and operating engineers and electricians performing work incidental to heating, air conditioning, ice-making, plumbing and electrical, and general maintenance of such equipment, all as may be directed by the Employer at any of its facilities including, but not limited to, Expo, the Oregon Convention Center, and the Portland Center for the Performing Arts which includes the Civic Auditorium, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, and the new Theater Building. The job classifications covered by this Agreement shall be Operating Engineer, Lead Operating Engineer, Electrician, Lead Electrician, Apprentice Engineer and Apprentice Electrician, or such equivalent job classifications as may be applicable. Nothing in this Article or in this Agreement shall restrict or limit the Employer's right to contract or subcontract with respect to the maintenance or repair of equipment as it may deem necessary.

ARTICLE 2: DEFINITION

Probationary Initial and promotional probation shall be six (6) calendar months from the first day of hire or promotion. Initial probationary employees may be terminated without recourse to grievance procedure. Promotional probationary employees shall return to their former classification and rate of pay if they fail to complete their probation, without recourse to the grievance procedure. Promotional probationary employees shall not be discharged without just cause and shall have recourse to the grievance procedure.

Part-time A position in which the daily, weekly, or monthly hours are less than the hours established for full-time positions. No part-time employee will be allowed to work greater than 1,040 hours per fiscal year or 24 hours per work week.

Part-time employees will only be scheduled in accordance with the event driven needs of the facility. Part-time employees will be scheduled by venue, skills, qualifications and seniority specific to the assignment.

Lack of availability for three (3) consecutive months, without mutual consent, will result in the part-time employee being moved to the bottom of the call list for three (3) months.

Full-time A position which is designated as full-time in the adopted Commission budget and which typically consists of forty (40) hours per week. However, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a guarantee of hours worked per week or per day.

ARTICLE 3: MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- A. The Employer retains all the customary, usual and exclusive rights, decision-making prerogatives, functions and authority connected with or in any way incident to its responsibilities to manage the affairs of the MetroERC. The rights of employees in the bargaining unit and the Union are limited to those specifically set forth in this Agreement.
- B. The exercise of any management prerogative, function, or right which is not specifically modified by a provision of this Agreement is not subject to the grievance procedure, to arbitration, or, as set forth above, to bargaining during the term of this agreement.

ARTICLE 4: UNION MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

- A. Membership or non-membership in the Union shall be a guaranteed individual choice of employees within the bargaining unit provided, however, that any employee who chooses to belong to the Union shall be entitled to subsequently withdraw from membership of the Union by the giving of written notice to the Union and the Employer.
- B. The Employer agrees to fairshare in accordance with and pursuant to the terms of the Oregon Revised Statutes 243.650 (10) and (16) with the understanding that the fair share for non-union employees shall be equivalent to the dues of the Union membership in the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 701, AFL-CIO, subject to any reductions required under applicable state or federal law.

The right of non-association of employees based on bona fide religious tenets or teaching of a church or religious body of which an employee is a member is hereby guaranteed. Such employee shall pay the fairshare amount described herein above to a non-religious charity or to another charitable organization mutually agreed upon by the employee and the Union. The employee shall furnish proof to the Union that this has been done.

- C. The effective date of withholding Union membership dues or fairshare shall be the first of the month following thirty (30) calendar days of employment.
- D. Upon receipt of a signed authorization from the employee, the Employer agrees to deduct from the paycheck of each employee authorized by the Union, the regular monthly dues uniformly required of members of the Union or the amount of fairshare determined by application of Article 4, Section B of this Agreement from all non-union members of the bargaining unit for which the Union is the exclusive bargaining agent. The aggregate amount deducted, together with an itemized statement, shall be transmitted monthly to the Union offices on behalf of all employees involved. The performance of this service is at no cost to the Union. The Employer will not be held liable for any errors or delays, but will make any proper corrections as soon as possible.
- E. The Union agrees that it will indemnify, defend and hold the Employer harmless from all suits, actions, proceedings, and claims against the Employer, or person acting on behalf of the Employer, whether for damages, compensation, reinstatement, or a combination hereof arising out of the Employer's implementation of this Article. In the event any decision is rendered by the highest court having jurisdiction that this Article is invalid and/or that reimbursement of the service fee (fairshare) must be made to employees affected, the Union shall be solely responsible for such reimbursement.
- F.
 - a) Within 30 calendar days from the signing of this Agreement, the Union will notify the Operations Manager in writing of the names of designated Stewards. The list will be updated as necessary.
 - b) Upon prior notice to his/her immediate supervisor, a Steward shall be granted reasonable time during the Steward's work shift without loss of pay or benefits to process and investigate grievances and attend investigatory interviews when requested by the employee. If the permitted activity would interfere with either the Steward's or employee's duties, the direct supervisor shall, within 72 hours, arrange a mutually agreeable time for the requested activity.
 - c) No Steward will be eligible for overtime pay, other premium pay or travel reimbursement as a result of carrying out Steward duties.
 - d) A Steward who comes to the work site during their off duty hours to carry out Steward duties shall not be paid for such time.
 - e) Internal union business shall be conducted by Stewards and employees during their non-duty time.

