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In Memoriam:

This Agreement is dedicated by the Union and the Company to the memory of  
NABET-CWA Local 16 member Donald J. DiFranco.

## NABET-CWA-ABC MASTER AGREEMENT 2021-2025

Master Agreement executed on July 7, 2022 and effective on April 1, 2021, except as otherwise herein provided, between ABC, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Disney Enterprises, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Walt Disney Company, Inc. (only as the owner of those television and radio stations, television and radio network facilities, and other entities and operations, which were covered by the 1981-1985 NABET-ABC Master Agreement and which formerly were included within the “American Broadcasting Company, a division of American Broadcasting Companies, Inc.”, which stations, facilities, entities, and operations continue to be owned, directly or indirectly, by ABC, Inc. or by a subsidiary or division thereof, and which stations, facilities, entities, and operations shall hereinafter be called the “Company”), and the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians, the Broadcasting and Cable Television Workers Sector of the Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO, CLC (hereinafter called the “Union”).

It is the intent and purpose of the parties hereto to set forth herein the basic collective bargaining agreements between the parties in two (2) parts: (I) GENERAL ARTICLES covering those subjects which are uniformly applicable to substantially all of the basic relationships, hours of work and general conditions of employment, including a procedure for prompt, equitable adjustment of grievances to the end that there shall be no work stoppages or other interferences with operations during the life of these Agreements; and (II) INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES which will contain the description of each Bargaining Unit, which shall not be affected hereby, the rates of pay and any unusual working conditions which have no general application. In the event of any conflict between the General and Individual Articles, the Individual Articles will prevail.

### GENERAL ARTICLES

#### ARTICLE I RECOGNITION AND WARRANTY

##### Section 1.1

The Union represents and warrants, and it is of the essence hereof, that it represents for collective bargaining purposes all of the employees of the Company as defined in the applicable SCOPE OF UNIT clause, and the Company recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining agent for all such employees of the Company.

## ARTICLE II NO DISCRIMINATION

### Section 2.1

The Company will not discriminate against any employee for anything said, written or done in furtherance of the policies and aims of the Union. Neither the Union nor the Company will discriminate against any employee because of race, creed, sex, age, color, national origin or sexual orientation.

### Section 2.2

- (a) The Company will not transfer or reassign any Shop Steward or any Officer of the Union without prior discussion with the Union and without a bona fide reason.
- (b) The Union agrees to furnish a list of all the respective Local Stewards and Officers to each office of the Company, and to notify the office promptly in writing of any change in the list. In addition, the Union will furnish each office of the Company with a special “Steward/Officer List” for that office, which list will not contain more than one (1) employee for each fifty (50) employees, or fraction thereof, of the employees in that office but in no event less than the number of employees specified below:

New York - 12

Washington - 2

Chicago - 3

Los Angeles - 7

San Francisco - 3

The Union will notify the appropriate office of the Company promptly in writing of any changes in the special “Steward/Officer List.”

- (c) With respect to the Shop Stewards or Union Officers whose names appear on the special “Steward/Officer List” described in Subparagraph (b) above, the Company will not transfer or reassign an employee whose name appears on such List without the consent of the Local Union involved, unless there is no longer a need for the employee in their current assignment or the employee is unable to fulfill the requirements of their current assignment. If the Company proposes to transfer or reassign an employee on the “Steward/Officer List” for the above-enumerated reasons without the Union’s consent thereto, the matter may be referred by either the Company or the Union to expedited arbitration under the provisions of Section 20.10.

[See Sideletter DU.]

### Section 2.3

- (a) The Company shall, when requested by a Local Union, schedule the Local President, the Local Vice-President or the Chair of the Grievance Committee to tours which will facilitate discussion of labor matters with the Company. If any such person is on leave of absence or is not employed by the Company, a designee who is employed by the Company may be appointed by the Union in their place. It is agreed that no more than two (2) such officers or designees shall be so scheduled at any office of the Company.
- (b) The Company will endeavor to arrange the work schedule of Executive Board members and Shop Stewards so that they may attend regularly scheduled meetings of the Local Executive Board or Local Shop Stewards as the case may be.

## ARTICLE III EMPLOYMENT

### Section 3.1

- (a) As a condition of employment all employees referred to in Section 1.1 shall, thirty (30) days after the date of execution of this Agreement, or in the case of new employees, thirty (30) days after the date of hiring, become members of the Union and remain members in good standing in the Union during the term of each Agreement.
- (b) In lieu of the provisions of (a) above, employees hired on a daily basis shall, after twenty (20) days of employment within a calendar year or thirty (30) days in two (2) consecutive calendar years, become members of the Union and remain members in good standing in the Union during the term of each Agreement, provided, however, that in each such instance all parties will continue to adhere to the statutory requirement that no person will be required to become a member in good standing earlier than thirty (30) days from the first date of hire.

### Section 3.2

The Company will, within three (3) working days after receipt of notice from the Union, discharge any employee who is not in good standing in the Union by virtue of having failed to tender the uniform membership dues or initiation fees, as required by the preceding Paragraph.

### Section 3.3

- (a) The Company shall give notice in writing to the President of the Local Union and the Sector President of the Union of opportunities for employment, except daily employment, in the classifications covered by each Agreement, and the

maximum rate intended to be paid. Such written notice shall be of as long duration as practicable, and of at least fourteen (14) days' duration, except that in emergency situations, oral notice prior to employment, followed by written confirmation, shall suffice. The information contained in such notices shall also be posted on the Company bulletin boards in the home office in which the employment opportunities exist within said fourteen (14) day period. In filling vacancies in any classification covered by this Agreement, the Company will give consideration to NABET-CWA-represented employees of the Company in other Units who apply to fill such vacancies in the home office in which they are then employed. Employees in the same Unit shall be given the opportunity to apply to fill such vacancies in their home office and each application received shall be considered by the Company, provided, however, that the decision of the Company with respect to each such application shall not be subject to arbitration.

- (b) If a regular employee in one Unit is transferred by the Company to another Unit in the same office of the Company, the following will apply:
- (i) If the position to which the employee is transferred is a vacation relief position, and the employee is not retained as a regular employee at the conclusion of the vacation relief employment, or if at such time the employee notifies the Company that they do not wish to become a regular employee in the new Unit, the employee shall have the right at such time to return to the Unit from which they were transferred, with the time spent in the new Unit being added to the employee's Unit Seniority in their original Unit.
  - (ii) If the position to which the employee has transferred is contemplated to be a regular position and if, prior to the employee's completion of the four (4) month period specified in Section 3.5 for attaining regular status in the new position, the employee either is scheduled for layoff from such position or the employee wishes to return to the Unit from which they were transferred, in either such case the employee shall have the right to return to the Unit from which they were transferred, with the time spent in the new Unit being added to the employee's Unit Seniority in their original Unit.
  - (iii) During the period that a regular employee is filling a vacation relief position in another Unit under Subparagraph (i) above or during the probationary four (4) months that a regular employee is filling a regular position in another Unit under Subparagraph (ii) above, such employee will be entitled to the same benefits under Articles XXII, XXIII and XXVI of the Agreement as the employee was entitled to as a regular employee in the Unit from which they were transferred. The employee's vacation pay in the year during which such transfer has occurred will

be based on the employee's wage rate in the position from which they were transferred unless they attain regular status in the new Unit before taking vacation in which event the wage rate will be based on that of the employee's new position. The compensation for any holiday payback days to which the employee is entitled under Article XVIII will be based on the wage rate they were being paid on the day the holiday was worked unless the employee attains regular status in the new Unit before taking the payback day off in which event the wage rate will be based on that of the employee's new position.

- (iv) During the period that a regular employee is filling a vacation relief position in another Unit under Subparagraph (i) above, or during the probationary four (4) months that a regular employee is filling a regular position in another Unit under Subparagraph (ii) above, the Company may elect to transfer the employee back to the Unit from which they were transferred, with the time spent in the new Unit being added to the employee's Unit Seniority in the original Unit, and such transfer may be made in the sole discretion of the Company. If, however, the Company moves to discharge the employee from the Company, such discharge will be subject to Article XIV of the Agreement.
- (v) In any case where an employee has transferred from one Unit to another, and another employee is engaged to fill the position of the transferee, such employee will be informed of the circumstances that created the vacancy and of the possibility that the transferee may be returned to their original position, under the various circumstances outlined in (i), (ii) and (iv) above, and it is understood that if the transferee returns to their original Unit, the Company may elect to lay off the employee who had been engaged to fill the vacancy created by the transfer and, notwithstanding any provision in the Master Agreement, the laid-off employee will not be entitled to any recall rights to which they would otherwise be entitled as a result of such period of employment.

#### Section 3.4

- (a) The Company agrees to refer all applicants upon hiring and in any event within seven (7) days after the commencement of work, to the Local offices of the Union for information and advice as to the Union Shop requirements of each Agreement and to notify the Local Union of such hiring within the seven (7) day period. The notice to the Local Union shall be in legible writing, preferably typewritten, and shall include the new employee's name, address, telephone number, starting wages and the employee's scheduling office. The Company will give each employee, when hired, a copy of Article III, Article IV and Article XI of this Agreement and the wage scales of the applicable Unit.

- (b) The Company, upon request of the Local Union, will supply such Local Union status sheets showing local wage changes (other than daily and weekly upgradings and general wage adjustments), leaves of absence of longer than one (1) week and terminations which have taken place in the active employment roster during the preceding month.

### Section 3.5

- (a) All employees shall be temporary employees for a period of four (4) months from the date of their employment with the Company and shall thereafter be regular employees.
- (b) In lieu of the foregoing, in the event that the Company elects to offer a daily hire employee a position as a regular employee, such daily hire employee once engaged as a temporary employee shall remain a temporary employee for a period of one (1) month and shall thereafter become a regular employee. The foregoing shall apply only if such employee has worked as a daily hire for no less than one hundred (100) days over the two (2) year period immediately preceding hire as a temporary employee into the same operating area (e.g., ABC News New York-based daily hire cameraman hired as ABC News New York-based temporary cameraman, or a daily hire Los Angeles-based soap camera operator hired as a temporary Los Angeles-based soap camera operator). Up to fifty (50) travel only day(s) shall be counted in the calculation of the above-referenced one hundred (100) days.
- (c) Temporary employees may be discharged or laid off in the sole discretion of the Company. Prior to the discharge of any Temporary employee, the Company shall notify the Local President or their designee. Failure to provide notice will not invalidate the Company's decision to discharge.

### Section 3.6

Notwithstanding the provisions of 3.5 above, a vacation relief employee hired between March 1 and October 1 of any year shall be considered a temporary employee even though their period of employment extends beyond four (4) months, provided, however, that the employee shall become a regular employee if retained after October 31 of the year in question, or upon obtaining four (4) months' continuous service, whichever is the later.

### Section 3.7

Upon completion of separate periods of service totaling one (1) year, but in the case of vacation relief service totaling more than fourteen (14) months, which although not continuous are separated by intervals of less than one (1) year, an employee shall become a regular employee and shall receive seniority credit for such service for all purposes. This shall only apply to any period of service which shall have been terminated for reasons of layoff, completion of vacation relief or an illness leave of absence.



ARTICLE IV  
CHECK-OFF

Section 4.1

Upon receipt of a signed authorization of the employee involved, in the form set forth in Section 4.4, the Company shall deduct from the employee's paycheck the Union Initiation Fee and the dues payable by the employee to the Union and, at the option of a Local Union, the dues payable by them to the Local Union, during the period provided for in said authorization. The amount of the Union Initiation Fee will not be unreasonable.

Section 4.2

Deductions shall be made on account of initiation fees from the first (1st) paycheck of the employee after receipt of the authorization. Deductions shall be made on account of Union dues and Local Union dues from the first (1st) paycheck of the employee after receipt of the authorization and biweekly thereafter. Deductions of Union dues and Local Union dues shall not be made from severance pay.

Section 4.3

Deductions for Initiation Fee and for Local Union dues shall be remitted to the Local Union involved and deductions for Union dues shall be remitted to the International Office of the Union no later than the tenth (10th) day of the month following the deductions and shall include all deductions made in the previous month. The Company shall furnish the Sector and the Local Union, at least monthly, with an alphabetical record of those for whom deductions have been made and the total amount of each deduction.

Section 4.4

The parties agree that the check-off authorizations shall be in the following form:

NAME.....DEPARTMENT.....

(Please Print)

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.....

I hereby authorize, to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Company to deduct biweekly from my wages a uniform percentage, as determined by the Union in accordance with its By-Laws and the By-Laws of the Local Union, of my total earnings for the previous biweekly period including all overtime and penalty payments on account of membership dues in NABET-CWA. I further authorize the Company, when notified in writing to do so by the Local Union in the area involved and to the extent permitted by applicable law, to deduct from my wages on account of Union Initiation Fee an amount determined by the Local Union in accordance with its By-Laws, which shall be paid (provide for period and number

of payments). I further authorize the Company, when notified to do so by the Local Union in the area involved and to the extent permitted by applicable law, to deduct from my wages on account of dues payable to that Local Union an amount or percentage determined by the Local Union in accordance with its By-Laws. The sums thus to be deducted are hereby assigned by me to NABET-CWA and are to be remitted by the Company to the Union and the Local Union.

I submit this authorization and assignment with the understanding that it will be effective and irrevocable for a period of one (1) year from this date, or up to the termination date of the current collective bargaining agreement between the Company and NABET-CWA, whichever occurs sooner.

This authorization and assignment shall continue in full force and effect for yearly periods beyond the irrevocable period set forth above and each subsequent yearly period shall be similarly irrevocable unless revoked by me within ten (10) days prior to the expiration of any irrevocable period hereof. Such revocation shall be effected by written notice by registered mail to the Company and the Union within such ten (10) day period.

Signature.....Date.....

ARTICLE V  
NO STRIKES OR LOCKOUTS

Section 5.1

It is agreed that there will be no stoppage of work, lockout or other interference with Company operations and that the employees hereunder will perform their regular and customary duties for the Company until one of the parties has failed to comply promptly with any final decision of the Impartial Umpire or an arbitrator pursuant to Article XX.

Section 5.2

The Company will not assign, transfer or require employees to go to any radio or television station, transmitter, studio or property to perform the duties of employees who are on strike or to originate a program or programs especially for such station. In addition the Company shall not take any disciplinary action against an employee for their refusal to cross a picket line which has been established as the result of any authorized strike by members of the AFL-CIO, other than a picket line of any sort established against the Company by NABET-CWA during the term of this Agreement (except as permitted in Section 5.1 above).

## ARTICLE VI TRANSFER OF WORK

### Section 6.1

The Company agrees that it will not transfer or subcontract any work or functions covered by this Agreement and presently being performed by employees in the Bargaining Unit, or to which employees are entitled under the terms of this Agreement, to persons outside the Bargaining Unit provided that with respect to work or functions which in the past have been performed for the Company both by persons within and without the Unit the Company may continue to have such work performed outside the Bargaining Unit to a degree no greater than heretofore; and provided further that in the event that any "live" program is converted to optical film, nothing in this Section shall be construed as in any way restricting the assignment of any work or functions connected with the production and processing of such optical film to persons outside the Bargaining Unit.

## ARTICLE VII PROGRAM ORIGINATION

### Section 7.1

Except as hereinafter provided in Subsections (d), (e), (f), (i), (j), (k), (l) and (m) below, an Engineering employee or Engineering employees, as required, shall be present at the origin of Company television programs originating within the Continental United States (excluding Alaska).

As used in this Section 7.1, "Company television program(s)" (hereinafter "program" or "programs") shall include only program material or portions of programs (i.e., inserts or segments of any length) or entire programs, which in any case are broadcast by the Company and are either produced by the Company, or produced by others for the Company when the Company owns the basic underlying property rights in such program material, or portions of programs, or entire programs and subcontracts the production of the program to others.

(See A2.2(e)(9) and Sideletters BP, DB and GH.)

- (a) [Deleted.]
- (b) [Deleted.]
- (c) [Deleted.]
- (d) Commercial and sustaining programs originated in the studios of affiliated stations.
- (e) Programs originated within a three hundred fifty (350) mile radius of an Owned Station covered by this Agreement (such radius being hereinafter called the

“radius”) may be made by any single station within the radius, provided, however, that such station can supply the necessary Engineering personnel from its staff on regular payroll, and provided further that the pickup is not nearer to the Owned Station. Should either of the foregoing conditions not be met, any Owned Station covered by this Agreement shall make the pickup.

- (f) Programs originated outside the radius may be made by any single station within two hundred (200) miles of the pickup. If the assigned station is within the radius it must be able to supply the necessary Engineering personnel from its staff on regular payroll. If the station is outside the radius it must be able to supply twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of Engineering personnel necessary to do the event (measured by the total number of Engineers required on the day-of-air or taping, or final day-of-air or taping in the case of a multiple-day event); if it cannot, any Owned Station covered by this Agreement shall make the pickup. If such station is able to supply twenty-five percent (25%) of the necessary number of Engineers, but less than one hundred percent (100%), the necessary additional Engineers will be persons covered by the provisions of the Master Agreement and/or up to the allowable maximum number of vendors pursuant to Sideletter EH.
- (g) [Deleted.]
- (h) [Deleted.]
- (i) News events when time does not permit the assignment of Engineering personnel to the point of pickup or when owned or leased equipment or telephone line facilities are not available to make the pickup

(See Sideletter AN.)

- (j) News and news special event programs originated on a pool basis by or together with any news and other information gathering company(ies) or organization(s) and/or any station(s). Nothing herein shall limit the right of the Company to utilize the facilities of the pool arrangement for its own origination when others involved in the pool are not broadcasting, provided that such facilities are utilized for such pool broadcast by other participants in the pool.

The Company agrees to review promptly with the Union any claim that the Engineering employees of the Company are not handling a reasonable proportion of the pool programs which it broadcasts. Where Company crews are needed for White House pool assignments in Washington, D.C., the Company will endeavor to give preference to the use of weekly staff employees for such assignments.

- (k) The operation, by Company personnel who are employed for the purpose of reporting news, of the following:

- (i) an audio tape or wire recorder which is battery- and/or spring-operated, weighs less than thirty (30) pounds as a unit, has only one (1) microphone input and a microphone cord not longer than twelve (12) feet, and no editing attachment; and
- (ii) portable audio transmitting and receiving equipment of the “walkie talkie” type, when either is used in connection with on-the-spot news material or interviews to be included in news programs.

Audio tape or wire recorders of the type described in (i) above will be maintained by Engineers covered by this Agreement, but this will not preclude the Company personnel who operate such recorders from changing the batteries of the equipment which they operate pursuant to this Section.

Under no circumstances will AC power connections be used for recording on such audio tape or wire recorders.

- (l) Sessions and Committee or Council meetings originating from the United Nations. This exception shall not apply to originations or portions thereof when the Company uses its facilities at the United Nations; directs at the United Nations the program efforts; assigns Company personnel at the United Nations for participation in the pickup; or contributes any of the program elements at the United Nations; nor shall this exception apply to programs utilizing the United Nations for the purpose of locale or setting.
- (m) News programs originated by “beeper” or similar type phone.

(See Sideletters AL and BP.)

