

AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
AQUATERRA CORPORATION  
AND  
TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 31

September 25, 2024 through September 24, 2027

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## **AGREEMENT**

This collective bargaining agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between Aquaterra Corporation (the "Company" or the "Employer") and Teamsters Local Union No. 31 (the "Union") and covers the Employer's facility located at 6560 McMillan Way, Richmond, B.C. V6W 1L2 ("Facility").

### **ARTICLE 1. INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.01. Purpose of this Agreement**

- (a) The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth and establish the terms and conditions of employment for those employees who come within the scope of this Agreement so that stable and harmonious relationships may be established and maintained between the Employer, the Union and the employees to the mutual benefit of the Parties to this Agreement.
- (b) Further, the purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the peaceful adjustment of all disputes and grievances in relation to the provisions of this Agreement in accordance with the grievance and arbitration procedures contained herein, to prevent strikes, lockouts, slowdowns, withdrawal of services, waste, unnecessary expense and avoidable delays in carrying out the most efficient and effective operations of the Employer's business and to enhance the living standards of the employees.

#### **1.02. Language References**

- (a) The masculine gender is used throughout this Agreement for convenience only, and is by no means intended to exclude female employees from the provisions herein, nor is it intended as a basis for arbitrary distinctions between employees based on sex. Wherever the masculine is used the same shall be construed as also meaning or including the feminine where appropriate.
- (b) Wherever the singular is used in this Agreement, the same shall be construed as meaning the plural, unless otherwise specifically stated where appropriate.

#### **1.03. Positions Covered**

The job classifications covered by this Agreement are those listed in Appendix A. All other employees, including managers and supervisors, are excluded from coverage.

### **ARTICLE 2 DURATION AND INTEGRITY OF AGREEMENT**

#### **2.01. Duration of Agreement**

- (a) This Agreement shall be for the period from and including September 25, 2024 to and including September 24, 2027. Thereafter, the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect from year to year subject to the right of either Party to serve notice

to commence bargaining as provide for in the Labour Relations Code of British Columbia.

- (b) During the period when negotiations are being conducted between the Parties for renewal of this Agreement, the present Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until:
  - (i). the Union commences a legal strike; or
  - (ii). the Employer commences a legal lockout; or (iii).

the Parties enter into a new or further Agreement.
- (c) During the continuation period provided in (b) above, neither Party shall attempt to take any action or make any changes in the terms and conditions of employment which would be inconsistent with the express terms of this Agreement.
- (d) Notice to commence collective bargaining shall be in written form and must be delivered by email or registered mail.
- (e) The provisions of this Article are not intended to alter or affect the deemed notice provisions of Section 46(4) of the Labour Relations Code of British Columbia.

## **2.02. Exclusion of Subsection 50(2) & (3) of Labour Relations Code**

It is mutually agreed that the operation of Subsections (2) and (3) of Section 50 of the Labour Relations Code is specifically excluded from this Agreement.

## **2.03. Impact of Legislation**

- (a) The Parties recognize and agree that they cannot be obligated or bound by any term, condition or provision which would be contrary to any existing federal or provincial legislation or regulations passed pursuant thereto. In the event that any term, condition or provision or part thereof which is incorporated into this Agreement whether by inadvertence, error or misunderstanding is, in fact, or in law contrary to such federal or provincial legislation or regulation then such term, condition or provision or part thereof is void and of no effect.
- (b) In the event that existing federal or provincial legislation makes invalid any provision of this Agreement, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect for the term of the Agreement. The Employer and the Union shall confer to settle upon a mutually agreeable provision to be substituted for the provision(s) so altered or invalidated. In the event that the Parties are unable to agree on a replacement provision, either Party may refer the matter to the arbitration provisions of this Agreement for a final and binding resolution.



### **ARTICLE 3    UNION RECOGNITION AND RELATED MATTERS**

#### **3.01.   Exclusive Bargaining Agent Recognition**

- (a)    The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for the employees in the bargaining unit described in the certification issued by the Labour Relations Board of British Columbia.
- (b)    For purposes of this Agreement, the terms "employee" or "employees" shall be understood to mean those persons employed by the Employer for whom the Union is the recognized bargaining agent in (a) above.

#### **3.02.   Copies of Agreement to Employees**

All members of the Union shall be provided with a copy of this Agreement which is binding upon the Employer, the Union, and every employee in the unit for which the Union has been certified. The Union will arrange for copies to be printed and the Employer will contribute fifty percent (50%) of the printing cost incurred by the Union, to a maximum of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00).

Each newly hired employee will be introduced to the Shop Steward in his functional group (Inside Seniority Group/Outside Seniority Group) during the first day of employment. The Shop Steward will provide the employee with a copy of this Agreement.

#### **3.03.   Hiring Hall**

When additional employees are required within an area which is serviced by a permanently established and operating Union Hiring Hall, the Employer shall give the Union the first opportunity to supply suitable casual members for temporary employment. Should the Employer require new employees for permanent employment the Employer may request resumes from the Union Hiring Hall but will be under no obligation to provide permanent employment for such casual employees.

### **ARTICLE 4    UNION SECURITY**

#### **4.01.   Membership**

- (a)    All employees shall become and remain members in good standing of the Union as a condition of employment.
- (b)    All new employees shall be required to become members of the Union within three (3) working days after the completion of the probationary period.
- (c)    Employees outside the bargaining unit shall not perform bargaining unit work to the extent that the integrity of the bargaining unit is threatened.
- (d)    Wherever physically possible, and where such work is under the control or direction of the Employer, all equipment shall be loaded and unloaded by the employees of the Employer, members of the Union.

- (e) No employee of the Employer shall be required to purchase, lease or enter into a proprietorship as a condition for continued employment with the Employer. The Employer shall not sell or lease any motorized equipment to an employee of the Employer for the purpose of continued employment with the Employer.

#### **4.02. Check-Off: Process and Procedures**

- (a) The Employer agrees to deduct initiation fees, Union dues, assessments that affect all employees, and arrears upon receipt of the appropriate assignment of wages form signed by each employee.
- (b) Upon commencement of employment each new employee will be required to sign the appropriate assignment of wages form. In the event that the Employer's files do not contain the necessary assignment of wages for any existing employee such employees shall, upon demand, sign and present the appropriate assignment of wages form.
- (c) All monies deducted from the employee's earnings pursuant to this Article are to be forwarded to the office of the Union, together with a list of employees to whom the monies are to be credited and the names, addresses and Social Insurance numbers of new employees hired on or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the month following the month for which the monies were deducted.
- (d) It is the responsibility of the Union to advise the Employer, in writing, as to the amount of money to be deducted for initiation fees, Union dues, assessments and arrears and of any changes in the amounts to be deducted. In the event that any amount to be deducted is changed from the amounts specified in the assignment of wages form signed by the employees, the Employer can require the employees to sign new forms reflecting the new amounts to be deducted prior to making such deductions and the Union will co-operate in arranging for the signing of these forms.

#### **4.03. An Employee's Failure to Maintain Membership in Good Standing**

Upon notice in writing from the Union to the Employer that an employee has ceased or failed to maintain membership in good standing; and

- (a) is not a member or has ceased to be a member of the Union;
- (b) has not signed a written assignment of wages to pay initiation fees;
- (c) has revoked his written assignment of wages to pay initiation fees, Union dues, or Union assessments.

The Employer shall promptly discontinue the employment of such employee.

The Union shall indemnify the Employer and hold it blameless against any and all suits, claims, demands and liabilities that may arise as a result of complying with the provisions of this clause.

## **ARTICLE 5    SHOP STEWARDS AND UNION OFFICERS**

### **5.01.   Shop Stewards**

- (a)    The Union is entitled to elect or appoint a Shop Steward from within the ranks of the employees at the Employer's operations. The duties of the Shop Steward shall be to assist in the reporting and resolution of grievances in accordance with Article 19.
- (b)    The Employer agrees to recognize a Shop Steward provided that the Union has first advised the Employer, in writing, of the employee so appointed. The Union agrees to advise the Employer, in writing, of any changes made by election from time to time.
- (c)    The Shop Steward's first obligation is the fulfillment of his responsibilities as an employee during his working hours.
- (d)    When the Shop Steward meets with Management in accordance with this Agreement, during working hours, including any meetings under the grievance procedure, it shall be without loss of pay. In the case of a Steward who is on commission, he shall be paid the greater of (i) his commission earnings or (ii) the amount he would earn for his total hours including the time spent at such meetings, using the Route Sales Representative ("RSR") hourly rate.
- (e)    The Shop Steward shall not be discriminated against or disciplined for the proper performance of his duties on behalf of the Union.
- (f)    In the event that the Employer discharges a Shop Steward, the Employer will email notice of such discharge to the Union Business Agent prior to the discharge. Should the Employer fail to email such notice, the notice shall be deemed null and void. Upon request by the Union, the reasons for discharge will be provided in writing.