- f) Only one (1) Steward on Employer time can process and investigate any one (1) grievance at any given time.
 - g) All matters relating to contract negotiations will be performed on the employee's own time.
- G. The Employer agrees that accredited representatives of the Union, upon reasonable and proper advance notice, shall have reasonable access to work premises during working hours for the purpose of assisting in the administration of this Agreement; provided, that they do not interfere or cause workers to neglect their work, and/or interfere with activities or events in progress, or administrative or security functions, parking functions and/or any other building activity that would otherwise be interrupted by their activities and such activities shall be restricted from the Employer's facilities when Union representatives are on duty as an employee of the MERC.
- H. Hiring
- 1. All full-time open positions shall be posted on the job opportunities posting board and sent to the union for general and target area recruitment.
 - 2. The hiring process shall include the lead person from that facility in that classification.

ARTICLE 5: NO STRIKE OR LOCKOUT

- A. During the term of this Agreement, neither the Union nor its agents nor any employee, for any reason, will authorize, institute, aid, condone or engage in a slowdown, work stoppage, picketing, strike, or any other interference with the work and statutory functions or obligations of MERC. During the term of this Agreement neither MERC nor its agents for any reason shall authorize, institute, aid, or promote any lockout of employees covered by this Agreement.
- B. If any work stoppage, slowdown, picketing, or strike shall take place, the Union agrees to immediately notify any employees engaging in such activities to cease and desist and to publicly declare that such work stoppage, slowdown, picketing, or strike is in violation of this Agreement and is unauthorized. The Union agrees to immediately notify all Local officers and representatives of their obligation and responsibility for maintaining compliance with this Article including their responsibilities to remain at work during any interruption which may be caused or initiated by others and to encourage other employees violating Section A. above to return to work.

ARTICLE 6: WAGES

For the term hereof, the Employer will abide by the wages specified in Exhibit "A" of this Agreement with respect to the job classifications covered by this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Effective upon ratification of the successor Agreement, Exhibit "A" will be increased by ~~three (3.0) percent~~. Effective July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2008, the rates will be increased by a percentage equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (City of Portland, Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers—1982-84 Base) for the first half of the year (expected to be announced by the U.S. Department of Labor in August) as compared to the first half of the previous year. The increase will not, in any event, be less than two (2) percent or more than four (4) percent.

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ARTICLE 7: OVERTIME

All employees shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half for all authorized work performed in excess of eight (8) hours in any workday, or forty (40) hours in any workweek. Overtime compensation shall be in the form of overtime pay at the rate of one and one-half hours for each overtime hour worked.

ARTICLE 8: HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

A. During the term of this Agreement the Employer will pay the following amounts for medical, dental, and vision plans provided by an HMO and/or indemnity carrier:

- (a) Effective upon ratification of the successor Agreement, the Employer shall contribute up to ~~\$727.12~~ per employee per month for the medical, dental and vision plans provided by an HMO and/or indemnity carrier.
- (b) Effective July 1, 2007, the employer shall contribute up to ~~\$763.48~~ per employee per month for the medical, dental and vision plans provided by an HMO and or indemnity carrier.
- (c) Effective July 1, 2008, the Employer shall contribute up to ~~\$801.65~~ per employee per month for the medical, dental and vision plans provided by and HMO and/or indemnity carrier.

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B. Life insurance, dependent life, accidental death and dismemberment, and long term disability coverage shall be provided to all employees who enroll in the Metro plan. Such coverage will be provided at no cost to the employee unless adjustments are made by the joint committee to keep medical, dental and vision costs below the cap for that coverage pursuant to Section C of this Agreement.

C. A joint Labor-Management committee comprised in accordance with adopted by-laws shall review health, dental and vision insurance plans and costs. Metro shall make available to the committee current information regarding insurance premium rates and projected increases; as such information becomes available to Metro. The committee shall meet to consider adjustments to benefits or coverage

to stay below the specified Employer contributions for each year of the Agreement. Each employee shall contribute the remainder of the actual composite premium cost greater than the Employer contribution, if necessary.

A lawful meeting shall be comprised as provided in the committee's by-laws. The committee shall make recommendations to the Chief Operating Officer in an effort to keep health care costs under the amounts set forth in Section A of this Agreement.

The Chief Operating Officer shall consider the committee's recommendations and have the authority to make Plan modifications as necessary. In the event that the parties do not agree, the union has the right to utilize remedies available under lay including mediation and factfinding.

Employer contributions in excess of actual plan costs will be held in reserve in the event Metro decides to self-insure or to reduce employee's out-of-pocket costs in the event Metro does not decide to self-insure. All monies in this reserve, and generated by this reserve, will be used exclusively for employee health and welfare benefits as determined by the Joint Labor Management Benefits Committee.

Health benefits will be funded to the limits listed. Should Metro choose to fund any other group at a higher level, then such new level will be applied equally to this contract.

ARTICLE 9: EFFICIENCY OF OPERATIONS

It is jointly recognized that the successful operation of the Employer's facilities requires a coordination of work activities, active cooperation between employees and groups of employees, and does not lend itself to a rigid application of what may be traditional craft or jurisdictional lines. It is also jointly recognized that there may and will be a certain degree of overlap in work functions between employees covered by this Agreement and other groups of employees and that employees covered by this Agreement may be directed to perform work in areas other than their usual duties or be assisted by other employees or groups of employees. The overall efficiency and economy of operations of the Employer's facilities shall be the controlling factor in all instances.

ARTICLE 10: SENIORITY

- A. Seniority shall be computed from date of hire into a represented classification within the assigned facility.
- B. Seniority shall be applied for layoffs and elsewhere as specified in this Agreement. In cases in which an employee in a represented classification applies for, accepts, and serves time in another represented classification, and then voluntarily returns to the originally held class, seniority for the purposes of layoff shall be calculated as the total time from the original appointment.