## Section 7.2 - Affiliate Defined

Affiliated radio and television stations are defined for the purpose of this Article as those stations under a written affiliation agreement which take ten (10) hours or more of Company network programs per month. The ten (10) hours are computed by adding the programs taken direct from the Company’s network lines to those programs which have been recorded by engineers covered by this Agreement. Owned stations not covered by this Agreement (including but not limited to the following stations which are owned and operated, directly or indirectly, by ABC, Inc. or by a subsidiary or division thereof: WPVI-TV (Philadelphia), KTRK-TV (Houston), WTVD-TV (Durham-Raleigh, NC), KFSN-TV (Fresno), WTVG-TV (Toledo) and WJRT-TV (Flint) shall be considered affiliates for the purposes of this Article.

## Section 7.3 - Recorded Material - Origin Of

The origin of the audio portion of Company television programs using audio material especially recorded for broadcasting shall be that point at which the recording

is converted by reproducing equipment for broadcasting, provided the recording has been properly checked, edited or rerecorded by Engineering employees under this Agreement. The Company agrees that it will provide copies of the NABET-CWA Seal and that such Seal may be affixed to such recordings denoting that this provision has been complied with.

#### Section 7.4 - No Access

Where the Company cannot obtain access to the point of pickup for any reason or where the facilities at the point of pickup or transmission facilities between such point and the Company's terminal facilities are not available, the Company may broadcast any program originated in cooperation with any company or organization without assigning an employee to the pickup. When time permits, the Company will notify the Union of its intended utilization of this Section prior to the broadcast.

#### Section 7.5\_

The Company agrees that it will not assign a non-NABET-CWA-represented Company employee to record a television program especially for the Company subject to the provisions of this Article.

#### Section 7.6 - Claims By Other Unions

In no event shall the Company refuse to assign an employee in any case where the Company would ordinarily assign an employee because of any claim made by any other union to the operation of all technical equipment in any particular area.

#### Section 7.7 - Meal Expense Allowance

- (a) An employee assigned to a scheduled field pickup or other authorized Company business that requires travel and/or work away from the home office overnight shall receive a per diem allowance of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per day for meals and incidental expenses for each calendar day that the employee is away from the home office effective April 1, 2022. (On assignments outside the Continental United States, the per diem allowance shall be the same as that provided to unrepresented staff employees of the Company on the same assignment.) The term "incidental expenses" as used in this Subsection (a) refers to expenses incurred for items such as laundry and tips. Employees will not be reimbursed for telephone calls and transportation (other than transportation and telephone calls authorized by the Company for business purposes). In the unusual case in which an employee incurs reasonable and necessary expenses in excess of the per diem allowance, the employee shall submit a statement of such expenses to the management representative for approval. In the case of a remote in which meals are not readily available, the Company may cater meals in a restaurant, hotel dining room or equivalent accommodation, in which event, the per diem allowance shall be reduced by Three Dollars (\$3.00) for each meal other than breakfast so catered

and One Dollar, Fifty Cents (\$1.50) for each breakfast so catered. For the purpose of applying the per diem allowance, an assignment in which the employee travels by air shall be deemed to start at their plane's scheduled departure time and end at the actual arrival time at the gate of the plane which the employee takes to return to their home office, provided that, if the actual arrival time of the plane at the gate is before 2:00 A.M., the assignment shall be deemed to have ended on the previous day. On all assignments covered hereunder lasting five (5) or more consecutive days, an employee shall receive, in addition to the per diem allowance provided above, a special laundry allowance of Six Dollars (\$6.00) per day, retroactive to the first day of such assignment.

- (b) Employees assigned to field pickups not covered by the foregoing (including employees assigned to the studio and subsequently assigned to a field pickup for the remainder of their tour) shall be allowed a single payment of Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00) for meals after eleven (11) elapsed hours, or Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) after fifteen (15) elapsed hours, if the employee is on assignment in the field, at the end of such eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) or fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) elapsed hour respectively. In lieu of the foregoing, when sleeping accommodations are not furnished but the assignment requires the employee to travel fifty (50) miles or more (one way) from the main office of the employee's Company office and requires absence from the employee's home office for at least fourteen (14) hours, a per diem will be paid in the amount of Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$29.00) in lieu of meals. Necessary incidental expenses such as taxi fares and tips shall be reimbursable on assignments covered by this Subparagraph (b).
- (c) In the event that eight (8) hours or less exists between the end of an employee's tour and the start of their next tour, the Company shall, at the request of the employee, provide hotel accommodations with single occupancy. Such accommodations shall be located within ten (10) miles of either the employee's location at the end of the employee's tour, or the location of the start of the employee's next tour. The Company shall also, at the request of such employee, provide taxi or equivalent transportation to and from such accommodation at no cost to the employee.

Because this Section 7.7(c) is motivated by safety considerations, the parties agree that a regular or daily hire employee may not be entitled to such hotel accommodations or transportation, depending upon how far in distance an employee resides from the location at the end of an employee's tour. The parties agree to act reasonably in the application of this provision recognizing hotel or transportation accommodations are not automatic for a regular or local daily hire employee, even if there are eight (8) or fewer hours from the end of such employee's tour until the commencement of said employee's next tour.

- (d) In the event the Company provides a hotel room or equivalent accommodation for a local remote within an office of the Company which would not normally require an

overnight stay, or for other contingencies, (e.g., weather, special reports), affected employees shall receive one Section 7.7(a) per diem payment for each night the employee is assigned to remain overnight in such accommodations. The Company shall reimburse for additional parking expenses directly related to each night the employee is assigned to remain overnight in such accommodations. "Additional parking expenses" within the context of Section 7.7(d) shall be considered any parking expenses above and beyond those which the employee otherwise would have incurred for their commute.

*The grievance in New York relating to the transportation strike is withdrawn and shall not be refiled.*

- (e) The Company will reimburse for parking expenses, at the crew hotel or event venue, or site of remote pickup while on assignments requiring an overnight stay. The Company shall also reimburse for incremental parking expenses incurred due to assignment of a local ENG crew requiring work away from the home office overnight, after the employee has already parked at a facility as part of their commute. Receipts must be submitted for reimbursement of such automobile parking expenses. The Company may specify preferred parking facilities in the area of the venue, remote or hotel, and parking rates for those facilities shall constitute the maximum reimbursable expenses.

#### Section 7.8 - Mileage

For the purpose of this Article, mileage shall be determined by AT&T and associated companies.

#### Section 7.9 - Strip Shows

The Company agrees to discuss in advance with the Union, programs originating from affiliates on a strip basis, when such a strip show is expected to be so originated for more than two (2) consecutive weeks.

#### Section 7.10

Nothing in this Article shall alter in any way the Union's exclusive jurisdiction over video tape as set forth in Article A-II.

#### Section 7.11

When technical equipment at the point of origination does not require the presence of an employee covered by the Engineering Agreement in order to originate a program from such point, nothing in this Article shall require the presence of such an employee.

This Section shall not be construed to infringe on NABET-CWA jurisdiction where work covered by the Agreement is required to be performed at remote locations, nor shall it



preclude NABET-CWA from grieving as to whether work covered by the Agreement is or is not required in any specific remote pickup.

## ARTICLE VIII WORK SCHEDULE, OVERTIME AND PENALTIES

### Section 8.1 - Regular Workday

A regular workday is defined as consisting of not less than eight (8) hours in any workday, which shall be computed by totaling the number of hours between the time an employee reports for work and the time of completion of the employee's duties for such workday, including meal periods where applicable. While the meal period shall be paid at straight time, meal periods shall not be considered time worked for the purposes of calculating overtime and holiday premium pay pursuant to Sections 18.2 and 18.3. A tour of duty starting any day and continuing into the following day shall be considered as one (1) tour of duty and attributed to the first (1st) day.

(See Sideletter HV and Letter Agreement regarding General Hospital dated March 7, 2017.)

### Section 8.2 - Regular Workweek

A regular workweek is defined as consisting of any five (5) regular workdays, as defined above, for a total of forty (40) hours, and as beginning at 12:01 A.M. Saturday and continuing until 12:00 Midnight the following Friday. Each employee shall have two (2) consecutive days off in each week. For this purpose, Friday and Saturday, if consecutive, shall be consecutive days off. No later than 7:00 P.M. of the preceding Wednesday, the Company shall post at the home office the work schedule of employees for the nine (9) day period beginning at 12:01 A.M. Saturday. If the schedule is not posted in accordance with the foregoing, it will automatically be the same as the last one posted.

In lieu of the foregoing, for Newswriters, Assignment Editors and Desk Assistants covered under the F and K Agreements, and Newswriters and Assignment Editors covered under the O Agreement, no later than 7:00 P.M. of the preceding Wednesday, the Company shall post at the home office the work schedule of employees for the sixteen (16) day period beginning at 12:01 A.M. Saturday. The above sixteen (16) day period shall have no effect on any other provisions of the Master Agreement related to scheduling penalties or fees.

Schedules posted by the Company will not show an employee as working a ninth (9th) or tenth (10th) consecutive day, against the employee's wishes unless the employee's schedule shows a specific assignment for either the ninth (9th) or tenth (10th) day of work or, if no specific assignment is shown, there is a genuine expectancy of a specific assignment occurring on either such day on the basis of programming information or operational requirements known at the time the schedule is posted, and upon inquiry the employee will be entitled to an explanation of the basis for such expectancy. The possibility that a

news or sports event may continue beyond its expected termination will be considered as a “genuine expectancy” for this purpose.

(See Sideletter FT.)

### Section 8.3 - Turnaround

There shall be a minimum of ten (10) hours between the end of an employee’s original schedule or any extension thereof on any regular workday and the start of the next. A day off shall consist of thirty-six (36) hours off consecutively and two (2) days off, sixty (60) hours. Effective April 1, 2022, assignments during any of the above turnaround periods shall be compensated for, in addition to the regular rate, at Nine Dollars (\$9.00) per hour for the portion of such assignment which encroaches on such turnaround period, except that the compensation shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per hour, in addition to the regular rate, for the portion of such assignment which encroaches on the four (4) hour period immediately following the end of the employee’s original schedule or any extension thereof. In the event that two (2) hours or less elapse between the end of any tour or extension thereof and the beginning of the next, the above turnaround provisions shall not apply and the tour shall be considered as one (1) continuous tour. None of the above turnaround provisions shall apply to regularly established watch changes where the parties have agreed upon a rotating watch system, or to tours separated by vacation or by leave of absence in excess of two (2) days.

(See Sections A14.2(i), B3.4(a), F3.11(a), K3.14(a), O3.14(a) and P3.3(a) relating to short turnaround for daily hires.)

### Section 8.4 - Long Tours

- (a) If an employee works more than eight (8) hours in any single tour, excluding meal periods, they shall be paid for all the hours of work in excess of eight (8) at time and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay. Compensation for this excess time shall be in addition to any base pay to which such employee may be entitled regardless of the length of the tour in question.
- (b) If an employee is called back to work on a calendar day on which they have already started and completed a tour of duty, the employee shall be paid for the time between the end of such tour and their start of work on the call-back. The employee shall receive not less than a total of eight (8) hours’ pay for the intervening time plus the time worked on the call-back, provided, however, that for penalty purposes the call-back shall not be deemed extended beyond the time actually worked.

### Section 8.5 - Overtime

- (a) Hours worked outside of a regular workweek or a regular workday, excluding meal periods, shall be regarded as overtime and compensated at time and one-half

(1 ½) times the regular rate of pay, except that such overtime hours worked on tours to which Article X is applicable shall be additionally compensated for as provided therein. In no case shall overtime accrue on overtime. Penalties shall not be considered overtime or part of the base pay.

(See Sideletter GY.)

Up to two (2) hours of overtime not worked, whether scheduled orally or in writing, may be cancelled after an employee has reported to work, if the Company determines in its sole discretion that such work is not needed and the employee is released from duty. The foregoing sentence shall not be construed to eliminate or shorten overtime pay due an employee because of minimum calls on a sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) or seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) day or rescheduled under other provisions of the Master Agreement. Nor shall this provision otherwise restrict the Company's ability to cancel, eliminate or shorten overtime under other provisions of the Master Agreement.

- (b) In extending a tour, the Company will do so based on a good faith determination of the amount of time necessary to perform the anticipated work at the time of such decision, provided however that the Company may cancel such overtime in accordance with Section 8.5(a).
- (c) If the Company requests and an employee individually decides to waive the requirement of a minimum eight (8) hour tour on a sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) or seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) day, the Company may schedule such employee(s) in accordance with such mutually satisfactory arrangement between the Company and employee on any such day, provided such call is not less than four (4) hours.
- (d) In calculating whether an employee has worked any hours outside of a regular workweek (including sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) and seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) days) or workday for the purpose of determining if overtime rates of pay are applicable, all days during which the employee was not actually working due to a paid sick day(s)(except day(s) resulting from work-related injury or occupational disease), shall be excluded and not be counted.
- (e) In extending any particular studio assignment, the Company will provide the affected crew courtesy notice of any then known tour extension at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled conclusion of the shift. Failure to provide courtesy notice under this provision will not result in a penalty.

#### Section 8.6 – Changes in Work Schedule

- (a) Changes in Employees' Day or Days Off - The posting of the nine (9) day schedule referred to in Section 8.2 shall freeze the employees' days off for the following nine (9) day period.

- (b) Work on Scheduled Day Off - An employee may be required to work on a scheduled day off. Forty-eight (48) hours' notice prior to 12:01 A.M. of the scheduled day off must be given, except if less notice is given a Twenty-One Dollar (\$21.00) penalty shall be paid. Except as provided in the following paragraph, in the event that such notice is given within such forty-eight (48) hour period, at least eight (8) hours must elapse between the end of the employee's previous tour and the start of a tour on any originally scheduled day off. If less than eight (8) hours elapse and the employee agrees to work, then the elapsed time will be paid for as time worked and all hours will be paid for as one (1) continuous tour. In the event that the Company notifies an employee to report for work on a scheduled day off and then cancels such tour less than forty-eight (48) hours but more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled starting time of work on such day off, the employee shall be paid a penalty of Thirty-Six Dollars (\$36.00); however, such employee shall be paid for such tour if (i) after such cancellation, they are again notified to report for work on such scheduled day off and the employee's tour is again canceled; or (ii) the Company cancels such tour upon less than such twenty-four (24) hours' notice.
- (c) (i) Daily Schedule Changes - Notice of daily schedule changes affecting starting time shall be given no later than 7:00 P.M. of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) day prior to the day in question. If schedule changes are desired thereafter, such changes can only be made by adding work time to the previously scheduled hours at overtime rates as specified in Section 8.5. The previous sentence, however, shall not apply where notice of a daily schedule change affecting starting time is given after 7:00 P.M. of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) day prior to the day in question and the schedule change does not alter the employee's starting time by more than two (2) hours.
- (ii) In lieu of the preceding paragraph, on scheduled field pickups or authorized Company business requiring travel and/or work away from the home office overnight, notice of daily schedule changes affecting starting time shall be given ten (10) hours in advance of the changed starting time, but not later than 7:00 P.M. of the workday prior to the day in question, except that in the event an employee is notified after 7:00 P.M. of a starting time schedule change or is given less than ten (10) hours' advance notice a penalty of Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00) shall be paid. Starting time referred to above means either the original posted time or the new time-in, whichever is earlier.
- (iii) In lieu of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) paragraph of this Section, on: (1) news field assignments not covered by the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) paragraph of this Section using electronic cameras capable of being hand-held and associated equipment; and (2) news programs involving extended or special news coverage effective for all days of the coverage following the day

the coverage begins (for all employees assigned, e.g., editing, studio, graphics, maintenance, etc.) notice of daily schedule changes affecting starting time shall be given ten (10) hours in advance of the changed starting time, but not later than 7:00 P.M. of the workday prior to the day in question, provided that (i) in the event an employee is notified after 7:00 P.M. of a starting time schedule change or is given less than ten (10) hours' advance notice, a penalty of Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00) shall be paid; or (ii) in the event an employee is notified after 11:00 P.M. of the workday prior to the day in question, the change in starting time can only be made by adding work time to the previously scheduled hours at overtime rates as specified in Section 8.5. The addition of such work time pursuant to (ii) shall be in lieu of the penalty set forth in (i) of this subparagraph.

In any case stated above, the assignment to which the employee is to be assigned shall govern.

(See Stipulation (6) and Sideletters FA and GR.)

#### Section 8.7

Before going on vacation, an employee will be informed as to what date they will first be required to report back to work.

#### Section 8.8

The posting of the weekly schedules and any subsequent daily schedule changes shall fulfill the Company's obligation of notification to the employees under this Article. The Company agrees to make every effort to change the posted schedules as soon as changes in starting time or end of tour time are known to the Company.

#### Section 8.9

- (a) If the employee has completed their tour prior to the posting of the daily schedule it shall be the Company's sole obligation to notify the employee of any change. Such notice shall be considered given as of the time it is received by the employee personally, or by any responsible person at the employee's home. For each completed telephone call made by the Company to an employee's home between Midnight and 7:00 A.M., the employee shall be paid a penalty of Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00). In lieu of the preceding sentence, in the case of an employee who qualifies for night shift differential under Section 10.1, for each completed telephone call made by the Company to an employee's home within eight (8) hours after the completion of the employee's prior shift, the employee shall be paid a penalty of Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00).

- (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the Master Agreement or any other agreements, grievance settlements, arbitration awards or practices to the contrary, if the Company calls an employee during the employee's off-duty hours and discusses Company business (other than a schedule change as referenced in paragraph (a) above) for more than ten (10) minutes, the employee shall receive one (1) hour's pay at their regular rate for each such completed call, provided the need to make the call does not result from an error or omission on the part of the employee. In the event an employee receives more than three (3) such calls in any one (1) calendar day, the employee shall receive no less than eight (8) hours' pay at their regular rate.
- (c) Each employee shall inform the Company of any change in their home address and provide the telephone number within seven (7) days after such change. Employees shall provide the Company with "unblocked" access to the telephone number provided to the Company.

#### Section 8.10 Excessive Assignments

- (a) If an employee has worked in excess of ten (10) consecutive days without having received at least one (1) day off, for all such days worked in excess of ten (10) and until such time as the employee has received a day off, the employee shall receive additional compensation at their straight-time rate of pay; provided, however, that if the employee is otherwise receiving at least time and one-half (1 ½) their straight-time rate of pay for any hours thereof by virtue of another provision of this Agreement, the employee's additional compensation therefore under this Section shall be at one-half (½) the employee's straight-time rate of pay. It is not the intention of the Company to schedule an employee to work in excess of twelve (12) consecutive days unless such assignment is necessitated by unusual operating requirements.
- (b) The Company shall refrain from assigning employees for continuous excessive hours of work resulting in excessive mental and physical strain. In the event the Company does so assign employees, it is agreed that the matter shall be subject to the grievance procedure, and the Company shall give such grievance its immediate attention.
- (c) The Company will notify the President of the Local Union in advance of the operational use of new technical equipment or significant change in any established method of operation, provided that where the Local President is not an employee of the Company, a designee who is an employee may be appointed by the Union, and in such event, the Company will endeavor to send a copy of the above notice to said designee. Whenever possible, such notice will be given in writing at least three (3) weeks prior to the placing of such equipment into operation or the making

of such change. If the Local Union claims that the Company's action will impose or has imposed a significant increase in:

- (i) workload; or
- (ii) physical, mental or nervous strain on the employees involved, which will or has resulted in an unreasonable workload or excessive physical, mental or nervous strain on such employees, it may invoke the grievance and arbitration procedures set forth in Article XX, including the expedited arbitration procedure. However, the expedited arbitration procedure can be invoked only within one (1) week following receipt of such notice, unless such time is extended by mutual agreement.