### **5.02.   Union Access for Purposes of Administration of the Collective Agreement**

Authorized agents of the Union will request and have access to the Employer's establishments during working hours for the purpose of investigating conditions related to this Agreement and shall in no way interrupt the Employer's working schedule, or production, and shall observe all applicable safety and security requirements.

Authorized agents will submit their requests in writing to management in advance of the date of the intended visit.

### **5.03.   Bulletin Board**

The Employer will provide a bulletin board posted in the warehouse and the RSRs' room for the posting of this Agreement and for the posting of Union notices. The said Union notices shall be posted and signed by an elected or appointed officer or other authorized representative of the Union.

## **ARTICLE 6    MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

### **6.01.   Management Rights**

- (a)    The entire management of the Employer's operation is vested exclusively in the Employer except as modified by the express terms of this Agreement.
- (b)    An employee will receive a copy of any discipline letter placed on his file with a copy to the Union. Such discipline letter shall become a permanent part of the employee's personal work history. However, any incident causing such discipline letter will not be used to compound other disciplinary action against the employee when the employee has completed twelve (12) months of active work after the incident without a similar incident occurring. Discipline letters issued for violations of the Employer's Workplace Bullying, Harassment, Discrimination and Improper Activity or Behavior Policy, as may be amended, will be subject to the same conditions as above but for a period of eighteen (18) months. "Active work" means regular attendance at work not counting absence for vacation and up to four (4) weeks of other absences.
- (c)    An employee will receive a copy of any written reprimand or warning letter placed on his file with a copy to the Union. Such written reprimand or warning letter shall become a permanent part of the employee's personal work history. However, any incident causing such written reprimand or warning letter will not be used to compound other disciplinary action against the employee when the employee has completed twelve (12) months of active work after the incident without a similar incident occurring. Verbal warnings will be removed after twelve (12) months of active work. "Active work" means regular attendance at work not counting absence for vacation and up to four (4) weeks of other absences.
- (d)    All general notices or communications to the employees regarding the Company's policies and procedures will be posted on the Union bulletin board.

### **6.02.   Employee Personnel File**

At a time mutually agreeable to the employee and his supervisor, any employee shall have the right to review any documentation that may be contained within his personnel file. The employee will notify the Employer in writing of his wish to review his personnel file, and the Employer shall comply within two (2) working days. The Employer will provide copies of documents from an employee's personnel file as reasonably requested by the employee.

### **6.03.   Presence of a Union Shop Steward**

Any employee covered by this Agreement who is called into the Employer office for any discussion about discipline or possible discipline of the employee, or as part of an investigation which could result in discipline for the employee, shall be advised of his right to be accompanied by a Shop Steward present at the time.

### **6.04.   Time Limit for Imposition of a Disciplinary Sanction**

Where the Employer investigates a matter that may lead to discipline, the investigation will

proceed as soon as possible following the incident or knowledge of the incident by management of the Employer, whichever is later. The Employer will notify the Union if the investigation will require more than two (2) weeks to complete.

## **ARTICLE 7     HIRING PROCESS AND PROBATION PERIOD**

### **7.01.   Hiring Process**

- (a)     When hiring to fill a vacancy or a newly created position, the Employer is entitled to choose a candidate which the Employer considers to be the best qualified and most suitable.
- (b)     The Employer shall furnish to the Union a list of new employees taken into employment by the Employer showing the location of their employment within seven (7) working days of their being hired.

### **7.02.   Probationary Employee**

All newly hired employees shall be considered as probationary employees for the first sixty (60) days worked. There shall be no responsibility on the part of the Employer in respect of the employment of probationary employees should they be laid off for lack of work or discharged during the probationary period. However, the Employer shall inform the probationary employee as to whether he has been discharged or laid-off and the reasons therefore.

The Employer will notify the employee and the Union in writing in advance of the first (60) days worked of any extension of the probationary period, reasons for the extension and the period of the extension.

After successful completion of the probationary period seniority will be backdated to the date of hire.

Upon conclusion of the probationary period, the employee's name shall forthwith be placed on the appropriate regular employee's seniority list, effective from the first day of employment, and the employee shall be entitled to all rights and privileges as provided in this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 8     HOURS OF WORK AND RELATED**

### **8.01.   Normal Straight Time Hours of Work**

- (a)     The normal straight time hours of work are eight (8) hours per day, five (5) days per week or ten (10) hours per day, four (4) days per week. This shall not be considered as a guarantee of hours of work per day or per week. There shall be no combination of eight (8) and ten (10) hour shifts by the same employee.
- (b)     Any hours which the Employer requires an employee to work in excess of forty (40) hours in a week shall be paid at the overtime rates provided in this Agreement.
- (c)     Time recognition for all paperwork, pre and post trip inspections and verifying load, meeting with management and organization of the daily route will be sixty (60) minutes

each day for both regular and relief RSRs. Fixing the load of a loaded truck will be paid at the downtime rate in Appendix "A". All other duties that are normally performed by other employees and/or outside workers/companies done by the RSR will be paid at the downtime rate in Appendix "A".

All RSRs shall be paid for work day.

1. The RSR hourly rate for all hours worked, including overtime in accordance with 8.04(a), or
2. Their earned commission on that day, whichever is greater.

\*Article 8.04(c) does not apply to Relief RSRs.

- (d) If an RSR finishes his/her route and goes to assist another RSR on their route, he/she will then be paid at the downtime rate (RSR hourly rate) for that specific time period or commission earnings, whichever is greater. If the total time worked in the day exceeds eight (8) hours, he/she will be paid overtime at the downtime rate or commission earnings, whichever is greater.

## **8.02. Unpaid Meal Breaks**

- (a) Employees who normally work eight (8) hour shifts are entitled to an unpaid meal break between the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) hour. Employees who normally work ten (10) hour shifts are entitled to an unpaid meal break between the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) and sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) hour. No employee shall be required to take more than one hour or less than one-half hour meal break.
- (b) Meal breaks are not to be taken at the end of the shift unless mutually agreed by the manager and the employee.

## **8.03. Rest Periods**

- (a) All employees are entitled to one rest period of fifteen (15) minutes during both the first half and second half of any shift. After each two (2) hour period of overtime the employee is entitled to a fifteen (15) minute rest period if further overtime is to be worked. For employees who normally work ten (10) hour shifts the third break will be prior to the start of overtime.
- (b) Such rest periods are part of the employee's assigned hours of work and the rest period time is without loss of pay.
- (c) Rest periods are not to be taken at the end of the shift unless mutually agreed by the manager and the employee.

## **8.04. Overtime Pay**

The Employer shall pay overtime as follows:

- (a) Hourly rated employees who work a five (5) day, eight (8) hour schedule. The

Employer shall pay overtime at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) times the regular rate of pay over eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week and for all hours worked on a statutory holiday. The Employer shall pay overtime at the rate of two (2) times the regular rate of pay for time over eleven (11) hours per day or forty-eight (48) hours per week.

- (b) Hourly rated employees who work a four (4) day, ten (10) hour schedule. The Employer shall pay overtime at a rate of one and one-half (1.5) times the regular rate of pay over ten (10) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week and for all hours worked on a statutory holiday. The Employer shall pay overtime at the rate of two (2) times the regular rate of pay for time over twelve (12) hours per day or forty-eight (48) hours per week.
- (c) The regular rate for a Commission RSR for the purpose of overtime calculation under this Agreement is the RSR hourly rate. When a Commission RSR works over eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week he shall receive the greater of:
  - 1. the amount he would earn under 8.04 (a) above using the RSR hourly rate in any two (2) week pay period; or
  - 2. his commission earnings in any two (2) week pay period; or
  - 3. the guarantee for that two (2) week pay period.
- (d) There shall be no pyramiding of overtime.
- (e) The Employer agrees that commissioned RSRs shall not be required to work six (6) days in a work week without reference to the overtime calculation in Article 8.04(c).

#### **8.05. Distribution of Overtime**

- (a) Overtime work will be distributed amongst the employees in the affected classification in order of seniority subject to the Employer's right to insure that the employee to whom the overtime is given is qualified and capable of performing the work to be performed.
- (b) The Employer has no desire to assign unnecessary overtime, but when the Employer determines that overtime must be worked the performance of overtime work is a requirement of employment. However, if an employee provides reasonable justification for declining overtime work, he will be excused.
- (c) Hourly Rated Employees: Except in the case of an emergency, or where it is unavoidable, no employee shall work weekly overtime until all regular employees in their unit have worked the full quota of regular hours, provided there are capable and qualified regular employees amongst those who have not worked their full quota of regular hours.



**8.06. Maximum Overtime**

No employee shall be required to work more than eight (8) hours of overtime in the work week.

**8.07. Overtime Notice**

Where possible to do so, the Employer will give affected employees a minimum of two (2) hours' advance notice of the overtime requirements.