- C. Seniority shall be continuous service in the bargaining unit. Time spent on approved leave or as a result of an on-the-job injury or illness shall not be considered a break in service. Time spent on leave without pay as specified in Article 17, Section F shall be considered a break in service. Seniority shall not accrue during a break in service but will continue to accrue upon return from a break in service.
- D. Lay off shall be defined as a separation from service for involuntary reasons not reflecting discredit upon employees. The General Manager shall determine the number and classifications to be laid off. All temporary, seasonal, part-time and probationary employees within the classification within the assigned facility selected for layoff, shall be laid off prior to any layoff of permanent employees within the classification within the assigned facility. For purposes of this Article, "facility" is defined as follows:
- (1) Oregon Convention Center
 - (2) Portland Center for the Performing Arts
 - (3) Portland Expo Center
- The term "assigned facility" as used in this Article, means the facility where an employee predominantly reports for his/her shift while filling a budgeted full-time position at that facility:
- E. In the event of a layoff, Employees will be laid off by classification within a facility, with the least senior employees laid off first based on total Commission service within the bargaining unit. Employees shall be given thirty (30) days notice of layoff in writing. Employees given notice of layoff shall within ten (10) working days:
- (1) Accept demotion to a former bargaining unit classification previously serviced within the facility, including bumping the least senior employee in that former classification; or
 - (2) Apply for appointment to a vacant Commission position for which the employee meets the minimum qualifications. The best qualified employee given notice of layoff shall be appointed to a vacant position for which the employee applies and meets the minimum qualifications.
- F. Seniority for Part-time employees is established by date of hire by venue.

ARTICLE 11: SHIFT HOURS

- A. Notice of change in shift starting times or days off will be given seven (7) calendar days before the change becomes effective. This notification requirement will not apply to those situations involving unforeseen rescheduling of events, or a voluntary request for rescheduling made by an employee. An employee shall not be scheduled with split days off.
- B. It is understood that for employees covered under this Agreement, the standard work shift will be eight (8) consecutive hours not including overtime. Employees will be required to be on-site during their lunch period and be on-call to duty during their lunch period. These employees will be provided a thirty (30) minute lunch period on the Employer's time.
- C. An employee who starts shift between 2:00 PM and 04:00 AM shall receive shift differential pay of one dollar and ~~thirty-five cents (\$1.35)~~ per hour for all hours actually worked beginning upon ratification of the successor Agreement. Effective July 1, 2007, the shift differential shall increase to one dollar and ~~forty-five cents (\$1.45)~~ per hour for all hours actually worked, and one dollar and ~~fifty-five cents (\$1.55)~~ per hour effective July 1, 2008. Shift differential pay shall not apply when the employee is on a leave with pay.
- D. Part-time employees are not eligible for shift differential.

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ARTICLE 12: REPORTING TIME

- A. Telephone calls received at home shall be compensated at a minimum of one (1) hour at the regular rate of pay, unless called to report to work. An employee who responds to an emergency call by actually reporting for duty on the Employer's premises will receive a minimum of four (4) hours pay or compensatory time at the overtime rate.
- B. An employee who is mandated by management to carry a pager and/or cell phone on their off duty time shall receive on-call pay equivalent to one (1) hour of straight time pay per day the pager and/or cell phone is mandated to be carried.

ARTICLE 13: CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

Employees covered by this Agreement will receive three sets of uniforms per fiscal year including shirts and pants. Subject to the Employer's approval, the Employer will also provide one quality jacket with liner per contract. Subject to the Employer's approval, replacement items will be provided as needed. The Employer will provide all safety and rain gear as needed.

- A. Employees covered by this Agreement shall receive five cents (\$.05) per hour for the purpose of purchasing quality work shoes or orthotics to be worn on the job except where the law requires the wearing of steel-toed shoes.
- B. Management will furnish two shirts per contract to part-time employees.

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ARTICLE 14: VACATION

A. Vacation leave with pay for full-time employees shall accrue at the rate shown below:

Total Years of Service	Accrual Rate at 24 Pay Periods Per Year	Vacation Rate Per Year
0 through 4	3.34 hours	80 hours
5 through 9	5.00 hours	120 hours
10 through 14	5.84 hours	140 hours
15 through 19	6.67 hours	160 hours
20 through 24	7.50 hours	180 hours
25 or more	8.34 hours	200 hours

- B. **Vacation Accrual.** Employees will not be allowed to accrue more than two hundred fifty (250) hours of vacation leave. Vacation leave beyond two hundred fifty (250) hours will be lost, unless reasons for an exception receive approval by the Department Head and General Manager. Accumulations must be within stated limits as of June 30 each fiscal year. Excess vacation accruals will be lost if not used by June 30, unless reasons for an exception receive approval by the department head, facility director, and General Manager.
- C. **Scheduling of Vacations.** Vacation requests shall be submitted through the supervisor and approved by the Department Head on an "Employee Leave Request Form." Requests for vacation leave shall be submitted at least two (2) weeks prior to desired vacation time. If a vacation request is denied the employee shall be informed in writing and may appeal the denial to the Operations Manager. Personal days shall be scheduled in the same manner as vacation leave whenever possible. If the employee would lose accrued vacation time because a request was denied by the supervisor, the employee will be compensated for all hours lost over the accrual limit.
- D. **Vacation Pay upon Termination.** A full-time employee who has successfully completed his/her initial probationary period, has been appointed to regular status and is separated from the Commission, shall be entitled to payment for accrued vacation leave, including personal days accrued as vacation. In no case shall payment be for more than the maximum accumulation.