Should the arbitrator determine, under any and all factors which the arbitrator deems relevant, that the new technical equipment or changed method of operation imposes an unreasonable workload or excessive mental, physical or nervous strain on the employees involved, the arbitrator shall order the Company to devise an alternative which alleviates such condition, and the arbitrator will retain jurisdiction over the case until such time as they are satisfied that the condition has been corrected. Should the arbitrator determine, under any and all factors which the arbitrator deems relevant, that the increase in workload or mental, physical or nervous strain has rendered the employees' Group classification inappropriate, they may reclassify such employees within the existing Group classifications in the Agreement.

It is specifically agreed that the notice provisions of this clause shall not be applicable to minor changes in operations, or to emergency situations such as changes necessary to meet suddenly arising operational needs, provided, however, that nothing herein shall preclude the Company from giving the notice provided above in either such case.

#### Section 8.11

Notwithstanding any provisions in this Article VIII or arbitration awards to the contrary, no employee shall be entitled to payment for any scheduled work time for which they are not present and available to perform work assigned by the Company (e.g., when an employee is late in reporting to work or leaves work early without authorization to do so), unless such absence has been approved by their management supervisor.

### ARTICLE IX MEAL PERIODS

#### Section 9.1

A meal period not to exceed one (1) hour shall be taken as near the middle of the shift as possible except in case of emergency or when a skeleton force is operating.

## Section 9.2

During each workday in which an employee works two (2) or more hours beyond their regular workday, the Company shall pay the employee Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) to reimburse the employee for added expenses in addition to any overtime pay earned.

## Section 9.3

This Article IX shall not affect the Engineering employees who have specific provisions, nor the present practice of groups who have no scheduled meal periods.

# ARTICLE X NIGHT SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

## Section 10.1

Effective July 7, 2022, an employee who works at any time between the hours of 12:00 Midnight and 5:00 A.M. shall be paid a night shift differential of ten percent (10%) of their straight-time rate of pay for all straight-time worked between such hours and meal periods, and a differential of fifteen percent (15%) of their straight-time rate of pay for all overtime worked between such hours.

(See Statement of Interpretation)

## Section 10.2

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## Section 10.3

An employee who has received night shift differential payments pursuant to Section 10.1 above for a least four hundred (400) hours during the previous calendar year shall receive in the current calendar year a night shift differential payment for each day of paid vacation, as well as for the purpose of computing any severance pay to which the employee may become entitled pursuant to Section 15.1, in accordance with the following formula: the total amount of night shift differential paid in the previous calendar year (including, if applicable, amounts paid at the twenty-two and one-half percent (22.5%) rate), excluding night shift differential paid for vacation or severance, divided by the number of days worked in the previous calendar year. The formula set forth in the preceding sentence for the calculation of night shift differential during vacation and upon severance shall apply at all offices of the Company, except the San Francisco office. The calculation of night shift differential during vacation and upon severance for employees at the Company's San Francisco office shall instead be governed by the April 15, 2005 Letter Agreement between the Company and NABET-CWA Local 51 and such Letter Agreement shall be amended to incorporate by reference the four hundred (400) hour threshold set forth in this paragraph.



Except for the San Francisco office, the Company shall cease all such payments effective January 1, 2013 for all vacation taken by employees in 2013 except those employees who satisfied the four hundred (400) hour threshold as of November 13, 2012.

## ARTICLE XI SENIORITY, LAYOFFS AND REHIRES

### Section 11.1 - General Seniority Provisions

- (a) For all employees, all seniority dates from the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the month in question. The actual date when the employee initially commences work, however, shall control when the employee is competing against another employee under this Agreement for any privilege affected by seniority. In the event that more than one (1) regular employee has the same seniority date, and the relative seniority of such employees has not been previously established, lots shall be drawn in the presence of the employees affected, a Local Union officer and a Company representative not later than thirty (30) days after the date of this Agreement for the purpose of determining the relative seniority of the employees involved. In the event that more than one (1) employee commences working for the Company on the same day, lots shall be drawn in the presence of the employees affected, a Local Union officer and a Company representative not later than thirty (30) days after such commencement of work for the purpose of determining the relative seniority of the employees involved. If subsequent to the establishment of relative seniority as provided herein, the seniority date of an employee is changed so that the employee then has the same seniority date as one or more other employee(s) in the same Unit or separate seniority group, such employee will draw lots in the presence of a Local Union officer and a Company representative not later than thirty (30) days after the situation arose for the purpose of determining the employee's relative seniority with respect to such other employee(s).
- (b) [Deleted.]
- (c) The types of seniority are: (1) Total Company Seniority; (2) Unit Seniority; and (3) Pay Seniority.

### Section 11.2

Total Company Seniority is measured by the length of service with the Company and is the controlling factor with respect to severance pay and length of vacation.

- (a) A regular employee with one (1) or more years of service who voluntarily leaves the Company's employ and who is reemployed within one (1) year shall, for the calendar year commencing after they have been so reemployed for at least twelve (12) months, and thereafter, receive credit for their continuous employment prior

to resignation in determining the employee's Total Company Seniority for vacation purposes only.

- (b) If a daily hire employee is hired on or after July 7, 2022, as a regular employee, such employee shall be credited at the time of hiring with one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) year of Total Company Seniority for all purposes (e.g., severance pay, vacations, service awards) for each consecutive calendar year contiguous to the date of hiring in which the employee worked more than one thousand (1000) daily hire hours for the Company. There shall be no retroactive issuance of vacation, severance or service awards for service prior to regular employment.

In calculating contiguous years worked, the following shall apply:

1. For any calendar year in which the employee worked fewer than one thousand (1000) hours as a daily hire, such daily hire employee will be deemed to have worked one thousand (1000) hours in such calendar year if such employee's daily hire hours in all the calendar years in which the employee worked as a daily hire average one thousand (1000) hours or more.
2. Except for any calendar years in which an employee held a regular employee position, an employee shall be deemed to have worked one thousand (1000) hours as a daily hire in any full calendar year prior to calendar year 2003 in which such employee had any daily hire hours.

### Section 11.3

- (a) The following shall apply at all offices of the Company except Los Angeles:
- (1) Unit Seniority is measured by length of service accumulated in all occupations presently covered by the Unit, or the separate seniority group within the Unit, in which the employee is employed and controls preference of vacation. It shall also control layoffs and rehiring as provided in this Article.
  - (2) For Unit Seniority purposes under the Master Agreement, employees employed under the "A", "D", "F" and "K" Agreements shall be separately grouped as follows:
    - (i) Master Television Seniority Group (consisting of all regular network and local television employees with a Unit Seniority date of or prior to July 20, 1989);
    - (ii) Network Television Seniority Group (consisting of all regular television employees hired after July 20, 1989 to work in network television);

- (iii) Local Television Seniority Group (consisting of all regular television employees hired after July 20, 1989 to work in local television);
  - (iv) Radio Seniority Group, where applicable (consisting of all regular network and local radio employees).
- (3) When layoffs of regular television employees employed under the “A”, “D”, “F” and “K” Agreements are to be made in any office of the Company except Los Angeles, the following shall apply:
- (i) If the number of employees to be laid off from either network television or local television is equal to or less than the number of employees in the Network Television or Local Television Seniority Group, whichever is applicable, the employees in such group will be laid off in inverse order of seniority.
  - (ii) If the number of employees to be laid off from either network television or local television exceeds the number of employees in the Network Television or Local Television Seniority Group, whichever is applicable, after first laying off all employees in the applicable group, the excess shall be laid off in inverse order of seniority from the employees in the other group. If after all employees in both the Network Television and Local Television Seniority Groups have been laid off, the number of employees to be laid off still has not been reached, employees in the Master Television Seniority Group will then be laid off in inverse order of seniority.
  - (iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subsection, in the event there is a layoff in New York in the “A” Engineering Unit at either network television or local television that will exceed the number of employees in either the Network Television or Local Television Seniority Groups, whichever is applicable at such time, the Master Television Seniority Group in New York shall thereupon cease to exist. In such event, those employees previously in the Master Television Seniority Group employed by network television thereupon shall be placed in the Network Television Seniority Group, and those employed by local television shall be placed in the Local Television Seniority Group, in both instances with their Unit Seniority from the former Master Television Group intact.

Any layoff shall first proceed in inverse order from the applicable list and any layoffs in excess of the number of employees

previously in the Network Television or Local Television Seniority Groups, whichever is applicable, shall next occur in inverse order of Unit Seniority from among those employees previously in the Master Television Seniority Group employed, by either network television or local television, depending upon the Group in which the layoff is occurring.

- (iv) The recall rights of any employee who had been in the extinguished Master Seniority Group because of a Unit Seniority date of or prior to July 20, 1989 and has been laid off pursuant to subparagraph (iii) above, shall have recall rights only in the Network Television Operation or Local Television Operation, as the case may be, in which they were employed at the time of such layoff. Such rights nevertheless shall be determined strictly by their Unit Seniority date and without regard to the criteria set forth in the first paragraph of Section 11.7(a).

(See also Section 11.6(a) and (b).)

- (4) No employee may be compelled to accept a transfer from one separate seniority group to another. In the event an employee, with their consent, elects to accept a transfer, they shall be placed at the bottom of their new separate seniority group for purposes of Unit Seniority, but their Total Company Seniority and Pay Seniority will remain unaffected by such transfer. However, in the event any regular radio engineering employee on the payroll as of July 20, 1989 is accepted for transfer to either the Network Television or the Local Television Seniority Group, such employee shall be credited, for seniority purposes in the Master Television Seniority Group, with all the seniority which they accrued while they were employed in radio. Nothing herein shall prohibit the Company from temporarily assigning employees to perform work in a seniority group other than the one in which they accrue Unit Seniority.

(b) In the Los Angeles office of the Company, the following shall apply in lieu of the foregoing Subparagraph (a):

- (1) Unit Seniority is measured by the length of service accumulated in all occupations covered by the separate seniority group within the Unit, or in the separate seniority group within the Unit, in which the employee is employed and controls preference of vacation. It shall also control layoffs and rehiring as provided in this Article.
- (2) For Unit Seniority purposes under the Master Agreement, employees employed under the "A" Agreement and "O" Agreement in the Los Angeles office shall be separately grouped as follows:

Network Television  
Local Television  
Radio

(See also Section 11.6(a) and (b).)

- (3) No employee may be compelled to accept a transfer from one separate seniority group to another. In the event an employee, with their consent, elects to accept a transfer, they shall be placed at the bottom of their new separate seniority group for purposes of Unit Seniority, but their Total Company Seniority and Pay Seniority will remain unaffected by such transfer. However, in the event any regular radio engineering employee on the payroll as of July 20, 1989 is accepted for transfer to either the Network Television or the Local Television seniority Group, such employee shall be credited, for seniority purposes, with all the seniority which they accrued while they were employed in radio.
- (4) Nothing herein shall prohibit the Company from temporarily assigning employees to perform work in a seniority group other than the one in which they accrue Unit Seniority. During the period of temporary assignment, such employees will continue to accrue Unit seniority.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything in this subsection 11.3 to the contrary, in the “A” Engineering Unit in the New York Office of the Company, if at any time, an employee who, with their consent, elects to accept a transfer from network television to local television, or vice versa, and accordingly from one separate seniority group to another, shall be credited with all Unit Seniority accrued prior to transfer, and their Company Seniority will remain unaffected by such transfer.

#### Section 11.4 - Company Offices

The offices of the Company are New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

#### Section 11.5

Pay Seniority determines the employee’s place on the escalator, except for “A” Unit (Engineering) Employees, and indicates the employee’s anniversary date for pay purposes. In determining the Pay Seniority of a new employee, the Company will consider the non-engineering employee’s previous experience and, upon the Union’s request, will discuss the employee’s place on the escalator with the Union within fourteen (14) days after the Union is notified of their employment. Non-engineering employees already on the payroll may have their Pay Seniority increased by the Company after the Union is notified.

(See Sideletter GK Para. 1.)

## Section 11.6 – Layoffs

- (a) When layoffs of employees are to be made in any unit, the Company, in its sole discretion, shall determine the number of employees to be laid off at each office. If such layoff shall be confined solely to temporary employees, the Company shall have the absolute right of selection among such employees. If such layoff shall involve both temporary and regular employees, the Company shall lay off all temporary employees at such office and then lay off regular employees at such office in inverse order of Unit Seniority, as defined in Section 11.3 of this Article.

(See Section 11.3(a)(3) and (b) and Sideletter HH.)

- (b) Similarly, if a layoff shall involve only regular employees, such layoff shall proceed in inverse order of Unit Seniority at such office.

(See Section 11.3(a)(3) and (b) and Sideletter HH.)

- (c) The Company shall not be required to transfer employees between offices in the event of a layoff.

- (d) Any regular employee who has accrued less than five (5) years of Unit Seniority or any vacation relief employee who is laid off shall receive two (2) weeks' written notice of such layoff or two (2) weeks' pay in lieu of such notice. Any regular employee who has accrued five (5) or more years of Unit Seniority who is laid off shall receive three (3) weeks' written notice of such layoff or three (3) weeks' pay in lieu of such notice. Notice of layoff or pay in lieu of such notice shall be in addition to any severance, vacation or holiday pay to which an employee may be entitled upon such layoff pursuant to this Agreement. Such notice shall include the date of layoff and the number of payback days and vacation days, if any, due to the employee. In the event notice is given to the employee as provided above, a copy thereof shall be sent to the Union.

- (e) In the event a regular employee is laid off and returns to the Unit or separate seniority group within the applicable period specified in Section 11.7, the employee's seniority for all purposes upon returning shall be that which they had on the date of such layoff.

- (f) In the event a temporary employee is laid off and returns to the Unit or separate seniority group within six (6) months, the employee's seniority for all purposes upon returning shall consist of all accumulated time worked for the Company in the Unit, which was separated by intervals of less than six (6) months.

- (g) The Company will give to each employee who is laid off and who has rehiring rights, a copy of Section 11.7 of this Agreement.

(See Stipulation (15).)

## Section 11.7 - Rehiring Rights

- (a) In the event the Company wishes to engage employees within any Unit at any office, or within any separate seniority group in any Unit enumerated in Section 11.3 at any office, it shall notify the Union, and the Company shall reemploy, in order of their Unit Seniority, any regular employees who were laid off from such separate seniority group in that office and who have rehiring rights at such time if the Company determines, in its sole judgment, that such employee(s) possesses the skills and abilities necessary to perform the work involved in the position(s) to be filled.

An employee will be presumed to possess the requisite skills and abilities if the particular work assignment to be performed in the position to be filled is work which the employee was regularly performing at the time of their layoff. A regular employee shall have rehiring rights in the separate seniority group in the office from which they were laid off under this Article for the following periods:

- (i) three (3) years in the case of those who as of May 12, 2003, were employed as regular employees in the units covered by this Agreement, or on layoff status therefrom with the rehiring rights, or
  - (ii) two (2) years in the case of those employed after May 12, 2003.
- (b)
- (1) An employee on layoff has sole responsibility to keep the Company and the Union notified as to their current address.
  - (2) The Company will notify an employee on layoff and who has rehiring rights under Section 11.7(a) of job availability in the Unit in the office from which they were laid off. This will be done by Registered Mail (Return Receipt Requested), and the employee is required to respond to the Employment Office of the Company within one (1) week of receipt of notification of the employee's intention to accept or decline the job.
  - (3) Failure of the employee to respond within one (1) week after receipt of recall notice will nullify the employee's recall right to the job(s) offered.
  - (4) If the employee responds to the effect that they cannot accept the job, but wishes to consider future job offers within their recall period, the Company will notify the employee of such future job openings within the Unit in the office from which the employee was laid off, as in (2) and (3) above.
  - (5) If the employee fails to respond, the Company will not be required to notify the employee relative to subsequent job openings, until such time as a written response is received from the employee.

- (c) The provisions of this Section 11.7 shall apply only to employment which, at the time of hiring, is anticipated to be for periods in excess of four (4) consecutive weeks, provided, however, nothing contained in this Article or elsewhere in the Master Agreement shall be construed to preclude the Company from determining in its sole discretion to engage any person for any period of time on a daily hire basis to meet its personnel needs and not recall any regular employee from layoff pursuant to this Section 11.7.

#### Section 11.8 - Armed Forces

- (a) Any employee who shall enter or who has entered the Armed Forces of the United States shall, upon their discharge from such service, be granted such reemployment rights as are provided for in such statutes or Governmental regulations as may at that time be applicable.
- (b) Any regular employee who is a member of the National Guard or one of the Armed Services Reserves, and is required to report for annual military training shall be granted leave when ordered to active duty for such purpose. In such event, the Company will pay to such employee the difference, if any, between their military pay for the period of such training, not to exceed fifteen (15) working days, and the base pay the employee would have received if they had worked during such period.
- (c) If a regular employee is recalled to active duty in the Armed Services for an indeterminate period, such employee shall be compensated in accordance with the terms of the policy applicable to unrepresented employees of the Company generally.

#### Section 11.9 - Revision

The Company and the Union shall have the right by mutual agreement to alter and vary the provisions of this Article as well as those of other Articles. However, no alteration or variation of the provisions of this Article may be made without the written approval of the Local Union(s) involved.

#### Section 11.10

The Company may at any time negotiate with the Union regarding retirement or separation incentives to be offered to a particular employee(s) designated by the Company in order to induce such employee(s) to retire or resign or, if applicable, to waive recall rights.

The specific terms of any offer made by the Company to the Union may be conveyed to the employee by either the Company or the Union, and the Union further agrees not to reject on behalf of a designated employee any offer which the employee is willing to accept.



ARTICLE XII  
TRANSFERS, TRAINING AND TEMPORARY UPGRADING

Section 12.1 - Transfers

- (a) An employee in a job classification covered by the Master Agreement who is transferred to another job classification covered by the Master Agreement which latter classification is compensated on an escalator scale the highest rate of which exceeds the flat rate or highest scale rate, as the case may be, of the job classification from which the employee was promoted, shall be fitted into the scale in the bracket equal to or next above that employee's salary at the time of transfer. This will not affect the employee's anniversary date, and they will have Pay Seniority according to the salary bracket in which the employee is placed.
- (b) An employee may not be compelled to accept a transfer from one office to another. An employee who, with their consent, is transferred from one office to another will retain their Total Company Seniority and Pay Seniority, and, with the consent of the Locals involved, the employee's Unit Seniority. The Locals' consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

Any regular engineering employee who has been laid off by the Company and who is rehired pursuant to Section A13.1 will be credited at the office of their rehire with the employee's Unit Seniority accrued at the office of the employee's layoff.

- (c) In the case of an employee who has transferred within their Bargaining Unit from one office to another without retaining their Unit Seniority, if such transferee is scheduled for layoff during the first three (3) years of employment at their new office, the following shall apply:
  - (1) The transferee may return to the original office of employment if there is a vacancy at such office and if such transferee has more Unit Seniority than all employees on layoff from such office who have recall rights.
  - (2) The transferee may return to the original office of employment, although there is no vacancy at such office, if the employee has more Unit Seniority than any one employee at such office. In such case, an employee at such office will be laid off in accordance with the layoff provisions of the Master Agreement in order to permit such transferee's return.
  - (3) The transferee may not return to the original office of employment if there is no vacancy and no employee at such office with less Unit Seniority than the transferee's own. In such case, the transferee will be laid off from the current office of employment, and they may elect to be placed in a layoff status from the original office of employment only, rather than from their current office of employment, in which case the employee will have the

recall privileges specified in Section 11.7 of the Master Agreement only in reference to vacancies at their original office of employment.