**8.08. Call-Back Time and Pay**

- (a) An employee called back to work after the completion of his shift shall be paid for a minimum of two (2) hours at overtime. Call-back time will be payable only when an employee has completed his shift and has left the Employer's premises and is then called by the Employer to return to work.
- (b) These call-back time and pay provisions are not applicable in the case of any employee who has worked less than eight (8) or ten (10) hours in a day depending on whether he normally works eight (8) or ten (10) hour shifts, and volunteers to return to work in order to gain additional hours.

**8.09. Daily Pay Conditions**

An employee who reports for work under the direction of the Employer but is not provided with work will receive a minimum of four (4) hours work and/or pay unless the employee is unfit or unwilling to perform his duties, or he is unwilling to comply with the applicable legislation or the Employer's rules and regulations.

**8.10. Mandatory Meetings**

Should the Employer require any hourly rated employee to attend any mandatory meetings, including meetings for the purpose of training or education, the Employer shall pay for all such time in attendance at the employee's hourly rate. For employees who are paid by commission, attendance at such meetings is 'built into' the commission rate. However, the time spent at such meetings by commission employees shall be counted as time worked for the purpose of the "greater of" calculation in Article 8.04 (c). Such meeting will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes where possible.

**8.11. RSR on Standby**

The Employer agrees that any RSR who is not on a regular scheduled route and who is required to standby at home for work shall call the Employer dispatch not earlier than 10:00 a.m. Should no work be available to the standby relief RSR at the time of call-in, the RSR will be released from any further obligation for that day.

**8.12. Dispatcher Remains on Duty**

The Employer agrees that a dispatcher and/or management will remain on duty until the last RSR returns to the warehouse at the completion of his normal duties.



- 8.13.** Cooler Cleaners will be guaranteed an allotment minimum of twenty (20) cooler cleaning tickets per day. In the event that the allotment falls short of twenty (20) tickets for each assigned route, the shortfall will rest with the lowest seniority cooler cleaning RSR. The Employer agrees to monitor the cooler cleaning allotments each pay period for the duration of this Agreement. Scheduled meetings will be held on a monthly basis between the Supervisor, Dispatcher, and Cooler Cleaners.

## **ARTICLE 9    SENIORITY**

### **9.01. Seniority Entitlement Defined**

- (a) Seniority is the total length of “continuous service” on a full-time or part-time basis by an employee in the employ of the Employer within the bargaining unit. The purpose of seniority is to provide the order of work preference, shift preference, layoffs, recalls, selection for job postings and vacation selections as set out in this Agreement.
- (b) In the event that new jobs are created or vacancies occur in any bargaining unit position, the Employer will post a notice stipulating the department, the work schedule, shift starting time, rate of pay, job description and the qualifications required before any new employees are hired, in order to allow employees with seniority to apply in writing. All regular employees only shall have the right to bid on such postings. The notice shall be posted for seven (7) days in a conspicuous place in the warehouse with a copy to the Union. The Employer shall designate on the original posting the successful bidder within three (3) days of the closing date of the posting. Employees who wish to be considered for vacancies which may occur during their absence from work may register their interest with the Employer in advance of the vacancy. Where the absent employee is appointed to the vacancy, the Employer may fill the vacancy on a temporary basis pending the return of the absent employee. Such employees must be available to work within two (2) months of the start date of the position. No posting shall be required for a vacancy that will last for less than ten (10) working days.

The Employer shall fill the posting only after considering the seniority, skills and ability of the applicants. Where the skill and ability of two (2) or more applicants are relatively equal, seniority shall govern. For greater certainty, skill and ability includes reliability

The trial period for employees transferring into an RSR position will be forty-five (45) working days, twenty (20) working days for an RSR posting into a different route, and thirty (30) working days for all remaining employees. If during the specified trial period, the employee proves unsatisfactory in the job to which he is posted, the employee will be returned to his previous job and rate of pay. The job rate of pay will be paid upon commencement of the job posted. Where an employee elects during the trial period to leave the job to which he has posted, he will be transferred back to his previous job and rate of pay.

If an RSR leaves an existing route to fill a vacancy in another route and during the first twenty (20) working days proves unsatisfactory in the new route to which he was posted, or elects to leave the new route to which he was posted, he will be transferred back to his previous route which other than *bona fide* market changes to a route (excluding a route blend) will remain intact for the twenty (20) working days. The route vacated will be temporarily filled by a relief RSR until such time as the RSR elects to take the posting or chooses to return to his original route within the twenty (20) working days. In the event the RSR accepts the route to which he was posted, the temporary position will be reposted and bid on a permanent basis.

Posting for Trainer - Seniority - On March 1st of each year there will be a posting to create a roster of RSRs to provide training to new RSRs (the "Training Roster"). The Training Roster will include those RSRs responding to the posting who are considered by the Employer, in accordance with this Article, to have the required skill and ability. When training is required, it will be offered in order of seniority to those RSRs on the Training Roster. A separate training roster will be posted for coverage RSRs, using the same process as above. These coverage RSRs will train for two (2) days within the initial training session.

- (c) When an employee is laid-off for lack of work, he will then have the right to fill, if qualified and capable in all respects, providing he has been given the opportunity to demonstrate his capability in any position to which his seniority will entitle him within his own seniority group.
- (d) There shall be two (2) seniority groups:
  - (i) Inside seniority group
  - (ii) Outside seniority group

When an employee bids on a posting from the other seniority group, he will be placed on the bottom of the other seniority list of applicants for the purpose of considering seniority; however, once awarded the position and after completing his trial period, the employee will be reinstated with his Company seniority for any future postings.

- (e) Temporary postings will be awarded based on seniority, skills, abilities and availability to fill the temporary posting in full.

## **9.02. Loss of Seniority**

- (a) An employee will lose his seniority and recall rights, and cease to be employed, and the Employer shall be under no further obligation to such employee where he:
  - (i) voluntarily terminates his employment;
  - (ii) is discharged for just cause;
  - (iii) is on layoff more than twelve (12) months, except in the case where a layoff is a direct result of a labour dispute involving another company;

- (iv) he does not return to work on the date specified following an approved leave of absence other than medical;
- (v) is absent from work without leave or objectively reasonable excuse;
- (vi) fails to report to work in response to a recall from layoff.

### **9.03. Seniority Lists**

- (a) On each Union bulletin board the Employer will post and maintain seniority listings. Such up-to-date listings will be posted as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Copies of current lists will be provided to the Union. Such lists state:
  - (i) the employee's name;
  - (ii) the date from which the employee's seniority is calculated.
- (b) The seniority list shall be posted by the Employer on the Union bulletin board. Any objection to the accuracy of a posted seniority list must be lodged with the Employer during the thirty (30) days in which the lists are posted. Thereafter, the posted lists will be deemed to be valid and correct for all purposes of this Agreement.
- (c) At the time of posting, a copy of the seniority list shall be given to the Shop Stewards.

### **9.04. Supplementary Seniority Information**

The Employer agrees that in addition to producing and posting the seniority lists provided for in this Agreement, it will also provide any necessary seniority information at other times. The Union agrees that such information will only be sought when necessary to resolve an issue of entitlements based on seniority. The Union will provide reasonable notice of the need for this information.

### **9.05. Length of Service Upon Transfer Out of the Bargaining Unit**

- (a) Employees in the bargaining unit who are promoted or transferred to positions which are outside of the bargaining unit shall continue to accrue bargaining unit seniority for a maximum of ninety (90) days.
- (b) In the event that the employee is later demoted or transferred back into the bargaining unit within the ninety (90) day period, the employment time both while in and out of the bargaining unit will be used to establish the employee's length of service.
- (c) After the ninety (90) day period, an employee who returns to a bargaining unit position will be credited with the seniority which he had accrued prior to taking the excluded position.

#### **9.06. Recall from Layoff**

- (a) When filling vacancies, the Employer will recall employees with recall rights according to their seniority, provided that they are capable of performing the available work.
- (b) An employee who has been laid off and wishes to be recalled must insure that the Employer has a current phone number and address for the purpose of recall. Failure on the part of the employee to provide this information may result in the employee forfeiting his recall rights.
- (c) The Employer agrees that recall notification will be by direct contact (including personal contact and telephone contact), registered mail or email.

### **ARTICLE 10 WAGES**

#### **10.01. Wage Rates**

The wage rates will be covered in Appendix "A" of this Agreement.

#### **10.02. Calculation of Wage Earnings**

Rates of pay provided for by this Agreement shall be minimums.

#### **10.03. Payment of Wages Upon Discharge, Lay-Off or Resignation**

- (a) When an employee resigns, the Employer will pay all wages and unused sick days owing to the employee within six (6) calendar days of the date of his resignation.
- (b) When an employee is laid-off or discharged, the Employer shall pay all wages owing to him as soon as possible, but in any event within forty-eight (48) hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.
- (c) When an employee is laid-off or discharged, the Employer will provide the employee with a "Record of Employment" form which will indicate the reason for the separation from employment.