ARTICLE 15: HOLIDAY

A. The following shall be considered holidays for full-time employees. Personal days (No. 10 below) cannot be utilized by employees in their initial probationary period.

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| (1) | New Years Day | January 1 |
| (2) | Martin Luther King Day | Third Monday in January |
| (3) | President's Day | Third Monday in February |
| (4) | Memorial Day | Last Monday in May |
| (5) | Independence Day | July 4 |
| (6) | Labor Day | First Monday in September |

(7)	Veteran's Day	Nov. 11
(8)	Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
(9)	Christmas Day	December 25
(10)	Three (3) Personal Days	Open

- B. Employees who work on a holiday shall receive one and one-half (1 ½) time compensation for the time worked in addition to regular holiday pay.
- C. The personal days must be used within the fiscal year in which they accrue. Employees hired before November 1 will receive three (3) personal days in that fiscal year. Employees hired after November 1, and before December 24 will receive two (2) personal leave days in that fiscal year. Requests for use of personal days will be scheduled as vacation leave in Article 14, Section C. Should no vacation hours be taken within the fiscal year, the three (3) personal days will be lost. An employee can use personal holiday hours in no less than four (4) hour blocks of time.
- D. Holidays which occur during vacation or sick leave shall not be charged against such leave.
- E. The holidays listed above in Section A (1-9) shall start at 12:01 a.m. and end 12:00 midnight on the actual day of the holiday.
- F. If the Employer requires that an employee work a full shift on a holiday, such work assignment shall be rotated amongst employees in the same classification qualified to perform the work required. This section shall not apply to overtime assignments or emergencies that arise during a holiday.

ARTICLE 16: SICK LEAVE

- A. Bargaining unit members shall earn sick leave with pay at a rate of .05 hours per hour worked accrued in an unlimited amount. Qualified employees shall be eligible for use of earned sick leave after ninety (90) days of employment with the Employer.
- B. Employees are eligible to use sick leave for the following reasons:
- (1) Personal illness or physical disability.
 - (2) Illness or physical disability in the employee's immediate family or household requiring the employee to remain at home.
 - (3) Medical appointments and office visits.
- C. Employees unable to report to work due to illness shall report the reason for the absence to their supervisor one (1) hour prior to the scheduled beginning of their shift. Sick leave with pay may not be allowed if such report has not been made. The supervisor may require sick leave beyond three (3) days to be supported by a physician's statement attesting to the illness.

- D. The Employer and the Union agree that no employee should receive full wages in paid sick leave while also receiving time loss payments on an insured disability or Workers' Compensation claim. The parties therefore agree as follows:
- E. Where the dual payment would result from the employee filing a claim for time loss payments for an injury or disease the employee shall receive only the paid sick leave, if any, for the same condition necessary to bring the employee to full pay for the pay period. The Employer may recoup any overpayment of sick leave paid, either by deductions from gross wages per pay period in an amount not exceeding twenty (20) percent gross wages until the total overpayment is recouped, or the Employer and the employee may, by mutual agreement, provide for some other means for repayment. Upon repayment of the total amount of the excess, the employee's sick leave account shall be credited with that portion of the sick leave repaid.
- F. Sick leave shall not continue to accrue during periods of disability or leave unpaid by the Employer.
- G. Full-time employees who use twenty-four (24) hours or less of sick leave within one fiscal year period shall accrue eight (8) additional hours of vacation leave in exchange of eight (8) hours of sick leave at the end of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE 17: OTHER LEAVES

- A. Bereavement Leave. An employee absent from duty by reason of the death of his or her spouse, legal domestic partner, parents, children, sister, brother, grandparent, grandchildren, father-in-law, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, or other household member shall be allowed three (3) days time off duty which shall not affect accrual of vacation or sick leave. Any additional time off will be charged against accumulated sick leave.
- B. Employees may attend a funeral ceremony for a fellow employee within their own department with four (4) hours time off with pay to attend such funeral ceremony, subject to the needs of the operation.
- C. Employees shall be granted a paid leave of absence for any time required by law for military service not to exceed fifteen (15) days in a calendar year, jury service, or as a result of service upon employee of a lawful subpoena or required court appearance in a work-related matter. Any jury or witness fees or mileage will be endorsed over to the Employer.
- D. Parental Leave. Unpaid Parental Leave up to the developmental stage equivalent of twelve (12) weeks for a newborn or for the 12-week period following the date an adoptive parent takes custody of a newly adopted child under six (6) years of age shall be granted to eligible employees.
 - (1) The employee shall be entitled to take parental leave without being penalized for taking leave.

- (2) An employee returning from parental leave shall be reinstated with no greater or lesser rights in employment than if the employee had not taken the leave. This section is pursuant to ORS 659.484.
- (3) All regular employees who have completed ninety (90) calendar days of employment are eligible to request the leave.
- (4) Employees have the option of using their accrued vacation leave during the parental leave. If the employee chooses to take leave without pay, benefits will be paid through the last day of the month following the month in which the leave without pay commences. If the employee chooses to utilize accrued vacation, benefits will be continued as long as the leave is continued on paid status. Such leave shall not be used for parental leave unless required by law.
- (5) A request shall be submitted to the Personnel Division thirty (30) calendar days before the occurrence of the event. The request must be in writing and contain the following information:
 - (a) The employee's intent to take parental leave beginning on a date certain more than thirty (30) days from the date of the request.
 - (b) The anticipated date of birth of the parent's child, or
 - (c) The anticipated date that the parent will obtain physical custody of a newly adopted child under six (6) years of age, and
 - (d) The dates when the parent, or if both parents request parental leave, the dates which each parent will commence and terminate his or her portion of the parental leave.
- (6) Employees who return from parental leave by the date listed in the written request on file will be restored to their former position without loss of seniority or vacation credits. If circumstances change so that the employee's former job is no longer available, that worker will be reinstated in an equivalent position. Employees who do not return by the date specified shall be placed on the appropriate layoff list under this Agreement.