- (4) A transferee's services at the office to which they were transferred shall be included in the employee's Unit Seniority at the office of employment to which they return on active or layoff status.
- (5) Any return by an employee to their original office of employment shall be at the employee's own expense.

## Section 12.2 - Training

For the purpose of training, an employee may be assigned, for a period not to exceed twenty (20) days, to perform work in a more highly paid classification at the employee's normal rate of pay. In no case shall this provision be used to avoid filling an existing vacancy. A vacation relief assignment shall not be given an employee in training without paying the employee in the more highly paid classification. An employee who is assigned to a job in which they have no recent prior experience will be given an adequate opportunity to adjust to their new duties and will receive individual training, if necessary.

(See Sideletter ET.)

## Section 12.3 - Temporary Upgrading

- (a) In the event that an employee is temporarily transferred to a higher classification than that to which the employee is regularly assigned, they shall be paid at the normal wage scale for such higher classification during the period of such transfer for not less than a full tour of duty.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of (a) above, in the event that an employee temporarily relieves another employee or employees in a higher classification for a meal period or meal periods not in excess of two (2) hours in any one (1) tour, the employee shall be paid at the normal wage scale for such higher classification during the period of such relief only. If the relief periods exceed two (2) hours, the employee shall be paid at the normal wage scale for such higher classification for not less than the entire tour of duty. In the case of relief for personal needs or rest periods, the employee shall receive their normal wage scale. In no event, however, is an employee to receive less than their regular wage scale if assigned temporarily to a lower classification than the employee's regular status.
- (c) [Deleted.]
- (d) In any case where the Company reassigns a regular employee to a job with a lower pay classification, the Company will give the employee and the Union two (2) weeks' notice before changing the employee's pay rate to the appropriate pay classification set forth in the Master Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed to restrict the Company's right of reassignment.

## ARTICLE XIII LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### Section 13.1

In the event a regular employee takes a leave of absence because of illness and returns to the Unit within the time specified in Section 26.1(c), the employee's seniority for all purposes upon returning shall include the period of such leave of absence.

### Section 13.2

The Company shall, upon written application from a regular employee, grant a special leave of absence not exceeding six (6) months, without pay, for maternity reasons (other than disability for which paid sick leave is provided pursuant to Article XXVI) or paternity reasons, with full reinstatement privileges. Such employee's seniority for all purposes upon returning shall include the period of such leave of absence.

### Section 13.3

- (a) The Company will arrange a long-term leave of absence for Union activity for not more than two (2) regular staff or daily hire employees (not more than three (3) employees in New York) at any one time at any office of the Company for specific periods of not less than sixty (60) days and up to one (1) year in duration. The Union must give three (3) weeks' advance notice for such leave requests. Any requests for extension of the sixty (60) day up to one (1) year period shall be granted provided that the total period of the original leave of absence and any extension thereof shall not exceed five (5) years in duration, unless a longer period is agreed to by both the Company and the Union. Upon the mutual agreement of both the Company and the Union, additional employees may be permitted to go on a long-term leave of absence for Union activity for periods which shall be mutually agreed upon. Upon the end of such leave, daily hire employees shall be placed back on the rolls for eligibility for engagements.
- (b) In addition to the long-term leaves of absence granted pursuant to paragraph (a) above, the Company will give reasonable consideration to requests for short-term leaves of absence for Union activity. Reasonable notice for leaves of absence for Union activity shall be given to the Company by the Union; whenever possible, such notice shall be given at least two (2) weeks prior to the date requested for the beginning of such leave.
- (c) The Union shall not make repeat leave requests for any individual for periods of less than sixty (60) days with the intent or effect of avoiding reaching the cap of two (2) employees (three (3) employees in New York) provided in subparagraph (a) above.

- (d) A regular staff employee granted a leave of absence pursuant to this Paragraph 13.3 shall accrue seniority for all purposes during such leave of absence or any extension thereof granted pursuant hereto.
- (e) A daily hire employee granted leave pursuant to Subsection 13.3(b) will remain on the Company payroll at their regular rate during the period of such leave for the days they would have worked. Leaves of absence pursuant to Subsection 13.3(b) shall count towards the eligibility requirements set forth in Sections A14.2(f), B3.4(a), F3.11(a), K3.14(a), O3.14(a), or P3.3(a), as applicable, and Sideletters FB, HF, HO and IF, as well as count towards the employee's straight-time hours for purposes of calculating any payments outlined therein. Additionally, the employee shall receive a payment in lieu of benefits pursuant to Sideletter FD-1 for each such day of leave. The Union will reimburse the Company for the full amounts due for leave on such dates the employee would have worked.
- (f) The Company and the Union agree to work together to accommodate the scheduling of daily hires so as to allow for daily hire participation in Union activity while maintaining personnel continuity within Company operations.

(See Parties' Letter Agreement Regarding Short Term Union Leave Reimbursement dated July 27, 2023.)

#### Section 13.4

An employee who is granted a leave of absence of ninety (90) calendar days or less under circumstances where seniority is not otherwise accrued under the foregoing provisions of this Article XIII, shall nevertheless accrue seniority for all purposes. Such leave of absence will be granted only if approved in advance by both the Company and the Union, in writing. If the Union refuses to approve such leave, the leave may be granted, but the employee will not accrue seniority during such leave. Except as otherwise provided in Article XIII and in Sections 11.6 and 11.8, any employee leaving the Unit shall forfeit their Unit Seniority.

#### Section 13.5

Upon request, the Company may grant a leave of absence of up to one (1) year to an employee for civic, educational or similar purposes. Such requests from employees will be processed expeditiously. If the Union and the Company agree, the employee's seniority upon resumption of employment shall be that which the employee had on the date of such leave.

#### Section 13.6

- (a) A regular employee who is granted a leave of absence in accordance with the terms of this Article shall be permitted to continue to participate in the Company's Employee Life Insurance Plan, Medical Plan, Long Term Disability Income Plan,

Dental Plan and the ABC-NABET-CWA Retirement Trust Fund, provided that during the period of the employee's leave of absence such employee shall make all employee contributions that they are otherwise obligated to make and that the employee shall also make all contributions that the Company is otherwise obligated to make to provide coverage for such employee, commencing at such time as the Company normally requires its personnel on leave of absence to commence such contributions.

- (b) *The New York arbitration award in Grievance AN 82-41 is deemed null and void.*

#### Section 13.7

A regular employee will be granted a leave of absence of three (3) days with pay in the event of a death in the immediate family (parents, parents-in-law, spouse, children, same sex domestic partner, siblings and grandparents). In the case of a serious illness in the immediate family (as defined above), leaves in such cases will be granted at the discretion of the Department Head of three (3) days with pay. With the approval of the Department Head, an extension of up to seven (7) consecutive days without pay may be granted in the case of either of the foregoing leaves due to death or serious illness in the immediate family. For other justifiable personal reasons which cannot be attended to outside of working hours (which may include travel days, where required, in addition to the allowable three (3) days for death in the family), leaves of absence with pay may be granted on the approval of the Department Head. If a leave because of death in the immediate family coincides with any part of an employee's vacation, the employee's vacation time shall not be reduced as a result of such leave. In any case above where the discretion of the Department Head is allowed or such approval is required, the Department Head will make such determination in a manner that is neither arbitrary nor capricious.

(See Stipulation (12).)

### ARTICLE XIV DISCHARGES

#### Section 14.1

- (a) The Company may discharge an employee for just cause. Notice of the discharge will be given to the Local President of the Union, or another officer of the Union if the Local President is unavailable. If the discharge is not agreed to, the Company shall have the right to remove such employee from the payroll upon the issuance of an award of an Impartial Umpire or Arbitrator sustaining the discharge, or two (2) weeks after the date of the notice to the Union provided above, whichever is earlier; or
- (b) Alternatively to the rights stated in subparagraph (a) above, the Company may elect in its sole discretion to utilize the provisions of this subparagraph (b) in a discharge

for “unsatisfactory performance”. For purposes of Section 14.1(b), “unsatisfactory performance” shall be deemed to include the inability or unwillingness to perform the particular work required by the Company. “Unsatisfactory performance” shall also include excessive absenteeism and lateness. The following terms and conditions shall apply:

- (1) Prior to the effectuation of any discharge under this subparagraph (b), an employee shall be so notified in writing and a copy of said notice sent to the Local Union President or that President’s designee. The failure of management to have previously notified a dischargee that their performance has not been consistently satisfactory may not form the basis for any contention by the Union, or for any finding by an Arbitrator, that the Company’s determination hereunder is arbitrary or capricious. The employee, thereafter, will be afforded an eight (8) week minimum period of time to establish and maintain a satisfactory level of performance. Such notice to the employee that is provided shall be in writing and state that it constitutes notice under Section 14.1(b), but such notice shall not preclude the Company from imposing discipline on such employee under Section 14.1(a). If, for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months following such notice the employee’s overall performance is satisfactory, an employee shall no longer be subject to that particular notice of discharge.

- (2) If, after the employee’s having been given this opportunity to establish and maintain a satisfactory level of performance, the Company determines that a discharge under this Section 14.1(b) is appropriate, the Company may discharge the employee and notice of the discharge will be provided to the Union in the same manner as required for discharges under Section 14.1(a). Should the Union determine to arbitrate the discharge, the procedures to be followed are provided for in Section 14.2.

In determining the appropriateness of the discharge, the “just cause” standard of Section 14.1(a) shall not apply and instead the Company’s determination shall be sustained by the arbitrator unless he finds that the discharge is arbitrary or capricious.

- (3) In the event that the discharge determination under Section 14.1(b) is sustained by the arbitrator, Section 15.1 shall be inapplicable and the Company shall have no obligation to provide a severance payment of any kind.
- (4) If the Union determines not to arbitrate a Section 14.1(b) termination, and the termination shall therefore be deemed accepted, the employee shall be entitled to receive a severance payment in the amount equal to three (3) weeks per year for each full year of service with a cap of

twelve (12) months of pay at the minimum wage scale set forth in the Master Agreement, provided that the employee executes a general release satisfactory to the Company, and the Union agrees in writing not to pursue the discharge of this employee in this or any other legal proceeding. If this general release and Union agreement is not executed, no severance will be due.

- (5) Neither the acceptance of any terminations nor any arbitration awards arising out of terminations made under Section 14.1(b) may be cited by either party in any other discipline arbitration.
- (c) If at any time the Company determines that the particular nature of the “unsatisfactory performance” by itself or in combination with other conduct warrants proceeding instead under the “just cause” provisions of Section 14.1(a), it may elect to do so.
- (d) The Company shall have no obligation to transfer, reassign or train any employee to perform any other bargaining unit job function prior to a discharge for just cause or unsatisfactory performance.

(See Sideletter ER.)

## Section 14.2

If the Union believes that the discharge was not warranted, it may, within one (1) week of the date thereof, refer the matter to the Impartial Umpire for the office involved. It will be the obligation of the Umpire to hear the matter as expeditiously as possible and they may interrupt any other non-disciplinary case between the parties that the Impartial Umpire is then hearing in order to schedule a hearing on the discharge. If the Impartial Umpire for the office involved cannot hear the matter within three (3) working days of the reference to the Umpire by the Union, the matter may be referred to any one of the other Impartial Umpires listed in Section 20.10. The Impartial Umpire who hears the case will render a decision within two (2) working days from the date of hearing. If requested by either the Company or Union at the conclusion of the hearing, the Impartial Umpire shall, within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the hearing, follow up the decision with any further discussion or opinion on the case that the Umpire deems appropriate. If the Impartial Umpire decides that the discharge was not proper, but that suspension or other disciplinary action is warranted, the Impartial Umpire may so provide in their Award.

## Section 14.3

- (a) The Company may for just cause impose a disciplinary suspension with or without pay in its sole discretion. Notice of such suspension shall be given to the Local President of the Union, or another officer of the Union if the Local President is

unavailable, before, if possible, or as soon as practicable after the imposition of the suspension. Failure to provide notice will not invalidate the Company's decision to suspend.

- (b) If the Union believes that the suspension was not warranted, it may, within one (1) week of receipt of the notice specified in Subparagraph (a) above, refer the matter to the Impartial Umpire for the office involved. It will be the obligation of the Umpire to hear the matter as expeditiously as possible and they may interrupt any other non-disciplinary case between the parties that the Impartial Umpire is then hearing in order to schedule a hearing on the suspension. If the Impartial Umpire for the office involved cannot hear the matter within three (3) working days of the reference to the Umpire by the Union, the matter may be referred to any one of the other Impartial Umpires listed in Section 20.10. The Impartial Umpire who hears the case will render a decision within two (2) working days from the date of hearing. If requested by either the Company or Union at the conclusion of the hearing, the Impartial Umpire shall, within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the hearing, follow up the decision with any further discussion or opinion on the case that the Umpire deems appropriate.

(See Sideletter AE.)

#### Section 14.4

Except as provided in Sections 14.1 and 14.3 above, the Company may take whatever lesser disciplinary action against employees it deems appropriate (e.g., letter of reprimand), provided, however, that in imposing such discipline the Company agrees that it will not act in an arbitrary or capricious manner.

### ARTICLE XV SEVERANCE PAY

#### Section 15.1

The Company will grant to all regular employees who are laid off, severance pay in an amount equal to one (1) week's pay for each year of Total Company Seniority; provided, however, that in no event shall a regular employee receive less than two (2) weeks' severance pay. In addition, no employee shall receive severance pay pursuant to this Section more than one time during any calendar year, and under no circumstances will any severance pay be granted to an employee who is released from any period of employment of less than four (4) weeks.

(See Stipulation (15) and Sideletters AJ and HH.)



## ARTICLE XVI TRAVEL TIME

### Section 16.1

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### Section 16.2

- (a) All travel by common carrier shall be in first class accommodation when available. Travel by means of any regularly scheduled train with available seating or commercial airline, including any aircraft of any such airline diverted to charter, shall constitute “first class accommodation” within the meaning of this Section.
- (b) The term “common carrier” as applied to out-of-town travel shall include planes, trains and boats. In addition, upon notice to the Local Union involved and where more convenient than other common carriers because of the schedules and availabilities of such other carriers, air-conditioned buses may be used for trips not in excess of three hundred (300) miles determined as in Section 7.8. On bus trips longer than four (4) hours the Company will allow an appropriate meal break, not to exceed one hour, at a suitable restaurant (at the employee’s expense), or in the alternative the Company may elect to provide food enroute as in the past (e.g., a box lunch).

(See Sideletter AA.)

- (c) No employee shall be required to use a form of transportation which is excepted from coverage under a normal form of life, health or accident insurance which the employee has in effect unless the Company has made arrangements in advance to maintain such coverage or to provide an equivalent substitute. Employees whose individual insurance policies contain features which might require the Company to make arrangements under this Subparagraph (c) shall so advise the Company. However, even absent such notice, the Company will maintain insurance coverage which will pay, in addition to any other benefit, the amount of any individual life or accidental death and dismemberment insurance, subject to a maximum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), which is invalidated because of exclusions appearing in such policies arising out of:
  - (i) riding as a passenger, and not as a pilot or crew member, in any aircraft, other than experimental aircraft, while on Company business; and
  - (ii) riding as a passenger or driver in any land or sea conveyance while on Company business.

(See Sideletter AX.)

- (d) No modifications in the provisions of this Section shall be effective unless agreed to in writing by the Local Union or Local Unions involved.

### Section 16.3

When available, the Company shall provide first class hotel or equivalent accommodations with single occupancy. Should the Union claim that first class hotel or equivalent accommodations with single occupancy have not been provided but are available within a reasonable distance of the pickup, a Company representative at the location, in conjunction with a representative of the crew, will investigate and consider such claim immediately. If they agree that such claim is valid, a change of accommodations will be made within twenty-four (24) hours.

### Section 16.4

Employees shall be credited for travel time only as follows:

- (a) “Travel-Only” Days

On a “travel-only” day to an out-of-town assignment, an employee’s workday and travel time shall begin at the scheduled departure time of the common carrier and shall end thirty (30) minutes after the employee arrives at the gate, train station or port at the out-of-town destination, with a minimum daily credit of eight (8) hours of pay at the regular rate of pay.

Upon returning from an out-of-town assignment, an employee’s workday and travel time shall commence as described in the preceding sentence and shall end when the carrier arrives at the gate, train station or port at the destination, with a minimum daily credit of eight (8) hours of pay at the regular rate of pay. There shall be no crediting of any travel time from the airport, train station or port.

Article IX and A-VIII shall be inapplicable on any “travel-only” day(s), and no meal period need be scheduled or assigned on such day(s), nor shall any meal period penalties accrue on such days.

- (b) “Travel-Work” Days

An employee’s workday and travel time on an out-of-town assignment shall begin at the scheduled departure time of the common carrier. The employee’s workday shall end in accordance with Section 16.6(b) when the employee completes their duties at the out-of-town work site to which the employee is assigned on that day. Article IX and A-VIII shall be inapplicable on “travel work” day(s) and no meal period need be scheduled or assigned on such day(s), nor shall any meal period penalties accrue on such days. An employee, however, shall be given a thirty (30) minute opportunity to eat upon arrival at the destination location, if the employee has not already been given, or is not scheduled to be given, a meal period that day.

(c) “Work-Travel” Days

The employee’s workday shall begin upon the commencement of assigned duties at the out-of-town work site in accordance with Section 16.6(b), and shall end when the employee returning from an out-of-town assignment arrives at the gate, train station or port at the destination. However, if the employee is traveling to another out-of-town assignment, travel time shall end thirty (30) minutes after arrival at the gate, train station or port of destination at such other out-of-town assignment. There shall be no crediting of any travel time from the airport, train station or port when the employee returns from their out-of-town assignment(s). On “work-travel” days Article IX and A-VIII shall be inapplicable and no meal period need be scheduled or assigned on such day(s), nor shall any meal period penalties accrue during such days. An employee, however, will be given a thirty (30) minute opportunity to eat either before commencing, or upon completion of, the travel portion of the day, unless the employee has already been given, or is scheduled to be given, a meal period that day.

- (d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 16.4, the Company shall continue to credit reasonable travel time to ENG crews transporting their equipment to and from the airport, train station or port on out-of-town assignments. This shall also apply to ENG crews transporting their equipment who are daily hired, in lieu of any travel stipend otherwise provided for in Section A14.3.

(e) Settlement Agreement Voided

The settlement dated March 17, 1976 between James Nolan and William Gennerich, and all practices related thereto or arising therefrom, whether in New York or elsewhere, are null and void.

## Section 16.5

When an employee is scheduled by the Company to travel from their home to a field pickup on an assignment which does not require the employee to stay away from home overnight, the employee shall be credited with the time normally required to travel from their home office to such field pickup. If such employee is not scheduled to return to the home office from such assignment, the employee shall be credited with a like amount of time for the return to their home. The Company and the Local Union involved shall agree as to the location of the “home office(s)” for the purpose of this Paragraph.

## Section 16.6

- (a) Home office shall be defined as any Company office to which the employee is normally attached, or the out-of-town hotel or headquarters to which the employee may be assigned by the Company for the duration of the assignment.

- (b) On an out-of-town assignment requiring an employee to travel between their hotel accommodations and the remote site, an employee's workday shall begin at the employee's commencement of assigned duties at the remote site and end at the completion of such duties at the remote site, but will also include only that amount of daily travel time in excess of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour each way, as determined and approved in advance by the appropriate Company manager at the remote site taking into consideration normal driving speeds and the most direct route possible between the hotel and the remote site. Travel time in excess of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour each way shall be paid in minimum segments of five (5) minutes.
- (c) Employees on out-of-town assignments shall be permitted to check in at their designated hotel or other accommodation prior to reporting to their assigned job location and to check out of such hotel or other accommodation at the conclusion of such assignment; except that in an emergency situation this shall not be required, in which event, where it is necessary for employees to change or store their clothes before reporting to their assigned location, or to change their clothes at the conclusion of such assignment, the Company will provide suitable accommodations to cover the situation. This provision shall not be applicable to "travel-only" days.