#### **10.04. Distribution of Pay Cheques**

- (a) The Employer shall provide every employee covered by this Agreement with an electronic itemized statement in respect of all wage payments to such employee. Electronic pay stubs will be available for printing. The Company will provide a working computer and printer to be made available at all times.
- (b) The Employer will pay not less frequently than twice each month. Payment will be made every fourteen (14) days.
- (c) Payment will include an itemized accounting of the employee's earnings and deductions.

### **10.05. New Job Classifications**

- (a) In the event that the Employer creates a new job classification within the scope of the Union's certification, the Employer will provide the Union with written notice and the Parties will meet to negotiate a wage rate for the classification.
- (b) If the parties are unable to reach agreement for a wage rate for the classification, the matter will be referred to arbitration pursuant to this Agreement.
- (c) The Employer has the right to implement the job classification at a wage rate set by the Employer and any adjustment to that wage rate which may result from negotiations or arbitration will be made retroactive to the effective implementation date.

### **10.06. Pay for Change in Classification**

When an employee from a higher rated classification is requested to work temporarily or until permanently reclassified at a lower-rated classification, he shall continue to be paid at the rate paid for the higher rated classification.

Where an employee from a lower rated classification is requested to work in a higher rated classification for one hour or more in a shift, or more than eight (8) hours in a pay period, he shall be paid at the higher rate for the period worked in the higher rated classification. This provision is not intended for the regular replacement of higher rated employees for periods of less than one hour in a shift or less than eight (8) hours in a pay period.

## **ARTICLE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS**

### **11.01. Recognized Statutory Holidays**

Subject to the eligibility provisions set out in this Agreement, the following days shall be recognized as paid Statutory Holidays:

New Year's Day	Canada Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving
Labour Day	B.C. Day
Christmas Day	Boxing Day
Remembrance Day	Victoria Day
Family Day	
Truth and Reconciliation Day	

Any additional statutory holiday proclaimed by the Provincial or Federal governments will be deemed to have been added to the above schedule.

### **11.02. Statutory Holiday Falling on Day Off**

In the event that an employee's day off falls on a statutory holiday, the employee shall receive his normal day's wages as calculated in Article 11.03

### 11.03. Payment for Statutory Holidays

- (a) Employees who are eligible for statutory holiday pay will receive a normal day's pay for the statutory holiday whether or not they are scheduled to work on the statutory holiday.
- (b)
  - (i) For purposes of this Article, a normal day's pay for commissioned RSRs, part time employees and employees paid a combination of salary and commission shall be understood to mean an employee's earnings, including overtime, for the time he has worked in the two (2) pay periods immediately preceding the holiday divided by the number of days worked or fifteen (15), whichever is the greater. The calculation is made by adding together the gross earnings for the two (2) pay periods and dividing by the number of days worked. If the number of days worked is less than fifteen (15), the calculation uses fifteen (15) as a minimum. In the case of the calculation for a normal day's pay for New Year's Day, Boxing Day and Christmas Day will be counted as time worked on the basis of the hours that the employee was paid for those days.
  - (ii) For the purposes of this article, a normal day's pay for full-time hourly employees is eight (8) hours pay at regular hourly rate.
  - (iii) Hourly paid employees who are regularly scheduled to work ten (10) hour shifts will be paid ten (10) hours' pay for a statutory holiday.

### 11.04. Eligibility For Statutory Holiday Pay

Employees are entitled to receive statutory holiday pay if they:

- Have been employed for 30 calendar days, and
- Have worked or earned wages (including paid vacation days or another statutory holiday) on at least 15 of the 30 days before a statutory holiday

### 11.05. Statutory Holidays During Vacation

Should any statutory holiday occur during an employee's vacation period, an extra day's pay will be added to the employee's vacation pay cheque and the employee is then entitled to add one day to his vacation time. The extra day's pay will be calculated in accordance with Article 11.03 (b).

## ARTICLE 12 ANNUAL VACATIONS

### 12.01. Annual Vacation Pay:

Casual Employees and Employees With Less Than One Year of Service

- (a) Casual employees and other employees with less than one year of completed service will receive annual vacation pay in accordance with the provisions of applicable legislation.
- (b) Casual and part-time hourly employees will receive any annual vacation pay to



which they are entitled with their regular pay cheques for each pay period.

## **12.02. Annual Vacation and Vacation Pay Entitlements:**

### **Employees with One Year or More of Completed Consecutive Service**

- (a) Employees are entitled to annual vacation and annual vacation pay, according to their completed years of consecutive service, calculated from their date of hire as follows:

#### Completed Consecutive Service Entitlement

After 1 year but less than 4 years	2 weeks	4%
After 4 years but less than 9 years	3 weeks	6%
After 9 years but less than 14 years	4 weeks	8%
After 14 years	5 weeks	10%
After 23 years	6 weeks	12% (effective Jan. 1/14)

For clarification of intent of this Article see Appendix "D" — Vacation Entitlement Defined, attached hereto and forming part of this Agreement.

- (b) "Completed Consecutive Service" as used herein shall be understood to mean completed years of consecutive service with uninterrupted seniority rights.
- (c) "Gross Earnings" as used herein shall be understood to mean the total earnings realized by an employee from the payment of wage rates from straight time, overtime and statutory holiday pay.

## **12.03. Vacation Scheduling Preference By Seniority**

- (a) Vacation scheduling for the dates of January 1st to February 28th will be arranged during the period of November 1st to December 15th. The blank vacation request forms shall be made available prior to November 1st. Vacation scheduling for the dates of March 1st to December 31st will be arranged during the period of January 2<sup>nd</sup> to February 15th. The blank vacation request forms shall be made available prior to January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- (b) Employees shall have preference in respect to their annual vacations within their department and classifications according to their seniority subject to Article 12.06 provided they fill in their date selections by the applicable deadline set out in paragraph (a).
- (c) A copy of the current vacation schedule will be posted each month, but the official vacation schedule will be as maintained day to day on the Employer's computer.

#### **12.04. Vacation Schedule Limitations**

- (a) In the event that an employee has not posted for his vacation, the Employer has the option of establishing the vacation time for the employee.
- (b) Employees must take their annual vacations before the end of December in each year. The Employer is entitled to schedule the vacation period where the employee fails to post for the time.
- (c) Vacation period to start on completion of employee's normal work week and end on the first day of his normal work week on the completion of his vacation.
- (d) Unless otherwise mutually agreed between the Employer and the employee, every employee shall be notified at least fourteen (14) days prior to being required to take any vacation period. Once vacation periods are established, the time shall not be changed, except where mutually agreed between the employee and the Employer.

#### **12.05. Vacation Period Need Not Be Continuous**

An employee's vacation can be scheduled in blocks of one (1) week.

#### **12.06. Staffing During Vacation Absences**

- (a) The Employer is entitled to require that the vacation schedules provide for adequate experienced and qualified staff at all times.
- (b) The Employer will not use its right to require adequate staffing in an unreasonable or discriminatory manner.
- (c) The number allowed off on vacation for RSRs will be set at 11% of the active seniority list as of November 1st for vacation the following year, rounded off to the nearest number (up or down), i.e. 4.4 employees = 4 employees; 4.5 = 5 employees. This does not include employees off on long-term disability or extended layoff. Extended shall be defined as thirty (30) days or more. Where the route includes Saturday deliveries, one (1) out of every four (4) RSRs will be allowed off on vacation on any Saturday.

### **ARTICLE 13 LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

#### **13.01. Bereavement Leave**

- (a) A regular employee will be granted three (3) consecutive days off without loss of pay on the death of a member of the employee's immediate family.
- (b) In the case of a regular employee whose immediate family live outside the Province of British Columbia, an appropriate leave of absence without pay will be granted in addition to the leave of absence set out in (a) above.
- (c) A regular employee's immediate family is defined as the employee's spouse,



mother, father, grandparents, grandchildren, sons and step-sons, daughter and step-daughters, brothers and sisters, mother-in-law, father-in-law, step-father or step-mother will be recognized as such provided such step-father or step-mother had the status of the employee's father or mother.

- (d) For the purposes of this Article, "spouse" shall be defined to include common-law spouse with whom the employee has cohabited for a minimum of one (1) year.
- (e) The Employer is entitled to require proof of death and/or relationship.
- (f) The Employer will grant an unpaid extension of the bereavement leave, where there are reasonable grounds for requiring such an extension.
- (g) Bereavement leave is not paid when the bereavement occurs during a leave of absence, while on lay-off during time off which is not paid for by the Employer or while on annual vacation.

### **13.02. Funeral Leave**

Upon giving twenty-four (24) hours' advance notice, an employee shall be granted time off without pay for the purpose of attending a funeral provided that the granting of such time off shall not impair the efficient operation of the Employer's business. Such request will not be unreasonably denied.