E. **Leave without Pay.** All permanent employees may be granted leave of absence without pay and without employee benefits for a period not to exceed six (6) months provided such leave can be scheduled without adversely affecting the operations of the Employer. Such leave may be extended once by the facility director for an additional six (6) months. All requests for leave of absence without pay shall be in writing, shall be directed to the department manager and shall contain reasonable justification for approval. Requests of less than ten (10) calendar days may be approved by the Department Manager. Both the request and the General Manager's approval of the request shall be in writing and shall be filed in the Office of Personnel. The employee may elect to continue employee coverage and benefits; however, premiums for such extended coverage and benefits shall be paid by the employee. Any and all such extensions of coverage

and benefits shall be subject to any and all restrictions and conditions which may exist in each applicable benefit policy or plan. No employee may be denied leave without pay for arbitrary or capricious reasons. Any employee returning from an approved leave shall be reinstated with no greater or lesser employment rights than if the employee had not taken the leave.

F. **Family Medical Leave.** The Employer shall provide family medical leave of up to twelve (12) weeks within a one-year period for eligible employees for the care of family members serious health conditions that require inpatient care or continuing treatment by a health care provider and makes the employee unable to work, and/or because of the birth of a child, or placement of a child for adoption or further care at the employees home, and/or for the care of family members who suffer serious health conditions. For the purpose of this leave, family members are defined as a seriously-ill spouse, legal domestic partner, parent, parent-in-law, or child, or a sick minor child requiring care. At the employee's discretion, the leave shall be paid from accrued personal leaves (including vacation leave, sick leave, compensatory time leave, personal holiday leave), or be unpaid. Except for limited circumstances family medical leave runs concurrent with other leaves.

- (1) The employee shall be entitled to take family medical leave without being penalized for taking such leave.
- (2) An employee returning from family medical leave shall be reinstated with not greater or lesser rights in employment than if the employee had not taken the leave (pursuant to ORS 939, Oregon Laws 1991).
- (3) All full-time and part-time employees who have completed at least 180 calendar days of employment while averaging at least twenty-five (25) hours of work per week are eligible to request the leave.
- (4) Employees have the option of using their accumulated leave balances during the family medical leave. Health, dental and vision coverage will continue at the same level of benefits and contributions for employees on family medical leave as for other eligible employees.
- (5) Eligible employees may take a maximum of twelve (12) weeks of family medical leave within a one-year period. Each one-year period begins on the date of the first day of actual leave taken.
- (6) When the employee can anticipate that the serious health situation is going to arise, the employee must submit written request to the Department Manager and Office of Personnel at least fifteen (15) days prior to taking the leave. When the employee cannot anticipate the serious health condition of the family member, an oral request can be made to the Department Manager to be confirmed in writing to the Department Manager and the Office of Personnel within three (3) working days.

The employee's written request must contain the following:

- (a) The relationship of the employee to the person needing care,

- (b) The health condition of the family member necessitating the leave, along with a doctor's certificate stating such health condition,
 - (c) The anticipated length of absence, not to exceed twelve (12) weeks,
 - (d) Other family members who are taking family medical leave and when they are taking it, or otherwise available to care for the family member.
- (7) The Employer is not required to grant this leave of absence during any period of time in which another family member is also taking a family medical leave of absence from their employer, or is otherwise available to care for the family member.
 - (8) The employee who takes a family medical leave of absence has a duty to make a reasonable effort to schedule medical treatment or supervision so as to minimize disruption of the Employer's operations, subject to the approval of the treating physician.
 - (9) The former position of an employee on family medical leave shall either remain vacant during the leave, or it may be filled on a temporary basis and considered vacant for reinstatement purposes.
 - (10) At the conclusion of a family medical leave, the employee shall be reinstated to his or her former position, unless it has been eliminated due to material changes in the Employer's financial position or business circumstances, or the circumstances have so changed that the employee cannot be reinstated to his/her former position, in which case the employee shall be reinstated to an equivalent position which is available and suitable. If the circumstances have so changed that the employee cannot be reinstated to the former or an equivalent position, then the employee shall be reinstated to an available suitable position.
 - (11) Employees who do not return by the date specified may be disciplined up to and including dismissal.

G. **Pregnancy Leave/Transfer.** The Employer provides temporary transfer or pregnancy leave without pay to eligible employees who are physically unable to perform the duties of their regular position due to pregnancy, child birth, or related medical reasons, without significant risk to the health or safety of the employee or the pregnancy.

- (1) The employee shall be entitled to take pregnancy leave or temporary transfer due to pregnancy without being penalized.
- (2) The position of an employee on temporary transfer or pregnancy leave shall either remain vacant during the leave, or it may be filled on a temporary basis and considered vacant for reinstatement.