#### Section 16.7

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#### Section 16.8

When travel is continuous on a common carrier during the period between the hours of 12:00 Midnight and 8:00 A.M., local time, and suitable sleeping facilities are available, no credit shall be allowed. For the purpose of this Paragraph a single occupancy berth is construed to be suitable sleeping facilities. When travel is designated by the Company on conveyances which do not have suitable sleeping facilities, full time credit shall be allowed.

#### Section 16.9

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#### Section 16.10

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#### Section 16.11

An employee shall receive an amount equivalent to eight (8) hours' pay at their straight-time rate for each regularly scheduled day off occurring during an out-of-town assignment provided that no traveling occurs and no work is performed on such day off. No

holiday repayment shall be permitted while on such out-of-town assignment. An employee who has received ten (10) or more such payments in any calendar year shall receive one (1) week of vacation in addition to such employee's vacation entitlement under Article XIX in the succeeding calendar year.

#### Section 16.12

If an employee is transferred from a studio location to a transmitter location or vice versa, and such transfer necessitates increased travel expense to and from the employee's home, the Company shall reimburse the employee for such increased travel expense for a period not to exceed three (3) months.

#### Section 16.13

If an employee is temporarily assigned to a news bureau for a local station within the employee's regular Company office, they shall be credited with travel pay only to the extent and amount of time that the temporary assignment to the bureau lengthens the employee's commute to and from their otherwise regular assignment.

### ARTICLE XVII USE OF EMPLOYEE'S CAR

#### Section 17.1

- (a) Compensation equal to the business mileage reimbursement rate set by the Internal Revenue Service with a minimum payment of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be allowed an employee for using their automobile with the consent of the Company in executing the business of the Company, except in no event shall the employee receive credit for the time consumed in traveling between their home and office. However, on an out-of-town assignment requiring an employee to drive between their hotel accommodations and the remote site, using their personal automobile, such employee shall be reimbursed for mileage, taking into consideration the most direct route possible between the hotel and the remote site. It is agreed and understood that the use of an employee's car is not mandatory, and in the event the Company authorizes an employee to use a rental car, that employee shall not be allotted a business mileage reimbursement.
- (b) If the Company increases or lowers the rate per mile for employees of the Company generally as a result of a change in the business mileage reimbursement rate set by the Internal Revenue Service, such increase or reduction shall automatically be made applicable to the employees covered by this Agreement without prior notice or negotiations with the Union over such change.
- (c) If an employee uses their personal automobile on a Company assignment and the total driving distance from the employee's home to the remote site is sixty-five

(65) miles or greater, the assignment shall be treated as an out-of-town assignment for all purposes.

- (d) In any situation on assignments where the total driving time from the employee's home to the remote site is reasonably expected to be more than six (6) hours total, taking into consideration normal driving speeds and the most direct route possible, the Company shall arrange travel by common carrier as stipulated in Article XVI, unless the employee otherwise requests or the Company determines for health and safety reasons that travel by automobile would be most appropriate. In the case of a voluntary request to drive, in no event shall an employee be reimbursed for mileage beyond the cost of a ticket on the common carrier.

## Section 17.2

- (a) The Company shall cause the insurance protection of the automobile liability policies which it maintains to be extended so as to provide insurance coverage to an employee who uses an automobile on a Company assignment on which the use of the automobile was specifically authorized by the Company. Such coverage shall provide insurance protection up to Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) against liability for bodily injuries to others or property damage sustained by others, incurred while such employee so uses such automobile, and the insurance protection shall be to the same extent and manner as, and under the same limitations, terms and conditions as such insurance policies afford protection to the Company. Such insurance protection shall not apply to the extent that other valid insurance shall protect such employee against such liability under the aforesaid circumstances.
- (b) If, while an employee uses an automobile on a Company assignment on which the use of the automobile was specifically authorized by the Company, such automobile is damaged by collision or upset or other cause, and the actual cost of repair thereof exceeds Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), the Company will: (i) if the automobile is not otherwise insured against such damage, reimburse the employee to the extent of the actual cost of repairing such automobile or the actual cash value of the automobile, whichever is the lesser; or (ii) if such automobile is otherwise insured against such damage, reimburse such employee to the extent of the amount of any deductible imposed by the insurance carrier in the settlement of the claim.

## Section 17.3

Whenever it is used in this Article, the term "automobile" shall be defined as any land motor vehicle (excluding trailers) designed for travel on public roads.

## ARTICLE XVIII HOLIDAYS

### Section 18.1

The following shall be deemed to be holidays under this provision, irrespective of the day of the week on which the holiday may fall: NEW YEAR'S DAY (January 1), MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (third Monday in January), MEMORIAL DAY (last Monday in May), LABOR DAY (first Monday in September), THANKSGIVING DAY (fourth Thursday in November) and CHRISTMAS DAY (December 25).

### Section 18.2

If an employee is required to work on any of the aforesaid holidays, the employee will receive, in lieu of other compensation, compensation at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½) times their straight time rate of pay for all straight time hours worked and at the rate of two (2) times the employee's straight time rate of pay for all overtime hours worked. The meal period shall be paid at the employee's straight time rate of pay.

(See Letter Agreement regarding General Hospital dated March 7, 2017)

### Section 18.3

If an employee is required to work on any of the aforesaid holidays, and such holiday is on such employee's scheduled day off, the employee shall receive, in lieu of other compensation, compensation at the rate of two (2) times their straight time rate of pay for the first eight (8) hours of work, and at the rate of two and one-half (2 ½) times the employee's straight time rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of eight (8). The meal period shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½) times the employee's straight time rate of pay.

(See Letter Agreement regarding General Hospital dated March 7, 2017)

### Section 18.4

In the cases referred to in Sections 18.2 and 18.3 above, the employee shall receive one (1) extra day off consecutive with their regular scheduled days off in addition to the compensation provided for above.

(See Stipulation (3).)

### Section 18.5

If the holiday falls on an employee's day off, they shall receive one (1) extra day off, consecutive with the employee's regular days off.

## Section 18.6

The extra day off referred to in Sections 18.4, 18.5 and 18.8 shall be designated by the Company and add twenty-four (24) hours to the sixty (60) specified in Section 8.3. The Company will make a reasonable attempt to satisfy the wishes of the individual employee in scheduling such extra day off, and such day may be added to the employee's vacation by mutual agreement. No such holiday credit shall be repaid before the holiday except by mutual agreement between the employee and the Company, and in the event the Company does not give such extra day off within twelve (12) months following the holiday, the employee shall receive one (1) day's straight time pay. Except as provided below, in each calendar year, the Company must satisfy the wishes of the individual employee in scheduling two (2) of the extra days off referred to in Sections 18.4 or 18.5 (herein called mandatory payback days) provided that the employee who is owed such days notifies the Company in writing within a period of fourteen (14) days following the holiday concerned that it is to be considered a mandatory payback day and that within a period of three (3) months following the holiday the employee requests in writing a specific date for the day off three (3) weeks in advance of such date, which date shall be within twelve (12) months following the holiday.

The grievance settlement in case number AS 85-34, which requires four (4) weeks' notice before the Company pays out a payback day not scheduled within the requisite time, and all practices related thereto are henceforth null and void.

Under no circumstances shall the Company be required to schedule any mandatory payback day(s) for any employee(s) within a particular cost center at the television Network, or by department (e.g., Creative Services, Engineering or News) at the television stations where doing so would mean the absence, for any and all types of leaves, of more than ten percent (10%) of the employees within such cost center(s) or department(s). If more than ten percent (10%) of the employees in a particular cost center or department request the same day as a mandatory payback day, the Company shall schedule the day on a first-come, first-served basis up to the ten percent (10%) limit and the Company may deny remaining mandatory payback day requests, which denial shall not be subject to arbitration. If the total number of employees in any particular cost center or department is fewer than ten (10), "ten percent (10%)" shall be deemed to be one (1) employee.

In Radio, in lieu of the foregoing, the Company shall not be required to schedule any mandatory payback day(s) where doing so would mean the absence, for any and all types of leaves of more than one (1) employee at any Radio Network operation or any radio station.

The requirement of consecutiveness set forth in Sections 18.4 and 18.5 shall not be applicable to the mandatory payback days. Notwithstanding, the foregoing provisions regarding mandatory payback days, an employee, in lieu of selection one or both mandatory payback days as provide above, may require, once in any calendar year, that the Company



schedule one or both extra days off earned under Section 18.4 or 18.5 contiguous to the employee’s vacation if the employee so notifies the Company in writing within a period of fourteen (14) days following the holiday concerned, or in lieu of selection one or both mandatory payback days as provide in this Section, the employee may elect to receive one or both day’s straight time pay if the employee so notifies the Company in writing within a period of fourteen (14) days following the holiday concerned. No holiday listed in Section 18.1 may be selected as a date for a mandatory payback day.

Section 18.7

Each day an employee is excused from working because of a holiday to their credit shall, subject to all terms and conditions hereof, reduce by eight (8) hours the workweek of such employee for such week.

Section 18.8

If an employee works on a day that has been scheduled as a payback day, the employee will receive in lieu of other compensation, compensation at the rate of two (2) times their straight time rate of pay for all straight time hours worked, and at the rate of two and one-half (2 ½) times the employee’s straight time rate of pay for all overtime hours worked. The meal period shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½) times the employee’s straight time rate of pay. The employee shall receive one (1) extra day off consecutive with their regular scheduled days off in addition to such compensation.

ARTICLE XIX  
VACATIONS

Section 19.1

- (a) An employee who is on the payroll on December 25th of any year shall be entitled to vacation with pay in the succeeding year, as follows:
- | Total Company Seniority<br><u>As of December 25th</u> | Weeks of Vacation<br><u>With Pay</u> |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Less than five (5) years                              | Three (3) weeks                      |
| Five (5) or more years<br>but less than fifteen (15)  | Four (4) weeks                       |
| Fifteen (15) or more years                            | Five (5) weeks                       |
- (b) (Notwithstanding the preceding subparagraph (a), employees actively employed on the Company payroll as of December 25, 2003, who as of such date have accrued vacation entitlement for 2004 vacations in an amount in excess of the schedule set forth in subparagraph (a) above shall be entitled to keep that specific

greater vacation entitlement for the period of their employment but shall not be entitled thereafter to earn any greater vacation entitlement. For example, an employee who has accrued twenty (20) or more years but less than twenty-five (25) years as of December 25, 2003, shall for 2004 vacations and thereafter be entitled to six (6) weeks of vacation, but shall not be thereafter entitled to any further vacation allowance.

- (c) Any vacation entitlement in excess of the schedule set forth in subparagraph (a) pursuant to subparagraph (b) above, shall be scheduled by mutual agreement between the Company and the employee. In the event no agreement is reached, or at the employee's request, such employee shall thereafter receive in the same calendar year one (1) or two (2) weeks' pay either at the minimum wage scale set forth in Section A3.1 of the Master Agreement, or the rate provided in a written overscale arrangement or personal services agreement, whichever is greater, as the case may be for each such individual so entitled, in lieu of the amount of such excess vacation entitlement.

## Section 19.2

An employee on the payroll on December 25th of any year who is terminated on or after December 25th for any reason will be entitled to vacation as specified in this Article, or payment in lieu of vacation plus any payment to which the employee may be entitled pursuant to Article XVIII, except that an employee who is on the payroll on December 25th but who has less than six (6) months of Total Company Seniority credit as of the date of termination, and who is terminated prior to April 1 of the succeeding year, shall receive one (1) week's vacation pay plus any payment to which the employee may be entitled pursuant to Article XVIII, plus one (1) day's pay for each of the following days which fall within the employee's period of employment: LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY, PRESIDENTS' DAY, ELECTION DAY and THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING.

## Section 19.3

An employee who acquires five (5) years' Total Company Seniority in any year shall thereupon be entitled to a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) week's vacation with pay consecutive with their regular vacation in such year.

## Section 19.4

An employee who acquires fifteen (15) years' Total Company Seniority in any year shall thereupon be entitled to a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) week of vacation with pay consecutive with their regular vacation in such year.

## Section 19.5

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## Section 19.6

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## Section 19.7

An employee who is terminated prior to December 25th of any year who has received their vacation for that year, shall not be entitled to any vacation pay on termination.

## Section 19.8

- (a) An employee engaged between December 26th of the preceding year and April 30th of the current year inclusive (excluding vacation relief employees) shall receive one (1) week's vacation with pay in such year, plus any payment to which the employee may be entitled pursuant to Article XVIII, plus one (1) day's pay for each of the "holidays" set forth in (b) below which occur during their employment in the current calendar year. An employee who is terminated between December 26th of the preceding year and April 30th of the current year inclusive shall not be entitled to pay for any vacation unless they shall have been employed for at least three (3) months preceding the date of termination. An employee engaged after April 30th (excluding vacation relief employees) shall receive one (1) day's vacation with pay for each month they have been employed by the Company prior to the beginning of the employee's vacation for that year, not to exceed five (5) workdays, plus any payment to which the employee may be entitled pursuant to Article XVIII, plus one (1) day's pay for each of the "holidays" set forth in (b) below which occur during the employee's employment.
- (b) The "holidays" referred to in (a) above are: LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, JULY FOURTH, LABOR DAY, ELECTION DAY and THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING. For calendar year 2014, PRESIDENTS' DAY shall be substituted for LABOR DAY.

## Section 19.9

The provisions in Section 19.8 above excluding vacation relief employees from vacation rights shall not apply where such employees are retained in employment beyond October 31st of the year in question. Any regular employee who is laid off and is subsequently rehired on a temporary basis, if not retained beyond October 31st of the then current year, shall nevertheless be entitled to one (1) day of vacation for each month of temporary service.

## Section 19.10

Vacation periods for employees shall be determined and posted by April 1st of each year except for Engineering and Traffic which shall be determined and posted by March 1st and shall fall within the period April 1st through October 31st, and shall not

be changed except by mutual consent of the Company and the local committee. Before February 1st of each year the local management and local committee shall confer for the purpose of discussing vacation scheduling. Vacation preferences within the operating group to which the employees are assigned shall be given to employees on the basis of Unit Seniority. Vacations may be taken outside the period specified above by mutual consent of the Company and the local committee. No employee covered by these agreements shall be required to give up their free choice of vacation (during the period as shown above) to any person not covered by these agreements.

In lieu of the above, in television and Network Radio at the Washington office of the Company, at Network Radio in New York and at each television Owned Station, vacations will be scheduled to fall within the period from January 1st through December 31st. Vacation periods shall be determined and posted by December 1st of the preceding year, and shall not be changed except by mutual consent of the Company and the local committee. Prior to December 1st of each preceding year, the local management and local committee shall confer for the purpose of discussing vacation scheduling. Vacation preferences within the operating group to which the employees are assigned shall be given to employees on the basis of Unit Seniority. No employee covered by these agreements shall be required to give up their free choice of vacation (during the period as shown above) to any person not covered by these agreements.

In Washington, D.C., the nature and scope of each operating group within which employees select vacations pursuant to this Section 19.10 shall be determined in the discretion of the Company. Nothing herein shall be deemed to alter any established practices in any other office of the Company.

(See Sideletter AS.)

#### Section 19.11

An employee who qualifies for more than two (2) weeks' vacation under Section 19.1 shall have the right to take such additional vacation at some other time during the vacation period subject to selection on a Unit Seniority basis among those employees so splitting their vacations after the vacations of employees not splitting their vacations have been established.

#### Section 19.12

No employee may be recalled to duty for any reason during their vacation period. The Company shall make a reasonable attempt to schedule days off consecutive with the employee's vacation selection.

#### Section 19.13

After discussion and agreement with local management and with due regard for schedule requirements, an employee shall be permitted to split their vacation and take part

of the total vacation in a separate period of one (1) or two (2) weeks at a time during the vacation period selected in accordance with seniority after the primary portion of all other vacations of employees in the same vacation group have been selected.

#### Section 19.14

- (a) The following will be applied in computing vacations for returning servicemen and servicewomen:
  - (1) Upon going into the service the employee receives in time or money all vacation due to them up to that time.
  - (2) All time spent in service is counted in accruing seniority for all purposes under the NABET agreements including the requisite periods of more than five (5) years for the extra vacation.
  - (3) Those returning after the vacation season will receive no vacation until the following year.
  - (4) If the number of months the employee worked in the year in which they went into the service, added to the number of months they worked in the year in which the employee returned from service, is twelve (12) months or less, they shall receive one (1) full vacation period or vacation pay, for both years combined.
  - (5) Subject to Paragraph (3), if the sum exceeds twelve (12) months, the total vacation for the combined years shall be prorated, a fractional day counting as a full day. For example, if the sum is eighteen (18) months, the employee shall receive a total of one and one-half (1 ½) vacations for both years and if, for example, the employee received in time or money a full vacation on leaving, the employee would be entitled to one-half (½) of a full vacation for the year in which the employee returns.
- (b) When an employee who has been on an unpaid leave of absence for a total of more than sixty (60) working days in any calendar year pursuant to any Section of Article XIII returns to active employment during the course of that year, they shall receive a pro-rated vacation in the subsequent year. The number of weeks (or days) of such vacation shall be based on a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the total number of workweeks worked by the employee in the year they return from the leave of absence and the denominator of which shall be fifty-two (52), multiplied by the applicable number of weeks set forth in Section 19.1. The employee will be entitled to time off without pay for the unpaid portion of their vacation.

## Section 19.15

Where an employee is entitled under the terms of this Agreement to vacation or holiday pay on termination of employment, such payment shall be made to their estate in the case of the employee's death.

## Section 19.16

At the Company's television stations in New York, San Francisco, Chicago and Los Angeles, and for the A Engineering Unit at Network Operations in the Washington, D.C., New York and Los Angeles offices, an employee eligible for vacation may schedule one (1) week of their vacation entitlement in single days, in accordance with the following:

- (a) The employee must elect this option on their first pick;
- (b) Single days in any particular vacation selection Group will not be permitted if vacation selections for such Group are already at maximum level;
- (c) Requests for scheduling single vacation days must be made in writing to the appropriate Company scheduling office and the Vacation Committee in which the employee is assigned no less than ten (10) days prior to the posting of the schedule on which the requested day off will be shown, and will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis;
- (d) Requests for single vacation days will be scheduled subject to staffing requirements as determined by the management of the business unit involved;
- (e) No fewer than three (3) of the five (5) single vacation days must be used prior to August 30 of the given year, or such days may be scheduled by the Company. The scheduling of any remaining single vacation days must be completed no later than the day after Labor Day of the given year or those remaining days may be scheduled by the Company;
- (f) Single vacation days cannot be transferred to any subsequent year, and;
- (g) Under no circumstances will single vacation days be paid for rather than taken as time off.

Nothing shall preclude the Local Committee and the Company from agreeing to modify any portion of this provision by mutual agreement.