### **13.03. Leave for Jury Duty or as a Witness for Crown or for Employer**

- (a) Regular employees who are called to jury duty and/or serve on a jury or as a witness for the Crown shall be granted leave of absence for this purpose, and provided that the employee concerned deposits with the Employer any pay received, the employee shall continue to receive the wages he would have earned during the period of his absence. To be eligible for this Article, the employee must have completed six (6) months with the Employer.
- (b) Any employee covered by this Agreement who may be required to attend any commission, court or hearing to give evidence in any case, civil or criminal, on behalf of the Employer shall not suffer a loss of pay for the time necessarily spent in such proceedings.
- (c) Relative to this Article, the Employer is entitled to require proof that the employee received a summons or subpoena, and the employee must present a statement proving the amount of pay received for the attendances.
- (d) This clause will have no application for an employee who is absent from work for reasons which do not involve payment of the employee's time off by the Employer.

### **13.04. Personal Leave(s) of Absence**

- (a) Leave(s) of absence, other than those specifically provided for in this Agreement, may be granted to employees where it is deemed reasonable and appropriate to do so by the Employer, but the granting of such leaves is within the discretion of the

Employer. The granting of such leave will be in writing with a copy to the Union and only a written approval will be accepted as evidence that leave was granted. Each request will be considered and approval will not be unreasonably withheld. Once the leave has been granted it shall not be withdrawn except by mutual agreement of the Parties.

- (b) All leave(s) of absence provided for in this Agreement are leaves without pay, unless it is specifically provided in the appropriate Article that the particular leave of absence is to be granted with pay.
- (c) Each employee shall be granted upon request up to three (3) personal days each year without pay upon giving five (5) working days' written notice prior to the day of leave. If there is an emergency the employee will provide the Company with as much notice as possible.
- (d) If any employee requests a leave of absence to take a position with the Union, such request shall be granted. The employee will remain on the Union seniority list and accrue seniority.

Long-term leave with the Union will be limited to one (1) employee at any given time. No benefits will be paid for the duration of the leave and upon return will be placed on the coverage schedule.

#### **13.05. Fraud or Misrepresentation**

Any employee who obtains a leave of absence through fraud or misrepresentation will be subject to discipline up to and including discharge.

#### **13.06. Family Responsibility Leave**

As per Section 52 of the Employment Standards Act, an employee is entitled up to five (5) days of unpaid leave per employment year to meet responsibilities related to the care, health and education of any member of the employee's immediate family as defined in 13.01(c). Employees are expected to give the Employer as much notice as possible and provide sufficient information for the Employer to understand the reason for the leave.

### **ARTICLE 14 HEALTH AND SAFETY**

#### **14.01. General Obligations**

The Employer will continue to make all reasonable provisions for the safety and health of its employees during working hours.

#### **14.02. Obligations and Intentions**

- (a) The Employer recognizes its obligation to satisfy the dictates of any valid legislation bearing on standards to be maintained relative to health and safety conditions in the work place.
- (b) The Parties further endorse and subscribe to the promotion of safety consciousness

and responsibility.

- (c) It is the intent of the Employer to make every reasonable effort to provide safe working conditions and to eliminate or reduce to the extent reasonably possible any hazards defined by the Worker's Compensation Act or Regulations which are inherent in the Employer's operations.

#### **14.03. Standards**

- (a) The Parties mutually recognize the benefits to be derived from maintaining a safe and healthy work environment and that the Employer, the employees and the Union should cooperate in striving to improve health and safety conditions.
- (b) It is further recognized and agreed that the maintenance of a safe and sanitary environment requires the cooperation and contribution of every employee. Accordingly, the employees are fully obligated to comply with any and all reasonable rules and regulations established by the Employer pursuant to this Agreement and bearing on health and safety. Specifically, every employee is obligated to report, at the first reasonable opportunity, any injury or any accident which could have resulted in an injury or unsafe condition.

#### **14.04. First-Aid and Accident Reports**

The Employer agrees that upon receipt of a written request from the Union it will provide copies of any reports which the Employer has on file of first aid treatments given or accidents which have resulted in injury to any employee.

#### **14.05. Transportation For Medical Care**

Transportation from the workplace to the nearest physician or hospital for any employee requiring urgent medical attention will be provided at the expense of the Employer.

#### **14.06. Pay For Day of Work Related Injury**

In the event that an employee after starting work suffers a work related injury which incapacitates him from carrying out his duties, he shall be paid his full day's wages for the day of his injury, provided he is not in receipt of compensation from the Worker's Compensation Board for that day.

### **ARTICLE 15 HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS**

#### **15.01. Eligible Employees**

- (a) All regular full-time employees who have successfully completed their probationary period will be eligible for benefits under the Health and Welfare Plan described in Appendix "B" of this Agreement.
- (b) All regular full-time employees who have successfully completed their probationary period will be eligible to participate in the RRSP/DPSP in accordance with the eligibility requirements of the Plan.

You must be a full-time employee working continuously for 60 working days to be eligible for the Plan. Eligible Employees enrolled in the Plan will have 3% of the eligible income deducted from each pay cheque and the Employer will match the 3% that the employee contributes. If an Employee's employment with the Employer terminates for any reason before they have completed two (2) years of continuous membership in the RRSP/DPSP plan, they are only entitled to their own accumulated value of contributions and not those made by the Employer.

## **ARTICLE 16 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **16.01. No Individual Contracts or Agreements**

- (a) The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with employees, members of the Union, individually or collectively which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this Agreement. Any such agreement will be null and void.
- (b) This provision is not intended to prohibit or restrict the Employer's right to implement, alter or amend any Incentive Compensation Program which the Employer may choose to use.

### **16.02. Successorship Rights and Obligations**

The conditions of Section 35 of the B.C. Labour Code will apply.

### **16.03. Uniforms**

Where any employee is required to wear any special uniform or coveralls as a condition of continued employ, a supply of such uniforms or coveralls shall be furnished by the Employer at no cost to the employee.

- (a) Uniforms provided to RSRs are as follows: 1
  - baseball cap
  - 1 toque
  - 5 short sleeve shirts
  - 2 long sleeve shirts
  - 5 in total of shorts or pants as chosen by RSR
  - 1 long sleeve fleece
  - 1 jacket
  - 1 pair of steel-toed boots after one (1) year of employment
- (b) Uniforms provided to inside employees are as follows:
  - 1 baseball cap
  - 1 toque
  - 1 pair rain pants
  - 1 rain jacket
  - 6 long or short sleeve shirts (or any combination of same, at the employee's option)
  - 1 waterproof winter jacket

5 in total of pants

1 pair steel-toed rain boots (CSA approved) after one (1) year of employment

Uniform items that become faded, worn out, damaged or otherwise unfit for use due to normal “wear and tear” will be replaced or repaired at no expense to the employee. As per Company policy, an employee who desires new uniform items must present the old items to the Manager before the new items are released.

All employees under this Agreement are required to be attired in only Employer provided uniform items from the time he arrives at work until the time that he has completed his duties and is leaving the workplace. No other clothing, hats or outerwear is to be substituted for the designated uniform items.

A supply of shirts and jackets will be available on site for RSRs. RSRs should be proactive in contacting the vendor prior to obtaining the remainder of the Employer uniform. Consideration for time compensation will be given in the event that the RSR demonstrates a reasonable attempt to acquire these items.

#### **16.04. Safety Boot Allowance**

- (a) At the conclusion of each full year of active work, an employee that is required to wear safety boots will be reimbursed for up to one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) for the repair or replacement of safety boots, this amount includes the purchase of insoles if required, upon submitting a receipt to the Employer. When replacing their boots, RSRs are required to select boots that are black in colour. “Active Work” means regular attendance at work not counting absence for vacation and up to three (3) weeks of other absences.
- (b) Subject to the provisions of 16.04(a) above, an employee who is required to wear boots and does not utilize the safety boot allowance in a year will be reimbursed for up to three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) for the repair or replacement of safety boots at the conclusion of the next full year of active work.

#### **16.05. First-aid Provisions and Certificates**

The Employer shall provide first-aid provisions in accordance with the Workers’ Compensation Act.

#### **16.06. Employees Returning to Work After Illness or Injury**

- (a) In cases where an employee is returning to work following an absence due to illness or injury including absences covered by the Workers’ Compensation benefits, the employee is entitled to re-instatement in his former position, provided it exists, after notifying the Employer of his intention to return with all rights and conditions which he formerly enjoyed according to the terms of the Agreement which is in effect at the time of his return subject to the further conditions which follow.
- (b) Prior to re-instating the employee, if there is reasonable cause for the Employer to

be concerned about the employee's physical condition, the Employer is entitled to require documentation from a physician or from the Workers' Compensation Board certifying that the employee is physically able to resume the performance of the duties.

#### **16.07. Recognition of Legal Picket Lines and Protection of Rights**

It shall not be a violation of this Agreement or cause for discipline or discharge of any employee, in the performance of his duties to refuse to cross a legal picket line recognized by the Union. The Union shall notify the Employer as soon as possible of the existence of such recognized legal picket lines.