- (3) An employee returning from pregnancy leave or temporary transfer shall be reinstated with no greater or lesser rights in employment than if the employee had not taken the leave (pursuant to ORS 659.389).
- (4) Subject to these policies, and upon written request, all pregnant employees of the Employer are eligible.
- (5) Temporary Transfer:
 - (a) The Employer shall provide a temporary transfer for the employee if there is an available job which is suitable for the employee and to which the transfer can be reasonably accommodated.
 - (b) To initiate a transfer, the employee must submit a written request to the Department Manager and Office of Personnel. The employee's written request must contain the following:
 - (1) The specific duties affected by the pregnancy,
 - (2) The reasons why the employee is unable to perform her duties without significant risk to the health or safety of the employee or her pregnancy,
 - (3) A statement that the employee is physically able to perform available work,
 - (4) A doctor's opinion/certificate confirming (1), (2), and (3) above, to determine whether a transfer is reasonably necessary.
 - (c) The Department Manager or Office of Personnel may request an additional independent medical opinion, at Employer expense, within three (3) working days after receipt of the initial medical opinion.

- (6) **Pregnancy Leave:**
- (a) The Employer shall provide a pregnancy leave of absence if no suitable work is available for temporary transfer, and if the leave can be reasonably accommodated.
 - (b) The period of leave shall be the reasonable period of time during which the employee is disabled from performing any available positions. To initiate a leave of absence, the employee must make the request in writing to her Department Manager and the Office of Personnel. The leave request must include the period of time of which the leave is requested. The leave request must also address the employee's disability from performing other available work:
 - (1) If the employee previously requested a temporary pregnancy transfer, she must state whether a transfer was offered to her, and if a transfer was offered, the employee must explain why she is disabled from performing those job duties.
 - (2) If the employee did not request temporary pregnancy transfer, she must explain why she is disabled from performing any available job duties known to her; and
 - (3) A doctor's opinion/certificate confirming (1) or (2) above.
 - (c) The Department Manager or Office of Personnel may request an additional independent opinion, at Employer expense, within three (3) working days after receipt of the initial medical opinion.
 - (d) Employees have the option of using their accumulated leave balances during pregnancy leave. If the employee chooses to take leave without pay, benefits will be paid through the last day of the month following the month in which the leave without pay commences. If the employee chooses to utilize accumulated balances, benefits will be continued as long as the leave is continued on paid status.
 - (e) If, during the course of the leave, another position which the employee is qualified to perform becomes available, the Employer will, within three (3) working days, offer the available position to the employee, unless a physician has determined that the employee must remain on leave for a fixed or minimum period of time and the job becomes available during that period of time, or unless a physician has determined that the employee is disabled from performing any job duties for an indefinite period of time.
- (7) If, during the course of pregnancy leave or transfer, the employee regains the ability to perform the duties of her former position, she shall, within three (3) working days of her knowledge of her regained ability, notify the Employer. The Employer shall restore the employee to her former position

within ten (10) working days of notification by the employee, unless the position has been eliminated due to changed circumstances, in which case the employee will be reinstated to an available equivalent position. If no equivalent positions are available, the employee shall be reinstated to an available and suitable position.

- (8) If, at any time during the course of pregnancy leave or transfer, the employee is released by her treating physician to perform the duties of her regular position, she must provide the written release to her Department Manager and the Office of Personnel within three (3) working days of release. The Employer will, within ten (10) working days of receipt of notice of release, restore the employee to her former position, unless the position has been eliminated due to changed circumstances, in which case, the employee will be reinstated to an available equivalent position. If no equivalent positions are available, the employee shall be reinstated to an available and suitable position.
- (9) Employees who do not follow timelines established in this policy or do not return by the date specified may be disciplined up to and including dismissal.

ARTICLE 18: RETIREMENT

Employees working 600 or more hours per calendar year shall participate in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) as provided under the Oregon Revised Statutes. The Employer shall be responsible for all contributions to PERS.

ARTICLE 19: MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS

- Section 1. The Employer agrees that all conditions of employment established by its individual operations which constitute an economic benefit to employees covered by this Agreement shall be maintained at not less than the standards in effect at the time of the final ratification of this Agreement except where those standards have been modified through collective bargaining.
- Section 2. This article of the Agreement shall not apply to inadvertent or bona fide errors made by Metro or the Employer. Any disagreement regarding errors shall be resolved through the grievance process.

ARTICLE 20: DISCIPLINE

- A. No employee may be disciplined or discharged without just cause.
- B. No employee shall be denied representation in any investigation that may result in disciplinary action.

- C. If the Employer has reason to reprimand or discipline an employee, every reasonable effort shall be made to avoid embarrassment to the employee before other employees or the public.
- D. Disciplinary actions shall include only the following: Oral or written reprimand, suspension, reduction in pay, transfer, demotion and/or dismissal from employment. Any of these disciplinary actions may be utilized. It may not be necessary in every circumstance that the discipline be taken progressively.

ARTICLE 21: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A. A grievance is defined as a dispute by the Union or a covered employee concerning the application or interpretation of a specific provision of this Agreement. Grievances may be initiated and pursued in the following manner:

Step 1 An employee may present a grievance, in writing to the employee's immediate supervisor for adjustment within seven (7) calendar days of the date on which the events occurred giving rise to the grievance. An employee's supervisor shall respond promptly, but in no event more than seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the written grievance.