## ARTICLE XX GRIEVANCES AND ARBITRATION

### Section 20.1

Should a grievance arise during the term of this Agreement, the aggrieved employee or employees shall contact the designated Union Steward. The grievance shall be discussed promptly by the Steward (or another Union representative designated by the Local President) and the designated management supervisor for the purpose of ascertaining the relevant facts and attempting settlement. Such Steward or other designated Union representative and the management supervisor shall each have the authority to settle the specific incident involved in the grievance on terms mutually acceptable to them. Any settlements so reached shall be immediately reduced to writing on a special form which shall state the essential facts involved including the date, location, Company and Union personnel involved, the precise request made by the employee or the Union and the reason therefore and which shall be signed by the Steward or other Union representative and the management supervisor. Each such settlement shall automatically be deemed to contain the following clause: "This resolution is made on a no-precedent basis, is without prejudice to the position of either the Company or the Union with respect to any contractual issues that may be involved, and may not be cited in any subsequent arbitration or other legal proceeding other than one involving the enforcement of this particular resolution."

If a resolution is reached, a copy will be forwarded to the Local Union President or the President's designee and the Company's Labor Relations Department. Either party shall nevertheless have the right to submit the incident to arbitration (alleging the incident did or did not involve a violation of the Agreement) as if no resolution had been reached, but only after discussion of such resolution at a meeting held pursuant to Sideletter BY within one hundred ten (110) days after the date of the resolution. In the case of matters submitted to arbitration pursuant to this Paragraph, the forty-five (45) day time limit recited in the last Paragraph of this Section shall not commence until after the discussion of such matter at the meeting held pursuant to Sideletter BY.

If during any calendar year at any office of the Company either party arbitrates more than three (3) incidents originally resolved in accordance with the procedures established above, the other party may, upon thirty (30) days' written notice, have the option to delete this Section 20.1 from the Master Agreement at that particular office and to substitute therefore the Section 20.1 that appeared in the 1977-81 Master Agreement.

Should the grievance remain unresolved after such discussion it shall be reduced to writing on appropriate forms and signed by the employee, the Steward or, in the case of a grievance filed by the Union, by any Union representative. The written grievance shall state the essential facts involved including the date, location and the Company and Union personnel involved. Such written grievance shall be filed with the management supervisor and with the Union for processing to the Local Grievance Committee.

No grievance may be filed more than forty-five (45) days after knowledge of the incident or condition which gave rise to the grievance was known, or should have been known, to the Union.

(See Sideletter BY.)

## Section 20.2

- (a) In the event that an employee has a personal complaint, the employee may discuss the complaint with their management supervisor, their Steward or both, provided, however, that the Steward or other Union representative shall have the right to be present at the resolution of the complaint. If the complaint is not satisfied and the matter is one which, if proven, would constitute a violation of a specific provision of the Master Agreement, it may be submitted as a grievance under Section 20.1
- (b) If a written complaint about an employee is made a part of the employee's record, such employee will be given the particulars of such complaint in writing. Any written response by the affected employee will likewise be made a part of such record.

## Section 20.3

The Local Grievance Committee shall be designated by the Union at each office, and its size shall be mutually agreed upon by the parties. Local grievance meetings shall be held at each office as determined by the parties at each office with respect to frequency and duration, regardless of past practices, arbitration awards and grievance resolutions, but no less frequently than quarterly, unless mutually agreed to by the parties. No later than December 1 of each year, the parties shall agree on a schedule for such grievance meetings for the succeeding year. In the Company's New York Offices, the foregoing shall be applied to Network and Television Station operations separately.

(See Sideletter BY.)

## Section 20.4

A duly authorized representative of NABET-CWA may investigate or inspect operations of the Company covered by this Agreement at reasonable hours and in such manner as not to disturb the normal operations of the Company.

## Section 20.5

When any member of the Local Grievance Committee is called upon to meet with a Company representative pursuant to the provisions of this Article, the following shall apply:



- (a) If said member of the Committee has been cleared for the day for such meeting, the member shall receive their regular day's pay for such day, regardless of the length of such meeting.
- (b) If said member of the Committee is on duty and is called to such meeting, and such meeting continues past the member's scheduled quitting time for the day, they shall be paid at the applicable overtime rate for all hours after such scheduled quitting time.
- (c) In the event a member of the Committee attends any such meeting on the member's scheduled day off, they shall receive a substitute day off at a time mutually agreeable to the member and their supervisor, which day need not be consecutive with the member's two (2) regularly scheduled days off.

In no event shall any penalty payments accrue as a result of attendance at any meeting as described herein.

Where an employee who is not a member of the Local Grievance Committee participates in a grievance meeting with the mutual consent of the Company and the Local Union, the above provisions will apply to such employee.

## Section 20.6

If the grievance is not settled within ten (10) days of its discussion at the grievance meeting, or if the grievance has not been discussed at a meeting held pursuant to the terms of Section 20.3 within sixty (60) days of its filing, either party may request arbitration by delivering a signed, written notice to that effect directed to the other party and to the appropriate Impartial Umpire or to the American Arbitration Association, as governed by Section 20.8 below. The following persons shall serve as Impartial Umpires during the term of this Agreement: (i) for grievances arising in the New York office – Margaret Brogan and Bonnie Siber Weinstock; (ii) for grievances arising in the Chicago office – Barry E. Simon; (iii) for grievances arising in the Washington office – Margaret Brogan; (iv) for grievances arising in the Los Angeles office – Fred Horowitz; (v) for grievances arising in the San Francisco office – Fred Horowitz; (vi) for grievances arising in Section 20.10 cases as provided below and grievances involving more than one (1) office – Bonnie Siber Weinstock.

At any time the parties may, by mutual agreement and upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the arbitrator, remove any of the arbitrators listed in this Section or in Section 20.10. In the event of the resignation, removal or incapacity of an Impartial Umpire, a successor shall be named by the parties within thirty (30) days to serve for the remainder of the term. This thirty (30) day period may be extended by the mutual agreement of the Company and the Union.

In Los Angeles and New York, where two (2) Umpires are designated, the Umpire shall be selected in rotation, provided that if the appropriate Umpire has no available dates for hearing the case within a reasonable period of time after the matter is referred to them for arbitration, the matter shall be referred to the next Umpire in rotation who has such available dates.

At any time commencing one (1) year after the effective date of this Agreement, each party may once strike the name of one (1) Umpire from the New York, San Francisco and/or Los Angeles lists and such Umpire(s) shall thereafter immediately, upon the sending of the notice striking their appointment, cease to serve except that, as to any case where the hearing has already opened, the arbitrator will continue to serve until the issuance of their award. Any such Umpire who is struck in New York shall also automatically and simultaneously be deemed struck from the list for grievances arising under Section 20.10 and/or grievances involving more than one (1) office of the Company.

#### Section 20.7

- (a) If a written grievance that has been filed pursuant to the terms of Section 20.1 of this Agreement is not answered in writing by the Company within thirty (30) days after its initial discussion at a grievance meeting, or such longer period of time as may mutually be agreed in writing by the Company and the Union (including a Local), and such written grievance is subsequently submitted to arbitration pursuant to the provisions of Section 20.8 of this Agreement, the Company will pay the entire daily hearing charges of the Impartial Umpire or arbitrator, whichever is the case, for the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of hearing on such grievance. A grievance which is not referred to arbitration within forty (40) days after its initial discussion at a grievance meeting or within twenty (20) days after receipt by the Union of the Company's written answer, whichever is later, or such longer period of time as may be mutually agreed to in writing by the Company and the Union (including a Local) shall be deemed abandoned. A grievance which has been abandoned shall not be deemed to be a settlement or an arbitral determination adverse to the grieving party; the grieving party shall be deemed to have protested the incident or incidents upon which the closed grievance was based, but shall not be deemed to have filed a formal grievance relating thereto and may not file a subsequent grievance based upon such specific incident or incidents.
- (b) Any grievance filed on or after February 5, 1999 as to Units "B", "K", "O", "P" and "R", and July 21, 1999 as to Units "A", "D" and "F", which is not resolved within three (3) years of the date it was filed shall also be deemed abandoned.
- (c) The Company's Vice President of Labor Relations and the Sector President of the Union shall meet within ninety (90) days of the date of notice of ratification on a national basis in New York City to discuss and attempt to resolve all grievances

which were filed more than three (3) years prior to the date of the notice of ratification of a successor agreement.

#### Section 20.8

If the appropriate Impartial Umpire has no available dates for hearing the case within a reasonable time after the matter is referred to said Umpire for arbitration, or if there is no Impartial Umpire for a particular office of the Company, the case may be referred to the American Arbitration Association (AAA) office governing that city in accordance with the AAA's rules, and shall be determined by an arbitrator selected pursuant to such rules. The venue of any such arbitration shall be the Company office in which the grievance arose, regardless of the location of the governing AAA office. Notwithstanding any AAA rules to the contrary, the parties shall have at least two (2) panels from which to select.

#### Section 20.9

Grievance settlements, withdrawals of grievances and practices at offices of the Company other than the office in which the grievance being arbitrated was filed shall not be considered by the arbitrator and/or Impartial Umpire in connection with the arbitration of such grievance. The arbitration award shall be applicable only to the office in which the grievance was filed. The foregoing provisions of this Section 20.9 shall not preclude the arbitrator from considering grievance settlements, withdrawals of grievances and practices at the office where the grievance was filed.

#### Section 20.10

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this Article XX, if a party to the Agreement claims that there will be a violation of Article V, VI, VII, A-II or A-IV, or of Section 8.10(c) of Article VIII, or of an arbitration award, such party shall have the right to file a grievance directly with the Impartial Umpire setting forth such claim, demanding injunctive relief, and invoking the expedited arbitration procedure set forth below. However, this Section 20.10, which is applicable only to actions not yet effectuated, shall be used only if time does not permit the processing of the grievance under the other sections of Article XX. No grievance shall be filed under this Section 20.10 until such grievance has been discussed by a designated officer of the Local Union involved or the Sector and a member of the Labor Relations Department. A copy of the notice invoking this Section shall be sent simultaneously to the other party. Under the expedited procedure, the arbitration hearings shall commence at the earliest availability of the Impartial Umpire, but in no event more than twenty-four (24) hours after the grievance has been filed with the Impartial Umpire unless the grieving party consents to an extension of time.

If Bonnie Siber Weinstock is unable or unwilling to meet the foregoing time schedule, the grievance may be filed before the then current Umpire(s) designated in the appropriate list in Section 20.6 in the case of a grievance arising in New York, Chicago, Washington, Los Angeles or San Francisco, who shall be the Impartial Umpire for that

grievance. At any time that there are two (2) or more New York, Chicago, Washington, Los Angeles or San Francisco Umpires, the Umpire shall be selected in rotation, provided that if the appropriate Umpire has no available dates for hearing the case within the requisite period of time after the matter is referred to them for arbitration, the matter shall be referred to the next Umpire in rotation who has such available dates. The award of the Impartial Umpire shall be rendered at the earliest possible time and in any event no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the hearing has been closed. The Impartial Umpire need not render an opinion with the award. The Impartial Umpire shall be empowered under this procedure to order injunctive relief or such other remedy as they deem appropriate if the Umpire finds there has been or will be a violation of one of the provisions specified at the beginning of this Section or of an arbitration award. It is the specific intent of this Section 20.10 to permit arbitration proceedings concerning proposed changes in operations to commence prior to the making of such proposed changes, but not to delay the making of such changes pending the outcome of any such proceedings.

#### Section 20.11

At the election of either party, a transcript of any arbitration may be ordered, which shall be the official transcript of the hearing, a copy of which shall be given to the arbitrator. The party electing a transcript will notify the other party or the other party's representative of such election at least three (3) days before the hearing date, unless extenuating circumstances apply. In the event the party not ordering the transcript wishes to review any copy of the transcript for any purpose, the fees for such transcript shall be shared equally between the parties. At the election of either party, briefs and reply briefs shall be part of the record. Except as provided in Section 20.10, a final decision or award of the Impartial Umpire or arbitrator shall be made within thirty (30) days after the close of the hearing. Such decision shall be binding on both parties and each of them will promptly comply. Each party will bear its own expense incurred in the conduct of arbitration proceedings but will share equally the expense of the Impartial Umpire or arbitrator, except as provided in the first sentence of Section 20.7 of this Agreement.

#### Section 20.12

In no event shall the Impartial Umpire or arbitrator modify or amend the provisions of this Agreement, nor, except as permitted in the second to the last sentence of Section 20.9, shall the same question or issue be the subject of arbitration more than once, except upon a showing of new evidence, change of condition or circumstances. The Impartial Umpire shall have no authority to issue any award or relief, monetary or otherwise, retroactive to a date more than eighteen (18) months prior to the first agreed upon scheduled date of hearing for a particular arbitration, regardless of subsequent adjournments.

The Impartial Umpire or arbitrator shall have the right in instances where violations of the contract are found to have occurred to impose reasonable liquidated damages only where actual economic loss has been proven, but it is impossible to calculate the amount

of actual economic loss to reasonable certainty. In such instances, the Impartial Umpire's finding of liquidated damages must bear a very close relationship to the amount of the economic loss asserted and established. The Impartial Umpire shall have no authority to award any damages or other relief for alleged emotional or mental injury or distress, or for any other alleged non-economic loss; nor shall any Impartial Umpire have any authority to award any kind of damages other than economic damages, including but not limited to punitive damage, except with respect to contract violations arising under Article V of the Master Agreement in which case the arbitrator may also award punitive damages."

*The award in AH 91-50 is null and void.*

(See Sideletter DQ.)

### Section 20.13

Where the parties have scheduled an arbitration case to be heard on a specific date and such case is not heard on that date due to cancellation at the request of either party, the parties agree to cooperate to schedule expeditiously a new date to resume or proceed with such case, with due consideration for witness and parties' schedules.

## ARTICLE XXI SAFETY COMMITTEE

### Section 21.1

The Company agrees to the appointment of a NABET-CWA-representative and alternate on existing Safety Committees where established and to the creation of Safety Committees with a NABET-CWA-representative and alternate to be appointed thereto at each office of the Company where no Safety Committee currently exists. Meetings will be held every other month at each office, unless the exigencies of the situation require a meeting of the Safety Committee to take place at other times.

### Section 21.2

In the event the Union wishes to retain safety consultants to advise it on matters of occupational health and safety, the Company agrees to designate a representative to meet with such consultants at times and places mutually agreed upon by the Company and the Union. Such consultants may also, at the Union's request and upon reasonable prior notice to the Company, attend meetings of the Safety Committees provided for in Section 21.1 above.

### Section 21.3

During the course of their 1993 negotiations, the parties discussed the matter of the safety of employees assigned to ENG pickups in the field. The parties fully recognize that news gathering assignments in the field by their very nature have historically presented

safety issues not normally present in other aspects of the broadcasting industry. In the course of these discussions, the parties recognized that the safety of ENG personnel assigned to these pickups has been and continues to be a matter of prime importance.

The parties acknowledge that an ENG field assignment is “hazardous” only if its performance (or continued performance) necessarily entails an immediate and significant risk of a serious physical injury to the employee(s) assigned. Moreover, it is expressly understood and agreed that while the right of assignment belongs exclusively with the Company, as in the past an employee(s) at the pickup location of a news story who has assessed the particular situation need not commence a hazardous assignment or, if the assignment has already begun but has become hazardous, may withdraw to a position of safety at or near the site of the pickup. In either case, such employee shall use their best effort to fulfill the assignment.

As the parties have recognized in the past, any decision not to begin or continue to perform a hazardous assignment must be made in good faith, be reasonable under all of the circumstances, and whenever possible with prior consultation with an appropriate assignment editor or management personnel. If, under the circumstances, such prior consultation is not possible, the decision not to begin or continue to perform a hazardous assignment must be communicated as soon as possible to the appropriate assignment editor or management personnel. In the event of any conflict between an employee’s decision and an order to perform given by an assignment editor or a manager, the employee(s) shall not be regarded as insubordinate provided that their decision is in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

In view of this, the parties are in agreement that at each Company operating unit where ENG personnel are employed, a special committee, consisting of representative employees from the ENG unit and local management whose presence may be conducive to a discussion of safety shall periodically meet as mutually agreed upon to discuss issues of safety relating to ENG field assignments. At each Company television station these meetings shall be attended by the News Director and other senior station officials. At each network ENG location the Network News Bureau Chief and a senior BO&E official, along with other appropriate management officials will attend such meeting(s). An agreed upon number of ENG field personnel shall attend such meetings as operational requirements permit in order to provide information or make suggestions on the basis of their own news gathering experience. These meetings shall be held no less than once every six (6) months.

#### Section 21.4

In the event an employee becomes ill or is injured in an accident while working on an assignment pursuant to this Agreement and requires serious medical treatment or hospitalization as a result of such illness or injury, the Vice President of Labor Relations (or their designee) shall notify the President of NABET-CWA (or their designee) and provide them with updates on the situation, as soon as practicable.

## ARTICLE XXII INSURANCE

### Section 22.1

The Company will provide employees, other than employees hired for fixed periods of ninety (90) days or less, at each location, the Company's Employee Life Insurance Plan. In no event will part-time and per diem employees be eligible for such Plan.

(See Sideletters EF, HB and HF.)

### Section 22.2

- (a) The Company will permit employees, other than employees hired for fixed periods of ninety (90) days or less, and their eligible dependents, at each location, to participate in the Company's Medical Plan (presently called the Signature Plan) applicable to the employees of the Company generally. In no event will part-time and per diem employees be eligible for such Plan.

(See Sideletters EF, HB and HF.)

- (b) In addition, the Company will provide accidental death, dismemberment and permanent total disability coverage under its Travel Accident Insurance Policy to employees while traveling on Company business in the principal sum of:
- (i) five (5) times the employee's base annual salary, with a maximum benefit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00); or
  - (ii) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), whichever is the greater; or where the employee flies by helicopter at the Company's request, in the principal sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00).

(See Sideletters AX, EF, HB and HF.)

- (c) With respect to daily hire employees, the "annual salary" for purposes of subsection 22.2(b)(i) shall be seventy-thousand dollars (\$70,000).

### Section 22.3

The Union will be notified of any changes, which affect the employees of ABC generally, made during the term of this Agreement in any of the Programs specified in this Article. Such changes will automatically be made applicable to the employees covered by this Agreement under the same conditions as apply to the employees of the Company generally.

(See Sideletter EF.)

## Section 22.4

If, after April 1, 1989, an employee retires at age fifty-five (55) or older under the retirement plan applicable to NABET-CWA-represented employees, they will continue coverage under the Company's Medical Plan (presently called the Signature Plan) for the employee and the employee's eligible dependents under the same conditions as would apply to such retiree if they were unrepresented.

In addition, employees who have not retired as of March 31, 1989, but who have reached age fifty-five (55) and have attained ten (10) years of Company service by such date shall, upon their retirement, be entitled to coverage under the ABC Comprehensive Medical Expense Plan in effect on March 31, 1989 (with Medicare offset) in lieu of coverage under the terms of the Company's Medical Plan in effect at the time of their retirement under the same conditions as if they were unrepresented.

Notwithstanding the above, employees who have retired as of March 31, 1989 under the retirement plan applicable to NABET-CWA-represented employees shall continue to receive coverage pursuant to the provisions of the predecessor Section 22.4 recited in the 1985-1989 ABC Master Agreement.

(See Sideletter EX.)

## Section 22.5

The Company will make available to regular employees covered by the Master Agreement the right to participate in the Company's Long Term Disability Income Plan (or, at the Company's option, a plan which provides the same benefits and has the same rates of employee contribution as the Company's Long Term Disability Income Plan).

(See Sideletter EF.)

## Section 22.6

Regular employees will be permitted to participate in the Signature Health Care and Dependent Care Spending Account Plans under the same conditions as apply to the employees of the Company generally.