#### **16.08. Control of Absenteeism**

- (a) Every employee who is unable to report to work due to illness or injury is obligated to notify the Manager/Supervisor or, if too ill to telephone, have someone else notify the Manager/Supervisor on his behalf at least one (1) hour prior to the employee's normal reporting time, to the Employer's specified phone line.
- (b) In a case where there is reasonable cause to doubt that there is a bona fide reason for an employee's absence from work based on illness or injury, the Employer is entitled to require a doctor's certificate as proof of sickness or injury. Any cost associated with the provision of a doctor's certificate, for absences of three (3) days or less, under this Article will be incurred by the Employer.
- (c) In a case where an employee is unable to maintain a satisfactory attendance record, the Employer will deal with the problem recognizing the reasons for the attendance problems may be beyond the control of the employee.

#### **16.09. Route Blend**

It may be necessary to blend routes where route sizes are being increased due to growth, downsized due to a reduction in the customer base, or adjusted to allow for various customer changes. When the Employer decides to do such a route blend, it will consult with the RSRs about the implementation of the route blend with a goal of minimizing disruption to customers and negative effects on RSRs, having due regard for business efficiency, customer service.

If a route blend results in a RSR with a regular route (the "assigned route") earning in the first twelve (12) pay cheque period after the route blend (the "new period") less than ninety percent (90%) of what he earned in the twelve (12) pay cheque period immediately preceding the route blend (the "old period"), providing that the work period is comparable, the RSR may exercise one of the following options within ten (10) calendar days:

- (a) he may require the Employer to pay the difference between the percentage earned and 90% in the next pay period following the end of the twelve (12) pay cheque period, and accept to continue his route, as blended, thereafter; or
- (b) he may use his seniority to bump (BUMP #1) a junior RSR if qualified and capable in all respects, providing he has been given the opportunity to demonstrate his

capability in the position into which he has bumped.

- (c) When routes are blended or merged into each other, the affected RSR will be compensated one (1) hour of down time for each day blended to a maximum of ten (10) hours on route maintenance required during a route blend at the Facility.

The above noted options a) and b) will also apply where a route is blended more than once in any twelve (12) consecutive month period, and the cumulative effect of the blends results in a RSR earning in the first twelve (12) pay cheque period after the most recent route blend less than ninety percent (90%) of what he earned in the twelve (12) pay cheque period immediately preceding the first route blend.

If a route blend results in the elimination of a route, the RSR who had been doing the eliminated route will have ten (10) calendar days to use his seniority to bump a junior RSR if qualified and capable in all respects, providing he has been given the opportunity to demonstrate his capability in the position into which he has bumped.

If an RSR is bumped pursuant to any of the above, he will have five (5) working days to choose to (i) move into the vacated route (if applicable) without that route being posted, or (ii) use his seniority to bump (BUMP #2) a junior RSR if qualified and capable in all respects, providing he has been given the opportunity to demonstrate his capability in the position into which he has bumped.

If a second RSR is bumped pursuant to the above paragraph, that employee above will also have five (5) working days to choose to (i) move into the vacated route (if applicable) without that route being posted, or (ii) use his seniority to bump (BUMP #3) a junior RSR if qualified and capable in all respects, providing he has been given the opportunity to demonstrate his capability in the position into which he has bumped.

Any other RSR bumped as a result of BUMP #3 may only move into the vacated route (if applicable) without it being posted, or in the case of an elimination of a route, could use his seniority to bump the lowest seniority RSR holding a route (BUMP #4) or opt to be placed on the relief (coverage) roster. In the event of a fourth bump, the displaced RSR would then be placed on the relief (coverage) roster.

In the case of a bump because of the elimination of a route, the Employer will provide statistical data on the historical route performance to the employee who has lost their assigned route and a map of the boundaries to a maximum of five (5) potential routes that he may elect to bump into.

#### **16.10. Joint Consultation**

On the request of either Party, up to three (3) representatives from each Party must meet at least once every two (2) months until this Agreement is terminated, for the purpose of discussing issues relating to the workplace that affect the Parties or any employee bound by this Agreement. Where the Union wishes additional representatives to attend, leave may be granted upon the approval of the Employer.



The purpose of the consultation committee is to promote the cooperative resolution of workplace issues, to respond and adapt to changes in the economy, to foster the development of work related skills and to promote workplace productivity.

#### **16.11. Severance Package**

The Company agrees to provide the following severance package for any employee who is terminated as a result of a closure of the operations or permanent layoff:

Employees with five (5) years or less service, one (1) week's pay for each year of service.

Employees with more than five (5) full years of service, two (2) weeks' pay for each full year of service to a maximum of one (1) year's pay.

### **ARTICLE 17 TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE**

#### **17.01. Technological Change Defined**

Technological changes shall be defined to mean the introduction and utilization of equipment changes which have not previously been used with the bargaining unit by the Employer and the use of which results in the termination or laying off of regular employees.

#### **17.02. Recognition of Benefits of Technological Change**

All Parties to this Agreement recognize that technological changes that result in increased efficiency and productivity must be encouraged and further that all parties have a direct responsibility to reduce to a minimum the adverse effects that may result from such changes.

#### **17.03. Prior Notification**

The Employer shall advise the Union not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the introduction of technological changes and the matter shall immediately become the topic of general discussion and consultation between the Employer and the Union and particularly in regard to:

- (i) the effect such changes will have on the employees within the bargaining unit;
- (ii) the probable effect on working conditions;
- (iii) any changes in job classifications.

#### **17.04. Affected Employees**

In the event that a technological change occurs, the termination or lay-off which results shall be conducted in accordance with the seniority provisions of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 18 DEFINITIONS**

#### **18.01. Time Span Reference**

References to days, weeks, months or years shall be understood to mean calendar days, weeks, months or years unless expressly provided in this Agreement.



### **18.02. Specific Definitions**

The following specific definitions of words, expressions, terms or phrases have been agreed to by the Parties and shall be used to establish the intent and meaning of the language of this Agreement unless a different definition is provided within the context of a particular Article:

**Probationary Employee:** An employee who was hired into probationary status and who has not successfully completed the probationary period.

**Regular Employee:** An employee who works regular scheduled shifts as assigned by the Employer on a continuing basis. Such employees may be employed on either a full-time or a part-time basis.

**Casual Employee:** An employee hired on an incidental and temporary basis to provide for additional manpower. Not to be used to reduce the normal working hours of regular or probationary employees, nor inhibit the recall of laid off employees.

### **18.03. Bulk Route Definition**

- (a) A bulk RSR does bulk deliveries. A bulk delivery is the offloading of a pallet or rack exclusively from the rear of a truck. Bulk RSRs can also include hauling of water via tanker."
- (b) Bulk deliveries for full palletized product may be done by home/office RSRs based on pallet commission rate per Appendix "A".

### **18.04. 18.04 Equipment Technician**

- (a) The Employer agrees that each of the current employees in the Equipment Technician (namely Vincent Arellano and Doug Korsa) will retain their existing rate including increases and be grandfathered as Equipment Technicians for each year of the collective agreement.
- (b) Any training required will be paid as per Appendix "A."

### **18.05. Coffee RSR Classification**

The Employer agrees that they will maintain the current position of the one (1) Coffee RSR classification and will retain the existing rate including increases for each year of this Agreement.

It is understood that the regular RSRs as part of the outside seniority group have the ability under this Agreement to service coffee customers in addition to the duties of the existing Coffee RSR.

## **ARTICLE 19 GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURES**

### **19.01. Definition of Grievance**

The term "grievance" refers to any disagreement relating to the interpretation, application or alleged violation of this Agreement.

## **19.02. Grievance Procedure**

Whenever any dispute arises between the Employer and the Union, or between the Employer and one or more employees, the employees shall continue to work and the dispute shall be adjusted in accordance with the following procedures.

Time Limit to Institute the Grievance Procedure

- (a) Termination or Lay-Off - seven (7) calendar days
- (b) All other grievances - fourteen (14) calendar days

In any dispute over a pay cheque or pay statement, or any matter thereon, the time limit shall be calculated from the date the employee received the pay cheque or pay statement.

Step 1: Any grievance of an employee shall first be taken up between such employee and the Employer supervisor, however the employee will be entitled to be represented by a Shop Steward or Union representative.

Step 2: Failing settlement under Step 1, a representative of the Union or a Shop Steward may pursue such grievance by delivering to the Employer Supervisor within fourteen (14) calendar days of the decision in Step 1 a grievance in writing which is dated, indicates the nature of the grievance, and is signed by the Grievor and Shop Steward, or by the Union Business Agent in the case of a policy grievance.

Step 3: Failing settlement under Step 2, such grievance and any dispute arising between the Union and the Employer over the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Agreement, including any dispute as to whether a matter is subject to this grievance procedure, shall be referred to two (2) authorized representatives of the Union and two (2) authorized representatives of the Employer within fourteen (14) calendar days of the decision in Step 2. The representatives of the Employer and Union shall exchange statements in writing setting forth their respective positions relative to the matter(s) in dispute not later than at their initial meeting.