Step 2 If a written grievance, as outlined in Step 1, has not been settled between the affected employee and the immediate supervisor, the grievance shall again be submitted, in writing, by a Union representative or affected employee to the Operations Manager within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the date on which the events occurred giving rise to the grievance, inclusive of all time provided to processing of the grievance in Step 1 of this procedure. A written statement of the grievance shall be signed by the aggrieved employee and by a Union representative, and shall include a statement of the specific provisions of the Agreement alleged to have been violated, a brief statement of the facts, and a statement of the relief requested. The Employer shall respond to the written grievance, in writing, within fourteen (14) days of its receipt.

Step 3 If the grievance is not settled, the affected employee or union representative may within (10) calendar days of the Employer's Step 2 response, or the date the response was due, refer the grievance to the General Manager or designee. The General Manager shall respond within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the grievance.

Step 4 If the grievance is still unsettled, the Union may, within ten (10) calendar days of the Employer's Step 2 response, or the date such response was due, refer the grievance to a Board of Adjustment which shall convene to hear the matter.

The Board of Adjustment shall consist of two (2) members designated by the Union involved, and two (2) members designated by the Employer. Members of the Board of Adjustment designated by the General Manager and the Union shall not be from the department or local Union involved.

The Board of Adjustment shall convene within twenty (20) calendar days following referral of the grievance to hear evidence submitted by the Union involved, the grievant, the department involved, or the General Manager.

The Board of Adjustment shall decide the issue by majority vote of its members within three (3) working days following the hearing. The decision of the Board of Adjustment shall be final and binding on all parties.

Step 5 If the grievance is still unsettled by reason of a Board of Adjustment deadlock, the Union may within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the Employer's response, or the date that such response was due, or upon the decision of the Employer or its designee(s) under Step 3, shall notify the Employer and Metro's Office of Personnel in writing of its desire to have the matter arbitrated by a third party agreed upon by Metro, Employer and the Union. If the parties are unable to agree upon an arbitrator, the Oregon State Mediation and Conciliation Service shall be requested to submit a list of seven (7) names. Either party shall have the right to reject one list in its entirety. Both Metro and the Union shall have the right to strike three (3) names from the list alternately; the last name remaining shall be the impartial arbitrator. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the Employer and the Union. All other expenses shall be borne by the party which incurs them. The designated arbitrator shall conduct a hearing, and then issue a decision which shall be final and binding on the Employer, the Union, and all involved employees. The arbitrator shall not have jurisdiction or authority to: add to, subtract from, modify or in any way change the provision of this Agreement; establish new wage rates or change existing wage rates or rates for specific job classifications; or assume any responsibility of Management or of the Union. If either party desires a verbatim recording of the proceedings, it may cause such a record to be made, provided it pays for the record and makes a copy available without charge to the arbitrator. If the other party desires a copy, both parties shall jointly share the cost of the transcript and all copies. If either party fails to proceed with the procedures of Step 4 within thirty (30) days, unless otherwise mutually agreed, the other party may proceed on an ex parte basis. The Employer, Metro, and the Union may, by mutual agreement, submit the grievance to mediation prior to proceeding to binding arbitration.

- B. The Employer or its designee(s) shall meet at mutually convenient times with the Union.
- C. **Time Limits.** The time limits of this grievance and arbitration procedure shall be strictly adhered to. The employee shall have the right to refuse to process or arbitrate a grievance which is not raised in a timely fashion. If at any step of the grievance procedure the Employer does not formally respond as provided herein, it will be assumed that the Employer has rejected the grievance, and that the next step of the grievance procedure shall be available.
- D. **Extension of the Time Limits.** The time limits of this grievance and arbitration procedure may be extended by mutual Agreement, in writing, between the parties. The parties may mutually agree in writing to waive any of the time limits contained in this procedure.

- E. Arbitration Limits. The arbitration provisions of this grievance and arbitration procedure shall be strictly limited to the effective dates of this Agreement. The Employer shall have no obligation to arbitrate any grievance arising after the date on which this Agreement terminates.
- F. An employee's election of any administrative or judicial proceeding involving any matter which is or might be alleged as a grievance under this Article shall relieve the Employer of any obligation to arbitrate such grievance. In such event, the Employer's last response at Step 3 of the grievance procedure shall be final and binding on all parties.
- G. For purposes of this Article, the date of receipt shall be considered the effective date for purposes of calculating the time limits contained in this grievance procedure.
- H. The parties may, upon mutual agreement, in writing, submit multiple grievances to an arbitrator for decision.
- I. The provisions of this Article shall not be interpreted to require that the Union process any grievance through the grievance or arbitration procedure which it believes in good faith lacks sufficient merit.

ARTICLE 22: EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- A. The Employer and the Union agree to continue their policies of not unlawfully discriminating against any employee because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, mental or physical disability, marital status, political affiliation, or Union activity.
- B. Any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, marital status or political affiliation which is brought to the Union for processing will be submitted directly to the Metro Affirmative Action Officer. If such a complaint is not satisfactorily resolved within thirty (30) days of its submission, it may be submitted to the Bureau of Labor and Industries for resolution.
- C. If an employee has a grievance alleging unlawful discrimination based on Union activity, it shall be submitted at Step 3 of the grievance procedure with a copy to the Metro Office of Personnel. Thereafter, the grievance will be resolved by the Employment Relations Board and shall not be subject to the arbitration provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 23: PERSONNEL FILE

- A. The Employer shall maintain one (1) official personnel file for all employees. This file shall be maintained in the Metro Personnel Office. No document, report or correspondence of an adverse nature shall be placed in this file without a signature by the employee or a statement signed by the supervisor which indicates the employee has been shown the document and refused to sign it. An employee's signature shall not be construed to mean the employee agrees with the content.