(See Sideletters EF, HB and HF.)

## Section 22.7

[Deleted.]

## Section 22.8

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ARTICLE XXIII  
RETIREMENT PLAN

Section 23.1

The Company and the Union hereby mutually agree that the jointly negotiated and administered retirement plan existing under the 2017-2021 Master Agreement shall continue in effect as a plan qualified by the Internal Revenue Service in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) [Deleted.]
- (b) The Company shall contribute five and one-half percent (5.5%) of the base weekly pay of regular employees covered by this Agreement, up to a maximum of fifty-two (52) weeks of base weekly pay per year calculated at the minimums set forth in the Master Agreement, to the ABC-NABET Retirement Trust Fund (the "Trust Fund"), which will be jointly administered by the Company and the Union. The contribution described in the immediately preceding sentence shall apply only to those regular employees who were existing participants in the ABC-NABET Retirement Trust Plan as of December 31, 2012, or who later otherwise are deemed participants pursuant to Sideletter HB-1 or Sideletter GQ, paragraph 14. No contributions shall be due for regular employees who are not participants in the Plan pursuant to the preceding sentence. Notwithstanding anything in this subsection (b) to the contrary, the Company shall not be required to make a contribution to the Trust Fund in any year in excess of the amount deductible under the Internal Revenue Code.

(See Sideletter GM.)

- (c) The Trustees shall not have the authority to adopt any amendment to the Pension Plan Text of the ABC-NABET Retirement Trust Plan ("Plan") or Trust Agreement that: (i) directly or indirectly affects the level of benefits paid to participants or beneficiaries of the Plan (including, without limitation, amendments related to the level or subsidization of early retirement or disability benefits, eligibility for normal or early retirement or disability benefits, the benefit accrual formula, percentage of compensation used to calculate benefit accruals, the definition of compensation or pay used to calculate benefit accruals, the addition or modification of benefit changes (ad hoc or otherwise) for retirees and beneficiaries, and the addition or modification of any Plan feature that could increase projected Retirement Plan benefit costs); or (ii) grants to the Trustees any authority that is inconsistent with (i) of this subsection. The Trustees shall have responsibility for managing the Fund's investments, paying benefits and all administrative functions.
- (d) The parties hereby agree that they shall amend the Plan in accordance with and subject to the conditions set forth in Sideletter GQ. Any disputes concerning

application of the formula set forth therein shall be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure set forth in Sideletter GQ, paragraph 16.

- (e) In addition to the amendment set forth in (d) above, the Company and the Union shall have the power to agree to amend the Trust Agreement and/or the Plan as to any matter not within the purview of the Trustees pursuant to subsection (c) hereof by adopting a joint resolution setting forth such amendment.
- (f) As of December 31, 2012, the Plan shall be closed to new participants, except to the extent provided in Sideletter HB-1 or as otherwise provided in Sideletter GQ, paragraph 14. Regular staff employees covered by the Master Agreement who are not participants in the Plan shall instead have a Company contribution equal to five percent (5%) effective July 9, 2022, of their base weekly pay made on their behalf to the Communications Workers of America Savings and Retirement Trust ("SRT"), provided that any voluntary contributions by such employees to the SRT shall be limited to post-tax dollars and that the SRT continues to comply with Sideletter FB.
- (g) As an exception to the foregoing contribution requirement, the total Company contribution on behalf of regular employees for the fourth quarter of each year shall be reduced by Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) and instead shall be held by the Company in a separate interest bearing account as a Legal Fee Contingency Fund ("LFCF"), which shall not be part of Trust Fund assets. The LFCF shall be used exclusively to pay any legal, and related actuarial and other expenses, incurred by the parties in preparing agreed upon amendments relating to changes in benefit levels that are not permitted by law to be paid from Plan assets. In addition, the LFCF shall pay or reimburse actuarial fees incurred by both parties in connection with the objection and resolution process set forth in Sideletter GQ. At the expiration date of each successive Master Agreement, the parties will jointly examine the amounts held in the LFCF to determine the extent to which such amounts are necessary to pay or keep in reserve for such legal or other expenses during the term of the new Master Agreement. Upon the parties' mutual agreement, the Company shall contribute any unspent amounts not necessary for such purposes to the Trust Fund.

(See Sideletter EF.)

## Section 23.2

Within three (3) months of the notice of ratification of the successor to the 2017 - 2021 Master Agreement, the Company will provide access to detailed written descriptions of all retirement, insurance and short-term illness plans or programs, administered by the Company and available to NABET-CWA-represented employees, under the Master

Agreement through a Company provided benefits portal. The plan descriptions shall be updated on the Company portal whenever changes are made to such plans.

Section 23.3

The Company agrees not to make any proposal to terminate the ABC-NABET Retirement Plan (“Plan”) or to effectuate a permanent cessation of accruals where such termination or cessation would be effective prior to April 1, 2027. Nothing herein shall be construed to restrict the Company from making any proposals concerning the Plan not prohibited by the first sentence hereof. The Company will not make a proposal to abrogate the commitment set forth herein during the negotiations for a successor to the 2021-2025 Master Agreement.

Section 23.4

Notwithstanding any provision of Sideletter GQ, or the Plan Actuary’s report pursuant to paragraph 6 thereof dated January 29, 2021, to the contrary, the Plan shall be amended pursuant to Article 23.1(e) to provide for an increase in the benefit accrual rate from 0.65% to 1.50% of final average pay with respect to credited service earned between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2020 for those who were active participants on or after January 1, 2017. The foregoing shall be contingent upon any determination of the Plan’s Actuary required by law.

ARTICLE XXIV  
ON-CAMERA APPEARANCES

Section 24.1

Planned on-camera appearances of employees, except panoramic shots, incidental shots of employees in the audience area, crowd area, control room, newsroom, the playing area or stands, appearances for the purpose of greeting or congratulations and appearances in bumpers, news stories in which such employees are subjects and/or interviewees, or in openings or closes, shall be paid for at the applicable rate specified below. In no event shall pay be required for accidental pickups.

	<u>Effective 4/1/2022</u>
5 minutes or less	\$44.00
over 5 to 15 mins.	\$87.00
over 15 to 30 mins.	\$132.00
over 30 to 45 mins.	\$151.00
over 45 to 60 mins.	\$167.00
over 60 to 90 mins.	\$205.00
over 90 to 120 mins.	\$241.00
Promo – Unlimited use	\$123.00

It is agreed that if the rates specified above which are set forth in Paragraph 8 of the AFTRA Code of Fair Practice for Network Television Broadcasting (“AFTRA Code”) are increased as a result of AFTRA-Company negotiations during the term of this Agreement, such increased rates shall be effective in lieu of the foregoing rates as of the same date they become effective for AFTRA.

At the network, only a technical manager, or at the stations, only a management supervisor for engineering employees, or the appropriate management supervisor for employees in other departments, has the authority to make a commitment to any employee to pay for an on-camera appearance and in the absence of such a commitment employees shall not be entitled to compensation under this Article.

#### Section 24.2

Planned on-camera appearances of employees for which pay is required under the terms of Section 24.1 above shall not be made without the prior consent of the employees involved.

#### Section 24.3

In any office of the Company where there is an AFTRA Code of Fair Practice for Local Television Programs, the “extra” rates in that Code shall apply, in lieu of those set forth in Section 24.1, to any on-camera appearance in a local television program.

(See Sideletter FM.)

#### Section 24.4

The Union agrees that the Company may request a waiver of the provisions of Article XXIV at the Company’s Television Stations which waiver will not be unreasonably withheld.

### ARTICLE XXV LOCAL QUARTERLY MEETINGS

#### Section 25.1

The Company and the Union shall meet quarterly at each location for the purpose of information, review and resolution of problems relating to existing and anticipated significant technological developments, major new methods of operation and matters relating to individual employee situations. The Company representatives at such meeting shall consist of the chief operating head and the Labor Relations Department head at the location involved, and the Union representatives shall consist of the highest ranking Local Union officer with the Company and one other designee of the Local Union.

At each such meeting the Company officials will inform the Local Union of anticipated changes in equipment and methods of operation of which they are aware. The Union representatives will be provided with access to available background information relating thereto, and will treat such information on a confidential basis. If the Union, after receipt of information concerning the anticipated developments at the quarterly meeting, wishes to review with the Company its proposed changes, the parties shall reconvene at the earliest possible time after such meeting to take up the matter.

In addition, the quarterly meeting shall take up those issues relating to individual employee problems which either party believes could be useful. It is the intent of this procedure that the discussion of such problems will be conducted on a non-adversary basis, and in a good faith attempt to resolve hardship situations. Such issues may or may not be matters which have been the subject of specific grievances. If the parties are unable to reach a satisfactory resolution of these individual problems, they shall be reconsidered at the next quarterly meeting, provided that those issues which have been the subject of specific grievances may continue to be processed through the grievance and arbitration procedure.

The quarterly meetings shall take place in February, May, August and November unless the parties mutually agree to an alternate schedule.

## ARTICLE XXVI SICK LEAVE

### Section 26.1

- (a) [Deleted.]
- (b) NABET-CWA-represented regular employees are subject to the Company's Sick and Short-Term Illness Pay Policy generally applicable to Company staff employees in all respects. Except to the extent provided in Section 26.1(b) below, to the maximum extent permissible by applicable law in effect at any time, the Union clearly and unequivocally waives any rights that any employees may have to sick or short-term disability or illness leave that differs from the Company's Sick and Short-Term Illness Pay Policy. Such Company Policy which applies to NABET-CWA-represented regular employees is considered a Company Plan or Program covered by and subject to Sideletter EF in all respects.
- (c) Effective November 13, 2012, the maximum continuous duration of approved disability leave shall be twelve (12) months measured from the first day the employee is absent from work, however, with respect to a leave of absence due to a work-related disability arising out of and in the course of an employee's work for the Company, the maximum approved disability leave shall be eighteen (18) months. The maximum non-continuous duration of approved disability leave

shall be fifteen (15) months in a twenty-four (24) month period, calculated using a rolling look back method, however, the amount of non-continuous work related disability leave shall be twenty-one (21) months within such twenty-four (24) month period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an employee whose disability leave, including leave due to a work-related disability arising out of and in the course of an employee's work for the Company, commenced prior to November 13, 2012 and continues uninterrupted thereafter shall be entitled to the maximum continuous and non-continuous duration of approved disability leave as provided for in Section 26.1(c) of the 2007-2011 Master Agreement.

(See Sideletter EF.)

(d) [Deleted.]

## Section 26.2

Effective July 7, 2022, the parties agree that the following shall apply to daily hires and part-time employees:

1. This sub-section shall supersede the parties' Effects Agreement dated March 12, 2015 concerning the District of Columbia Sick Leave Law, as well as the Effects Agreement Concerning the California Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Family Act dated July 27, 2015 and the New York State Sick Leave Resolution Agreement dated January 14, 2021, and this sub-section shall apply in lieu thereof.
2. Employees covered by this Section 26.2 shall accrue no less than one (1) day of paid sick leave for every two-hundred forty (240) hours worked, up to a maximum of seven (7) days in a calendar year. A travel only day shall count as eight (8) hours for purposes of this subsection only.
3. This sub-section shall not apply to any days covered by the NABET-CWA – ABC Sports Event Agreement, and the provisions of Sideletter FO shall apply to such days.
4. Hours used for the above calculation shall be based on a calendar year beginning January 2022 for use, when accrued, in calendar year 2022.
5. Employees covered by this sub-section may carry over a maximum of seven (7) days of unused sick leave accrued in one calendar year into the following calendar year, but are not permitted to use more than seven (7) days in any calendar year.
6. For employees covered by this sub-section, sick leave shall be paid at the regular rate of pay for the day that the employee would have worked as originally scheduled. A Payment in Lieu of Benefits pursuant to Sideletter FD-1 of the Master Agreement shall be paid for each sick day used pursuant to Section 26.2.

7. Sick leave may be used in minimum increments of two (2) hours upon oral or written request.
8. In no case shall an employee be paid for more than an eight (8) hour call on a sick day.
9. Reasonable advance notification of the need for sick leave is required if the use is foreseeable; otherwise notification is required as soon as practicable.
10. Sick leave may be taken for the diagnosis, care or treatment of a physical or mental illness, injury, health condition, or preventative care for the employee or the employee's "family member". "Family member" means any of the following:
  - a. Biological, adopted or foster child, stepchild, legal ward or a child to whom the employee stands in *loco parentis*;
  - b. Biological, adoptive or foster parent, step-parent, or legal guardian of the employee, the employee's spouse or registered domestic partner, or a person who stood in *loco parentis* when the employee was a minor child;
  - c. A spouse or registered domestic partner;
  - d. Grandparent;
  - e. Grandchild;
  - f. Sibling;
  - g. Any other family member as required by local or state law.
11. Employees are entitled to use sick leave for the purpose of seeking or obtaining medical, social, or legal services pertaining to the domestic violence, sexual abuse, or stalking of the employee or the employee's "family member".
12. Accrued, unused sick leave is not paid out on termination, resignation or other separation from employment. If an employee is rehired by the Company within one (1) year of the employee's separation from employment, the employee's accrued and unused sick leave shall be reinstated, and the employee may begin using the accrued sick leave upon rehire if the employee was previously eligible to use the sick leave.
13. The Company shall include in the employee's hiring paperwork the contact information for the designated Company representative to confirm eligibility and the amount of accrued sick leave available.
14. There shall be no discrimination or retaliation against any employee for exercising their right to use paid sick leave.

15. The Company may require an employee to provide reasonable documentation from their health care provider confirming that they are unable to work for medical reasons and the expected duration of their illness and/or injury.

(See Sideletter FV.)

16. The Company hereby waives its rights, if any, under Sideletter DT of the Master Agreement with respect to any sick days accrued pursuant to this Sideletter. Accordingly, the Company agrees not to pay a reduced daily hire payment in lieu of benefits pursuant to Sideletter DT as a result of any sick days provided pursuant to this sub-section.
17. In light of the foregoing agreement and waiver, the parties expressly waive and/or exclude the paid leave requirements of any applicable Federal, State or local paid sick leave law to the extent permitted by any such applicable laws for all employees covered by this sub-section. The parties also expressly waive and/or exclude the paid leave requirements of the New York State Paid Sick Leave Law of 2020 (New York Labor Law Section 196-B); Section 1-24-045 of the Municipal Code of Chicago; the Cook County Earned Sick Leave Ordinance (Ordinance No. 16-4229); California's Healthy Workplace Healthy Family Act (HWHFA); the San Francisco Paid Sick Leave Ordinance (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 12W); The Washington D.C. Sick and Safe Leave Act, and any successors thereto because the Company provides comparable benefits under the Master Agreement, including but not limited to sick leave provided under this Section.
18. To the extent a waiver or exclusion is not permitted pursuant to paragraph 17, the employee shall receive the greater of sick leave required by law or the sick leave provided by this Sideletter, but not both. Any sick days required by law shall be credited against any days due under this sub-section.

### Section 26.3

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## ARTICLE XXVII TUITION CONTRIBUTION

### Section 27.1

The Company will permit all eligible regular full-time employees to participate in the Walt Disney Company and Affiliated Companies Educational Reimbursement Plan under the terms and conditions of the Program prevailing during the period of the employee's participation. However, no employee will be permitted to participate in the Plan during any period in which the employee is on a leave of absence, whether paid or unpaid.



During the negotiations for the 2007-2011 Master Agreement, the parties discussed the Union's proposal seeking reimbursement for fees paid by staff employees to participate in the CWA-NETT Academy or BURST Courses under the Company's Educational Reimbursement Plan. After investigating the matter, however, the Company determined that such fees are not reimbursable under the Plan because, to the Company's knowledge, such courses are not taken at an accredited institution for credit units or continuing education units, and such employees do not receive letter grades for such courses, as required under the terms of the Plan.

Nonetheless, during the term of the 2007-2011 Master Agreement, the Company will participate in a New Technology Training Reimbursement Committee comprised of two NABET-CWA officials and two Company representatives, which will meet at reasonable times beginning sixty (60) days after notice of ratification of such Master Agreement. The purpose of such committee shall be to discuss and determine whether there are available courses in new technology relevant to the broadcast television industry that would be covered under the Company's Educational Reimbursement Plan.

## ARTICLE XXVIII SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN

### Section 28.1

All eligible regular full-time employees covered hereunder shall have the right to participate in the Company's Savings and Investment Plan, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan prevailing during the period of the employee's participation.

(See Sideletter EF.)

## ARTICLE XXIX DENTAL EXPENSE INSURANCE PROGRAM

### Section 29.1

All eligible regular full-time employees covered hereunder shall have the right to participate in the Company's Dental Plan (presently called the SIGNATURE Plan), subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan prevailing during the period of the employee's participation.

(See Sideletters EF, HB and HF.)

ARTICLE XXX  
TERM OF AGREEMENT

Section 30.1

Basic minimum wage scales in effect on March 31, 2022 in all Agreements herein, and overtime based thereon, shall continue and remain in effect, except as otherwise herein provided. Other money items, penalties, allowances, upgrades and changes in classifications and other provisions in all Agreements shall be effective April 1, 2022.

Section 30.2

Employees shall be paid every other week at twice the applicable weekly rates of pay set forth in the applicable agreements.

When employees are paid, they will receive a statement(s) showing the amount paid for base wages, any applicable deductions, and separate amounts paid for the appropriate period for each other item of compensation. Electronic posting of a statement of earnings ("SOE") shall be deemed compliance with this provision. However, by March 7, 2023, or at the time of initial engagement of an employee, on a form provided by the Company, each employee shall be given a one-time opportunity to elect to receive paper SOEs.

The Company will notify the Local President or the President's designee whenever a payment will be delayed due to the payroll being locked early because of a holiday, or any other reason.

This Section relates only to the procedures involved in payment of compensation and no provision herein shall be deemed to establish or affect any substantive rights or obligations under this Agreement.

Section 30.3

This Agreement shall remain in effect until Midnight (New York Time), March 31, 2025. The parties shall commence negotiations for an extension or modification of this Agreement by October 1, 2024. If the parties have not reached an agreement for a successor Master Agreement by March 1, 2025, the parties will mutually agree to request the services of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

## INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES

### A. ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

#### ARTICLE A-I SCOPE OF UNIT

##### Section A1.1

The term “employee” as used in this Agreement applies to all the technical employees of the Company wherever located, employed in the Engineering Department of the Company excluding the following: (1) Chief Engineer; (2) Director of Engineering Operations; (3) Administrative Assistant to Chief Engineer; (4) Administrative Assistant to Director of Engineering Operations; (5) Chief Facilities Engineer and Assistants, i.e., audio, radio, television and development; (6) Chief Allocations Engineer and their assistant; (7) Architect and their assistant; (8) Model Shop Superintendent; (9) Construction Superintendents; (10) Technical Training Director; (11) Staff Engineer; (12) Engineering Managers; (13) Engineers in Charge of Owned and Operated Stations; (14) Operation Supervisors; (15) Television Operation Supervisors; (16) Engineer in Charge of Television; (17) any other persons in executive or administrative positions whose responsibilities are at least equal to those of any enumerated above; and (18) supervisory personnel who do not operate or maintain equipment except for the purpose of training an employee.

##### Section A1.2

[Deleted.]