Step 4: Failing settlement under Step 3, either Party may within thirty (30) calendar days of the decision in Step 3 refer the matter to a neutral arbitrator who will meet with the authorized representative of the Union and the Employer to hear both sides of the case. Whenever any dispute arises between the Employer and the Union, or between the Employer and one or more employees, the employees shall continue to work and the dispute shall be adjusted in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Article.

## **19.03 Failure to Appoint Arbitrator**

If the Parties fail to agree upon a neutral arbitrator, either party may apply under Section 86 of the *Labour Relations Code* and request that the director appoint an arbitrator.

## **19.03. Arbitrator's Decision**

The arbitrator shall be required to hand down his decision within fourteen (14) days

(excluding Saturdays, Sundays and General Holidays) following completion of the hearing and his decision will be final and binding upon the Parties to the dispute and shall be applied forthwith.

The decision of the arbitrator shall be specifically limited to the matter submitted to him and he shall have no authority in any matter to amend, alter or change any provisions of this Agreement.

#### **19.04. Costs**

The cost of the arbitrator will be borne equally by the Union and by the Employer. All other costs, including attorneys' fees, shall be borne by the Party incurring them.

#### **19.05. No Strikes, No Lockouts**

It is mutually agreed that there shall be no strike, no lockout or no slowdown, whether sympathetic or otherwise, during the term that this Agreement shall be in force.

### **ARTICLE 20 MEDICAL**

#### **20.01. Medical**

- (a) Any Employer or Government required physical or medical examination shall be promptly complied with by all employees, provided, however, the Employer shall pay for all such physical or medical examinations or for any time lost as a result thereof during his working hours.

Where a regular employee is required by the Employer to take a medical outside of his regular hours of work, the Employer shall pay, to a maximum of one quarter (1/4) day's pay at straight time wages, for hourly employees and one quarter (1/4) day's pay for commission employees for such time spent, excepting in instances where an employee is returning to work or is about to return to work following illness or disability.

- (b) If following a medical examination under (a) of this Section, the employee is dissatisfied with the decision of the Employer doctor, the employee may seek a decision from his personal doctor. Should the decision of the Employer's doctor and the employee's doctor differ, the Employer or the Union is entitled to direct that employee be examined by a medical specialist whose specialty covers the disability. The Employer's doctor and the employee's doctor together, shall then select such a specialist, however, failing agreement within five (5) days, the College of Physicians and Surgeons shall be requested to make such an appointment. The decision of the medical specialist shall be final and binding upon the parties involved.
- (c) An employee who has been absent from work because of illness or accident shall not suffer a reduction in his regular wages only because the Employer requires a medical examination prior to the employee resuming work. If such employee is entitled to work under seniority and recall procedures, he will be paid his regular wage for each day or days until he returns to work, provided the Employer medical

examiner certifies the employee is fit to resume work.

**ARTICLE 21 PAYMENT OF UNION DUES FOR COMPENSATION SICKNESS COVERAGE**

**21.01.** When an employee goes off work ill or on compensation, the Employer shall continue to pay Union dues provided the employee is at no time more than five (5) months in arrears.

- (a) When the employee returns to work, the Employer shall deduct from his earnings any monies the Employer has paid out in respect of the employee's Union dues.
- (b) In the event any employee does not return to work, and the employee refuses or neglects on demand at his last known address to make restitution for Union dues, the Union shall then reimburse the Employer for said amount.

**ARTICLE 22 LICENSE TESTS**

**22.01. Renewal**

Whenever it becomes necessary for an employee to undertake tests for renewal of license or tickets, the Employer shall, upon request, provide appropriate equipment for this purpose.

**ARTICLE 23 TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

**23.01.** Subject to the termination for just cause provisions of this Agreement, the Employer agrees to incorporate the specific termination of employment provisions of the Employment Standards Act into this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 24 SICK LEAVE**

**24.01.**

- (a) The Company will provide each regular employee with service in excess of ninety (90) days as an employee (and every year thereafter as of January 1st of the following year), five (5) paid sick days and three (3) unpaid days per calendar year. For clarity, five (5) paid sick days will be as per Employment Standards Act, which for employees who are working full hours translates to a maximum of five (5) eight (8) hour shifts.
- (a) Unused sick days, up to a maximum of five (5) days shall be paid in full by January 31 of each year. If all or any portion of the accumulated sick days are unused, they shall be paid out upon termination of employment, and any negative balance will be deducted from final pay, except in the event that an employees employment terminates during their first year of service, they will only be entitled to be paid out a prorata portion of their sick pay based on their length of service.

## ARTICLE 25    COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND PAST PRACTICES

### **25.01. Complete Agreement**

This Agreement represents the complete agreement between the Company and the Union. Any and all agreements, written and verbal, previously entered into between the Parties are mutually cancelled and superseded by this Agreement as of its effective date. Unless specifically provided herein to the contrary, practices which existed prior to or which arise during the term of this Agreement shall not be binding on the Company and may be changed at its direction.

### **25.02. Modification of this Agreement**

No provision of this Agreement may be amended, modified or supplemented at any time, except by a written mutual agreement between the Company and the Union signed by both Parties.

SIGNED THIS                      DAY OF                      , 2025

For AQUATERRA CORPORATION

*Kent Woods*

Kent Woods, Region Manager

*Rnand*

Roshni Nand, HR Manager

For TEAMSTERS LOCAL 31

*Stan Hennessy*  
Stan Hennessy, President

*Paul Simms*  
Paul Simms, Business Agent

*Cory Wellington*  
Cory Wellington, Bargaining Committee

*Ricky Pena*  
Ricky Pena, Bargaining Committee

## APPENDIX "A" — WAGE SCHEDULE

## Appendix "A" – Wage Schedule

Outside Seniority Group	2023	Date of Ratification	Sept. 25, 2025	Sept. 25, 2026
	\$1.23	\$1.26	\$1.26	\$1.26
Per bottle delivered				
Per sleeve of cups delivered	\$0.59	\$0.59	\$0.59	\$0.59
Per cooler movement (in)	\$6.43	\$6.43	\$6.43	\$6.43
Per cooler movement (out)	\$5.36	\$5.36	\$5.36	\$5.36
Per cooler maintenance (off route and the only service/product provided on the stop)	\$6.43	\$6.43	\$6.43	\$6.43
UTS Equipment (off route)	\$5.36	\$5.36	\$5.36	\$5.36
Minimum Stop (off route)	\$2.46	\$2.46	\$2.46	\$2.46
Coffee Stop (including equipment)	\$5.36	\$5.36	\$5.36	\$5.36
Training of new RSR/day (working interview)	\$37.51	\$37.51	\$37.51	\$37.51
RSR hourly rate (Downtime Rate)	\$26.00	\$27.00	\$27.90	\$28.65
Case Delivery	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10
Single Unit Delivery (Allied/Breakroom)	\$0.27	\$0.27	\$0.27	\$0.27
Palletized Product/Equipment (50 units and over)	\$58.94	\$58.94	\$58.94	\$58.94
K-Cups - Box	\$0.84	\$0.84	\$0.84	\$0.84
Tetley Tea/Tassimo - Box	\$0.54	\$0.54	\$0.54	\$0.54
Fresh Creamer - Bag	\$1.07	\$1.07	\$1.07	\$1.07
Fresh Milker - Bag	\$1.07	\$1.07	\$1.07	\$1.07

Outside Seniority Group	2023	Date of Ratification	Sept. 25, 2025	Sept. 25, 2026
		2024	2025	2026
<b>Minimum two (2) week guarantee</b>	\$ 2080.00	\$2160.00	\$2232.00	\$2292.00
<b>Dispatcher</b> (dispatch Coordinator / Hrly)				
Start	\$ 21.91	\$ 22.91	\$ 23.81	\$ 24.56
12 months	\$ 22.95	\$ 23.95	\$ 24.85	\$ 25.60
24 months	\$ 24.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.90	\$ 26.65
<b>Class 1 RSR</b> (Transport - Internal Transfers)				
	2023	2024	2025	2026
Start	\$ 25.10	\$ 28.10	\$ 29.00	\$ 29.75
12 months	\$ 26.32	\$ 29.32	\$ 30.22	\$ 30.97
24 months	\$ 27.55	\$ 30.55	\$ 31.45	\$ 32.20
Grandfathered position – Marty Beyers	\$ 32.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.90	\$ 34.65
<b>Bulk RSR – Rear Loading Rack Delivery</b> (Route Driver)				
	2023	2024	2025	2026
Start	\$ 24.61	\$ 27.61	\$ 28.51	\$ 29.26



12 months	\$ 25.80	\$ 28.80	\$ 29.70	\$ 30.45
24 months	\$ 27.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.90	\$ 31.65

### **Inside Seniority Group**

#### **Equipment Technician** (Service/Filtration)

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Start	\$ 22.90	\$ 23.90	\$ 24.80	\$ 25.55
12 months	\$ 23.90	\$ 24.90	\$ 25.80	\$ 26.55
24 months	\$ 25.65	\$ 26.65	\$ 27.55	\$ 28.30