- B. All material in the official personnel file of any employee may be inspected by the affected employee. No material of an adverse nature may be used against an employee unless entered in the official Metro file as described in Section A, above. An employee upon request shall have the right to view all material in the employee's personnel file.
- C. All disciplinary material shall be expunged from the personnel file two (2) years from the date the material was entered, provided that the employee has received no other disciplinary action. Periodic performance appraisals shall permanently remain part of the official personnel file. Supervisors may elect to remove disciplinary material from an employee's personnel file prior to the end of the two (2) year period specified above. Any material of an adverse nature shall be removed if not entered in accordance with Section B, above. Employees may include in their official personnel file any material rebutting disciplinary material that they believe to be incorrect. Grievances shall not be maintained in the personnel file.
- D. A written record of an oral reprimand may be included in the personnel file as disciplinary material subject to the restrictions specified in Section C, above. Such a written record will consist only of the date of the reprimand and a brief one to two sentence statement of the reason for the reprimand.

ARTICLE 24: INCLEMENT WEATHER

Upon determination by the Facility Director or designee, that inclement weather conditions exist, and such determination results in the decision to open later than regularly scheduled hours or close, and send staff home before the end of their assigned shift, those employees shall receive pay for the hours in that shift in which they are scheduled.

ARTICLE 25: OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

- A. Employees may engage in outside employment, provided that such outside employment does not:
 - (1) Occur at any MERC facilities;
 - (2) Create a conflict of interest with the employee's MERC duties; or
 - (3) Create an inability to perform employee's job duties at MERC.
- B. Employees who engage in outside employment which is found to violate the above restrictions and who have failed to notify their department director of such employment shall be discharged.

ARTICLE 26: EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

The Employer shall provide at no cost to the employee an employee assistance program.

ARTICLE 27: PARKING

All employees hired prior to January 1, 2003 will be eligible for a pre-tax payroll deduction of \$20.00 per month for parking provided they enroll retroactively to April 1, 2003.

All employees hired after January 1, 2003 that voluntarily elect to participate in the parking program will pay the full cost of the parking program in pre-tax dollars. In 2003 the cost will be \$65.00 per month.

Part-time OCC employees may purchase passes for the Metro garage for \$2.00 per shift on a first come first served basis.

As parking fees are increased, subject to approval of the General Manager, all employees in the parking program will cover the increases in the pre-tax program.

Full-time employees will have in and out privileges in the OCC parking garage.

Employees will be entitled to enroll in Metro's TDM program.

All OCC Full-time employees will continue to be enrolled in the Lloyd District Passport Program until such time as the program terminates or MERC opts out of the program.

ARTICLE 28: TRAINING

Employees who register for and participate in Employer approved job related educational training programs shall be entitled to full reimbursement of tuition and materials upon completion of the course.

ARTICLE 29: SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any Article, Section or portion thereof of this Agreement be held unlawful and unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall apply only to the specific Article, Section or portion thereof directly specified in the decision. Upon the issuance of any such decision, the Parties agree immediately to negotiate a substitute, if possible, for the invalidated Article, Section or portion thereof. All other portions of this Agreement and the Agreement as a whole shall continue without interruption for the term of this Agreement.

In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and MERC policy, the terms of the Agreement shall apply.

ARTICLE 30: TOOLS

The Employer shall provide all tools and manuals that it has determined are needed to perform assigned work. The employee will be diligent and conscientious regarding the care and safe keeping of tools.

ARTICLE 31: PAYROLL PROCEDURES

An employee who receives an overpayment of monies shall report such overpayment to his/her immediate supervisor immediately. The Employer shall be authorized to recoup such overpayment through automatic payroll deduction from the employee's paycheck. Failure of an employee to report any overpayment will result in disciplinary action.

If an employee believes that his/her paycheck amount contains an error, and this is confirmed by the Department of Finance and Management Information Accounting Section, the employee will be issued a corrected check within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the Accounting Section is notified of such error.

ARTICLE 32: TERM OF AGREEMENT AND CLOSURE

A. The Agreement closes for the term hereof all Articles and subjects addressed herein which were raised in collective bargaining. The specific terms of this Agreement shall be effective upon ratification, and expires June 30, 2009, and shall be automatically renewed unless written notice of reopening is given by either party to the other not less than sixty (60) or more than ninety (90) days prior to June 30, .

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Engineer . 20.06 . 21.25 . 22.42
176 . 8420 . Apprentice
Electrician . 22.03 . 23.33 . 24.61
170 . 8195 . Operating Engineer . 23.58
147 . 8505 . Operating Engineer (part-
time) . 23.58
171 . 8160 . Lead Operating
Engineer . 24.76
173 . 8240 . Electrician . 25.91
175 . 8390 . Lead Electrician . 27.90

EXHIBIT "A"

Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission

International Union of Operating Engineers Local 701 Pay Schedule

Salary Range	Job Code	Job Classification	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
172	8196	Apprentice Operating Engineer	21.58	22.87	24.12
176	8420	Apprentice Electrician	23.70	25.10	26.47
170	8195	Operating Engineer	25.37		
147	8505	Operating Engineer (part time)	25.37		
171	8160	Lead Operating Engineer	26.65		
173	8240	Electrician	27.87		
175	8390	Lead Electrician	30.01		