#### **Cooler Cleaning** (Cooler Cleaner)

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Start	\$ 19.84	\$ 20.84	\$ 21.74	\$ 22.49
12 months	\$ 20.77	\$ 21.77	\$ 22.67	\$ 23.42
24 months	\$ 21.70	\$ 22.70	\$ 23.60	\$ 24.35

#### **Loader/Forklift/Verifier** (warehouse lift truck driver)

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Start	\$ 21.14	\$ 22.14	\$ 23.04	\$ 23.79
12 months	\$ 22.15	\$ 23.15	\$ 24.05	\$ 24.80
24 months	\$ 23.15	\$ 24.15	\$ 25.05	\$ 25.80

#### **Bottling Line Operator** Production Operator

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Start	\$ 21.14	\$ 22.14	\$ 23.04	\$ 23.79
12 months	\$ 22.15	\$ 23.15	\$ 24.05	\$ 24.80
24 months	\$ 23.15	\$ 24.15	\$ 25.05	\$ 25.80

#### **Lead Bottling Line** Production Operator

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Start	\$ 23.39	\$ 24.39	\$ 25.29	\$ 26.04
12 months	\$ 24.52	\$ 25.52	\$ 26.42	\$ 27.17
24 months	\$ 25.65	\$ 26.65	\$ 27.55	\$ 28.30

#### **Stores/Shipper/Receiver** Warehouse Worker

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Start	\$ 22.67	\$ 23.67	\$ 24.57	\$ 25.32
12 months	\$ 23.76	\$ 24.76	\$ 25.66	\$ 26.41
24 months	\$ 24.85	\$ 25.85	\$ 26.75	\$ 27.50

#### **Quality Assurance QC** Lab Tech

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Start	\$ 22.04	\$ 23.04	\$ 23.94	\$ 24.69
12 months	\$ 23.10	\$ 24.10	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.75
24 months	\$ 24.15	\$ 25.15	\$ 26.05	\$ 26.80

Off site cooler sanitation (commission per sanitation)	\$ 13.35	\$ 13.67	\$ 13.67	\$ 13.67
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\*Off Site Cooler Cleaners will  
receive the higher of: 1) their hourly  
wage (as per Cooler  
Cleaning/Refurbishing Inside

Seniority Group Classification), or;  
2) their commission earnings, on a  
bi-weekly basis.

Off-Site Cooler Cleaning on  
Sunshine Coast will be performed by  
the territory RSR at the applicable  
wage rate as per Appendix "A".

	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Casual Warehouse Rate</b> (Warehouse Worker)	\$19.70	\$20.70	\$21.60	\$22.35



## APPENDIX "B" — BENEFITS PLANS

The Employer will provide a benefit plan which contains the following benefit coverage:

<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Premiums - Employer</b>	<b>Premiums - Employee</b>
Medical Services Plan	As Per BC MSP Plan	80%	20%
Basic Life Insurance Schedule	100% of annual earnings	80%	20%
Benefit Maximum	\$150,000	80%	20%
Non-Evidence Maximum	\$150,000	80%	20%
Reduction Clause	50% at age 65	80%	20%
Basic Accidental Death and _____	Same as Basic Life Insurance (Employee & Spouse)	80%	20%
Optional Life Insurance Increments	Units of \$10,000	0%	100%
Benefit Maximum	\$250,000	80%	20%
Dependent Life Insurance	\$10,000	80%	20%
Spouse	\$5,000	80%	20%
Long Term Disability Schedule	6.7% of first \$2,250 plus 40% of balance per month		
Benefit Maximum	\$6,000		
Non-Evidence Maximum			
Elimination Period	\$15,000		
Benefit Duration	17 weeks		
Definition of Disability			
CPP/QPP Offsets Tax Status	Own Occupation for 2 years		
Tax Status	Taxable		
Extended Health Care			
Calendar Year	Nil		
Deductible Reimbursement	100% less dispensing fee		
Drugs	Yes		
Pay Direct Drug Card	Mandatory generic substitution		
Drug Definition	Excluded		

Smoking Cessation	Excluded		
Prod.	Ward		
Fertility Drugs	\$500 per practitioner per calendar		
Hospital Room			
Out of Canada	100%		
Travel Assistance	Yes		
Survivor Benefit	24 months		
Vision Care	\$200/two years per family member		
Eye Examination	\$75.00 every 2 years		
Dental Care	\$75.00 every 2 years		
Calendar Year	Nil		
Deductible	80% Reimbursement		
Major Restorative	80%		
Maximum Per Family	\$200 Per Calendar Year		
Basic and Major Services	(Combined)		
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Recall Examinations	One every 9 months		
Survivor Benefit	24 months		

This plan will apply to all employees who have completed their probationary period and who work thirty (30) hours per week or more.

## APPENDIX "C"

## TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 31 UNION/INDUSTRY ADVANCEMENT FUND

The Teamsters Local No. 31 Union/Industry Advancement Fund shall be for the enhancement of all persons dependent upon any industry represented by Teamsters Local Union No. 31.

The Employer shall make contributions of five cents (\$.05) per hour for which wages are payable hereunder for each employee covered by this Collective Agreement.

Effective September 25, 2016, payment of said funds shall be made to the Teamsters Local No. 31 Union/Industry Advancement Fund quarterly.

This payment will be independent and separate from any other payment made to Teamsters Local Union No. 31.

## APPENDIX "D"

**Vacation Entitlement Defined**

Example: Jane X makes \$30,000.00 per annum and her start date is Jun 15, 2001

	Completed Years	Vacation Days Entitlement	Vacation Accrual	Annual Gross Earnings	Hourly Rate of Pay	Vacation Accrual (Bank)	Vacation Paid Current Year	Year End Payout if no OT
2001	0	0	4%	\$16,250.00	\$14.4230	\$650.00		
2002	1	5	4%	\$30,000.00	\$14.4230	\$1,200.00	\$576.92	\$73.08
2003	2	10	4%	\$30,000.00	\$14.4230	\$1,200.00	\$1,153.84	\$46.16
2004	Starts 6% on June 15	10	4%	\$13,750.00	\$14.4230	\$650.00	\$1,153.84	\$46.16
2004	3		6%	\$16,250.00	\$14.4230	\$825.00		

Total Vacation Accrual Earned to take in 2005 w/ prorated days     \$ 1,475.00

	Completed Years	Vacation Days Entitlement	Vacation Accrual	Annual Gross Earnings	Hourly Rate of Pay	Vacation Accrual (Bank)	Vacation Paid Current Year	Year End Payout if no OT
2005	4	13	6%	\$30,000.00	\$14.4230		\$1,800.03 1,499.990 (24.99)	
2006	5	15	6%	\$30,000.00	\$14.4230		\$1,800.00 \$1,730.76 \$69.24	
2007	6	15	6%	\$30,000.00	\$14.4230	\$1,800.00 \$1,730.76 \$69.24		
2008	7	15	6%	\$30,000.00	\$14.4230		\$1,800.00 \$1,730.76 \$69.24	
2009	Starts 8% on June 15	15	6%	\$16,250.00	\$14.4230	\$975.00	\$1,730.76 \$9.24	
2009	8		8%	\$13,750.00	\$14.4230	\$1,100.00		

Total Accrual Earned to take in 2010 w/ prorated days      \$ 2,075.00

2010	9	18	8%	\$30,000.00	\$14.4230	\$2,400.00	\$2,076.91	\$(1.91)
2011	10	20	8%	\$30,000.00	\$14.4230	\$2,400.00	\$2,307.68	\$92.32
2012	11	20	8%	\$30,000.00	\$14.4230	\$2,400.00	\$2,307.68	\$92.32

- A. Vacation Accrual (Bank) in one year represents the vacation dollars allowed to be taken out in the following year. (i.e. Dollars accrued in 2002 may be paid from Jan - Dec 2003 when vacation days are taken)
- B. Vacation schedules are based on a calendar year basis - January 1- December 31.
- C. New hires vacation days are prorated based on the day they start. People who reach the completion of their 3rd and 8th years will also have their vacation days prorated the following year based on the date their accrual changed based on their hire date.
- D. Vacation is accrued on total gross earnings and paid out as follows:
  - a. Regular Earnings -- Paid out during vacation time
  - b. Overtime -- Paid out during vacation time
  - c. Other (misc) earnings -- Paid out annually
  - d. Bonus -- Paid out with bonus pay outs

All part time and casual employees will have their vacation paid out on each pay cheque.

- E. RSRs and Commissioned employees vacation pay is calculated based on the total vacation dollars earned in the previous year divided by their days entitled.

Example: Total Gross Earnings = \$ 48,437.00

$\$48,437.00 \times 4\% = \$1,937.48$  Vacation Dollars Earned / 10 days / 8 hrs per day = \$24.2185 per hour

- F. Employees who are off on leave (i.e. WCB, Parental, Sick, etc) do not accrue any vacation dollars however they do not lose their vacation entitlement and will still have their days off but at a lower hourly rate or unpaid.