#### ARTICLE A-II TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT AND JURISDICTION

##### Section A2.1 - Technical Equipment

Only employees under this Agreement shall operate, maintain and, to the extent heretofore, repair technical equipment, and technical equipment for the purposes of this Agreement includes those facilities of the Engineering Department of the Company used in transmitting, converting and/or conducting audio, video and/or radio frequencies for use in broadcast, closed circuit broadcast, rebroadcast, audition, rehearsal, recording, and/or “on-the-air” playback. The phrase “on-the-air” playback does not apply in the Chicago studios. The operation of audio tape recording and reproducing equipment in Chicago will continue as it is now.

(See Stipulation (7).)

##### Section A2.2 - Jurisdiction

- (a) In addition to the jurisdiction granted in Section A2.1 it is agreed that the jurisdiction of the Union is expressly applicable to all electronic video equipment

(including a combination electronic and motion picture or “slave” camera) used either in connection with live broadcasting or in connection with electronic video recording. It shall include all related electronic, mechanical and optical equipment used operationally for all recording, rerecording, processing, duplicating, editing, cutting, splicing and playback, in connection with such video recordings provided, however, that this Paragraph shall not apply to film editorial and/or film cutting personnel employed by the Company in Los Angeles, California.

- (b) Electronic character generators (e.g., Vidifont, Videograph, Chyron) and keyboard or other input devices associated therewith and memory and storage devices used solely therewith are technical equipment under this Agreement when used for broadcast, closed circuit broadcast, rebroadcast, audition, rehearsal, recording and/or “on-the-air” playback and, when used for such purposes, such devices shall be operated, maintained, and, to the extent heretofore, installed by employees hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, other than employees covered by this Agreement
  - (i) may operate keyboard or other input devices in non-technical areas for the purpose of visually determining the format, layout, size of font or design of material, provided that any decisions reached on such matters by such other persons will be presented to employees covered by this Agreement for entry into the memory or storage of the device or for use live, provided further that such other persons may enter material into the memory or storage of the device on a temporary basis for the purpose of making those determinations described above, and provided further that a tape, cassette or similar memory or storage medium prepared by such other persons may be utilized only for the purpose of conveying information to the NABET-CWA-represented employee who will make entry into the memory, or storage, or to others for the purpose of making the determinations described above, but such tape, cassette or similar memory or storage medium will in no case be used for such entry or for use directly to air or for any other purpose; or
  - (ii) may operate keyboard or other input devices for the purpose of creating, composing or producing sophisticated, complicated or advanced graphic or scenic displays or effects, which require operation by a person with special knowledge of the subject matter and where the proper artistic effect requires the operation of the keyboard or other input device by such person and such person has been responsible for the creation of a similar type of product or effect by other than electronic means; or
  - (iii) may operate keyboards or similar devices to visually recall material stored in the memory or storage of the device or an associated computer

for purposes of information, provided that such operation takes place in a non-technical area.

For the purpose of A2.2(b)(iii) the floor of a studio shall be deemed a “non-technical area”; however, except for election returns, A2.2(b)(iii) shall be applicable to the floor of a studio only for purposes of information to the person operating the keyboard or similar device.

Where inputs to the memory or storage are received from an outside non-Company information-gathering source (e.g., election returns), nothing herein will be deemed to require inputs at such source to be entered by employees covered by this Agreement. In addition, any information which has been collected, input or processed in the memory of any computer by any person not covered by the Master Agreement may be transferred, directly or indirectly, to any technical equipment.

If there are any instances in which the foregoing paragraph or the last paragraph of this Section A2.2(b) creates a severe operational problem for the Company resulting in unanticipated hardships, the matter will be discussed with the Union and, if no satisfactory arrangement is made, the method of handling the matter will be subject to arbitration.

The Company will provide opportunities for employees to improve their skills in the use of such devices in connection with the production of program material. This will include but will not be limited to on-the-job training and outside sources of instruction.

The provisions of this Section A2.2(b) shall be applicable to the operation of keyboard or other input devices when such devices are used to feed information into, or extract information from, a memory or storage device not covered by the first sentence of this Section A2.2(b) if, but only if, such information is to be fed to an electronic character generator for the purposes set forth in such sentence; otherwise this Section A2.2(b) shall have no application to such memory or storage devices or to such keyboard or other input devices.

- (iv) may load and unload disc-packs or any other storage medium used in connection with the technical equipment described in this Section A2.2(b).

(See Sideletter AY and Section A2.2(f).)

- (c) Electronic freehand display devices, or sophisticated electronic graphic display devices (e.g., Telestrator, Chyron, electronic pointers, Scanimate), as well as single combination devices incorporating the features of both character generators and such display devices, and input devices (including keyboard devices) associated

therewith, and memory and storage devices used solely therewith, are technical equipment under this Agreement when used for broadcast, closed circuit broadcast, rebroadcast, audition, rehearsal, recording and/or “on-the-air” playback, and, when used for such purposes, such devices shall be operated, maintained, and, to the extent heretofore, installed by employees hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, other than employees covered by this Agreement may operate the input device or devices (e.g., the associated probe which is required to produce the effect the device is capable of producing) under the following conditions:

- (1) an individual performing on the air, live or during a recording for broadcast or an individual’s rehearsal thereof, may operate the input device and operating controls; and
- (2) an individual creating, composing or producing graphic or scenic displays or effects for storage may operate any associated input device or devices, operating controls, and any technical equipment located in the work areas to which such individual(s) are normally assigned, including but not limited to cameras and videotape machines directly related to such creation, composition or production, and may load and unload disc-packs or any other storage medium used in connection with the technical equipment described in this Section A2.2(c).

It is understood that individuals of the type described herein may utilize such input devices to recall previously stored program material solely for purposes of evaluation, alteration, recomposition, updating or re-creation provided such recall operation is performed in a studio or in the work area to which individuals of this type are normally assigned. In the event a single combination device incorporating the features of both electronic character generators and electronic freehand display devices or sophisticated electronic graphic display devices is utilized and only the character generator portion of such device is used to produce, compose or create the entire display or effect, the provisions of Section A2.2(b) above shall apply. Except for those limited exceptions set forth above or to visually recall for purposes of information, provided that such recall operation takes place in a non-technical area, the Company recognizes that the recall of previously stored program material shall be within the jurisdiction of the Union and under no other circumstances shall other than an engineering employee recall any previously stored program material.

*(The two immediately preceding paragraphs shall not apply to the Company’s San Francisco and Los Angeles offices. However, the retention of such paragraphs in the other Offices of the Company shall not confer any new rights that did not otherwise exist prior to April 1, 1993, nor shall it diminish whatever rights either party may have had prior to such date. The Awards in AS 84-26 and 84-41 are null and void.)*

The Company will provide opportunities for employees to improve their skills in the use of such devices in connection with the production of program material. This will include but will not be limited to on-the-job training and outside sources of instruction.

The provisions of this Section A2.2(c) shall be applicable to the operation of keyboard or other input devices when such devices are used to feed information into, or extract information from, a memory or storage device not covered by the first sentence of this Section A2.2(c) if, but only if, such information is to be fed to an electronic freehand display device or sophisticated electronic graphic display device for the purposes set forth in such sentence; otherwise this Section A2.2(c) shall have no application to such memory or storage devices or to such keyboard or other input devices.

(See Sideletter AY and Section A2.2(f).)

- (d) A process control computer used to control the operation of technical equipment, as defined in Section A2.1 of the Engineering Agreement, shall fall within such definition of technical equipment. To the extent that such work has not been performed by employees covered by the Engineering Agreement, persons not covered by the Engineering Agreement may prepare information and/or instructions for insertion into such a computer. Subject to the provisions of Stipulation (16), input devices that are used to insert information and/or instructions into such a computer and equipment used to override such computer will be operated by employees covered by the Engineering Agreement.

Persons not covered by the Engineering Agreement may extract information from such computers by using devices located and operated in other than technical areas.

A Technical Director will be assigned to any process control computer that is controlling any operation to which a Technical Director would otherwise be assigned.

Nothing herein shall preclude “experts in computer programming” from operating input devices and computer controls located in technical areas for purposes of reprogramming the computer or otherwise adjusting the logic of the system.

An “expert in computer programming” as the term is used above, shall include: (i) experts who are Company personnel (whose names have been furnished in advance to the Union); and (ii) experts who are not Company personnel.

Devices (including computer systems) which are not within the jurisdiction of the Engineering Agreement will not be brought into such jurisdiction simply because of the fact that such devices are used to feed information and/or instructions into

and/or extract information from a process control computer under circumstances described in this Section A2.2(d).

The provisions of this Section and Stipulation (16) and practices which may develop thereunder shall have no precedential or prejudicial effect on situations which do not involve the utilization of a process control computer for the purposes set forth in the first Paragraph of this Section nor shall the inclusion of any provision herein be construed as implying that it sets forth rights or obligations which either party does not otherwise have under the Master Agreement.

(See Stipulation (16).)

(e) When NABET-CWA-represented engineering employees are assigned using electronic cameras capable of being hand-held and associated equipment, the following shall be applicable:

1. Staffing as to the number of employees will be as required.
2. The first (1st) employee assigned will be an ENG-EFP Camera Operator or ENG-EFP Camera Operator/Editor whenever such a camera (a) is combined with and feeds a portable video tape recorder, or (b) is feeding to a studio or remote control point but such employee is independently responsible for the camera unit and associated equipment and is not under the direct supervision of a Technical Director at such studio or remote control point. If there are two (2) or more employees assigned to a camera unit and (a) or (b) above is applicable, then the second (2nd) employee assigned shall be a Group 5.

(See Sideletter AG)

3. In cases where an ENG-EFP Camera Operator or ENG-EFP Camera Operator/Editor must be assigned in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 2(a) or (b) of this Section A2.2(e):
  - (i) On news pickups in the field other Company personnel may communicate with engineering employees. The Company shall designate one (1) person on location who shall have ultimate authority for communicating programming instructions to engineering personnel, if such instructions are not being communicated from a studio or other control point.
  - (ii) News material gathered hereunder, live or taped, may be transmitted to a Company office for broadcast or taping through any available facility. Such transmittal will not be performed by a non-NABET-CWA ABC employee.



- (iii) Normally, news material gathered hereunder will be edited for use by the Company pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Master Agreement. In situations where the time required to comply with said provisions might reasonably be expected to delay the broadcasting of such material to the public, then such material may be edited at any available facility. Such editing will not be performed by a non-NABET-CWA ABC employee.
- 4.
- (i) When the Company intends to cover a news story with electronic cameras capable of being hand-held, it may pool whatever lighting work is necessary for such coverage with any news and other information gathering compan(ies) or organization(s). The companies will rotate such pool lighting assignments on a basis that will assure that ABC's engineering employees will handle a fair proportion of the work involved in such assignments. When ABC is to supply the lighting under such arrangement, NABET-CWA-represented engineering employees will be assigned to perform such work.
  - (ii) Similarly, when two (2) or three (3) of the four (4) companies intend to cover a news story and the third (3rd) or fourth (4th) such company is either not covering that news story at all, or is covering it with a film crew, the other two (2) or three (3) companies may pool whatever lighting work is necessary for such coverage. The companies participating in such pool lighting assignments will rotate the assignments on a basis that will assure that ABC engineering employees will handle a fair proportion of the work involved in such assignments. When ABC is to supply the lighting under such arrangement, NABET-CWA-represented engineering employees will be assigned to perform such work.
  - (iii) The engineering employees of the company performing the pooled lighting assignment hereunder shall, upon request, perform for any of the other companies such additional or modified lighting work (including relocating and refocusing of lights) as may be required by them for their special use (e.g., a "standupper" that takes place before, during or after the companies' general coverage of the story itself) but may perform such additional or modified lighting for such other companies only if such additional or modified lighting takes place in the same general area as the pooled lighting itself. Where the pooled lighting itself is in a room, the term "general area" shall include the same room or an immediately adjacent area.

- (iv) In situations when it is ABC's turn to provide pool lighting, if the Company should assign an engineer(s) specifically to the remote location in advance of the arrival of its crew in order to be responsible for the necessary pool lighting work, the classification of one (1) such engineer shall be a Group 7. Except as provided for in the preceding sentence, the parties recognize that lighting for the pool can be assigned to the engineering employees assigned to the crew in accordance with this Section A2.2(e).
- (v) In addition to the foregoing, if two (2) or more of the companies are covering a Presidential trip with equipment of the type covered by this Section A2.2(e), within the Continental United States (but outside Washington, D.C., or its immediate vicinity), such companies may similarly pool whatever lighting work is necessary. The companies will rotate these Presidential trip assignments where lighting is pooled on a basis that will assure that ABC's engineering employees will handle a fair proportion of such overall Presidential trips. The company which has the pool responsibility under the terms of this Subparagraph will assign an additional engineering employee to the crew(s) to perform whatever pool or unilateral lighting work may be required by the pool participants as well as other work that may be required to assist the other crew members, such as moving or transporting equipment. It is understood that on Presidential trips, some lighting functions may be performed by non-Company personnel in connection with "lighting the President", as heretofore.
- (vi) The foregoing Subparagraphs are only applicable to pickups of the type described in Subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (v) where camera coverage is handled on a unilateral basis by each company and it is therefore understood that technical work unrelated to lighting will not be affected by this Agreement.
- (vii) A record will be kept by the Company of pool assignments made hereunder and will show which companies' employees were assigned to do the lighting work. The purpose is to assure an equitable distribution of the work performed hereunder. Such record shall be available to the Union.
- (viii) This Paragraph 4 is limited to the situations described above. It is not intended to imply either the same or a different treatment in other situations. It will not be precedent for any assignments of work on any pickups except those specified herein, and neither

this Paragraph 4 nor any practice under it on any pickup covered by it, nor any practice preceding this Paragraph 4 if it had been in effect on that date, will be cited in any case covering a different type of pickup. Specifically, not to be cited in any such case, is the use of the lighting “pool” arrangement hereunder for pooling only part of the technical work involved in a particular pickup.

- (ix) It is the intent of the foregoing provisions of this Section A2.2(e)4 that when two (2) or more of the four (4) companies are covering a news pickup with equipment of the type described herein, the lighting will be performed by the engineering employees of one (1) of such companies. However, it is recognized that situations may develop when organizations other than ABC, CBS, CNN and NBC are already present at the site of the pickup which may make it impracticable for any of the companies to set up lights although their gear and engineering personnel are available at the site. If such situations are not kept to a minimum, ABC and NABET-CWA will consult with each other in order to develop procedures, together with other companies and unions, if possible, to solve such problems
- (x) On news pickups in the field, not covered by (i) through (ix) above, engineering employees assigned to the event in accordance with this Section A2.2(e) shall perform any lighting functions that are performed unless the lighting is to be performed in a location where another union has contracted “house jurisdiction” over lighting functions which does not exclude electronic news pickups. Further, when lights have already been set up by other film or tape crews at a place where the news story is to be covered, the pickup may be made without employees hereunder setting up lights if such other lights are sufficient for the pickup. (It is the intent of the Company that the engineering crew and their gear will normally be assigned to the site in such a manner that they will have time and equipment to do the lighting just as though no one else had done it.)

(See Sideletter BA.)

- 5. (i) Nothing in the Master Agreement shall preclude the Company from:
  - (a) utilizing stations to do pickups that are made outside a radius of two hundred (200) miles of each owned television office of the Company as set forth in Section

11.4 of the Master Agreement, provided the station is within two hundred (200) miles of the pickup; and

- (b) utilizing affiliates to do pickups that are made outside a seventy-five (75) mile radius of each owned television office of the Company as set forth in Section 11.4 of the Master Agreement, but if such pickup is made within a two hundred (200) mile radius of such office, the affiliate must be within thirty-five (35) miles of the pickup; and
  - (c) using talent to perform a live “wraparound” of material and a live “voice over” of material from the facility transmitting the material if the material originates outside a seventy-five (75) mile radius of any television office of the Company and is being transmitted under Paragraph 3(ii) of Section A2.2(e); and
  - (d) accepting videotaped news material, either within or without any of the radii above mentioned, from a “stringer”, i.e., a person not covered by this Agreement who sells news material to the Company but who is not an employee of ABC and has not been assigned nor hired by the Company to cover the news story.
- (ii) An ENG assignment is one in which employees are assigned to the gathering of news in the field using electronic cameras capable of being hand-held and associated equipment and the technical editing of such news in the field.

6. The following provisions shall apply to staff employees engaged at Company News Bureaus (other than the Washington News Bureau) within the Continental United States (except Alaska), for engineering functions associated with news material obtained by electronic cameras capable of being hand-held and associated equipment:

- (i) Such staff employees shall be covered under the Master Agreement to the extent set forth below, and shall constitute a separate seniority group at each such Bureau, subject to the provisions of Paragraph (v) below, except that those Bureaus within two hundred (200) miles of a television office covered by this Agreement shall be a part of the nearest television office for Unit Seniority purposes. For purposes such as per diem, hotel and travel expenses, either the Bureau or the employee’s home, whichever is the more appropriate, shall constitute the employee’s home office. In addition to such staff persons, such Bureaus may

employ persons on a daily basis to work in and/or outside such Bureaus, subject to the daily employment provisions in Article A-XIV.

- (ii) Those staff employees who are primarily assigned to news pickups in the field shall be employed and or upgraded in accordance with the provisions of Section A2.2(e)2. Staff employees assigned as ENG video tape editors in the field shall be upgraded to Group 7. In the event the Bureau employs six (6) or more regular NABET-CWA-represented engineering employees on staff, one (1) such employee, who shall be operational, will be upgraded to Group 7.
- (iii) In the event the Bureau elects to establish facilities for recording, editing and transmittal of news material, and engages staff employees primarily to perform such work, such staff employees shall be classified as Group 5 and paid according to the wage scale for Group 5 set forth in Section A3.1. Such employees may be assigned to engineering functions, such as recording, editing, playback and transmittal of taped news material, and maintenance of equipment necessary for news pickups in the field. They may be assigned to news pickups in the field when necessary and shall be upgraded in accordance with Section A2.2(e)2. Nothing herein shall preclude other employees assigned to a Bureau who are not covered by this Agreement from occasionally handling and operating technical equipment at the Bureau when employees covered by this Agreement are not readily available, nor shall anything herein preclude employees primarily assigned to field crews from also performing such work when necessary.

However, persons represented by other craft unions may not operate technical equipment, as defined in the Engineering Agreement, at the Bureau. Only the upgradings set forth in Section A2.2(e)2, the upgrades for editing as set forth in Sideletters AB and AB-1 and the upgrades set forth in Paragraph (ii) shall be applicable to employees in Paragraphs (ii) or (iii) of this Section.

- (iv) The Master Agreement shall cover the staff employees in Paragraphs (ii) and (iii) above, as applicable and consistent with the nature of the work and the provisions set forth herein.

If Bureau facilities or Bureau engineering employees are utilized for other than ENG work, the provisions of the Engineering Agreement shall be applicable to such work.

- (v) (a) Each Company News Bureau (other than the Washington News Bureau) within the Continental United States (except Alaska) which is located more than two hundred (200) miles from a television office of the Company as set forth in Section 11.4 shall be treated for purposes of this Paragraph (v) as being tied to the nearest such television office.
- (b) When layoffs of regular engineering employees are to be made pursuant to Sections 11.6(a) or (b) in any television office of the Company which is tied to such a Bureau and there are staff engineering employees who are then currently employed at a Bureau tied to that office who have less Unit Seniority than employees who are to be laid off at the office, such Bureau employees shall be laid off in place of the more senior employees at the office.
- (c) In the event Bureau employees are laid off pursuant to Subparagraph (b) above, the reduction in force in the television office shall be effectuated in the following manner:
  - (i) The Company shall transfer an employee(s) from the office to the Bureau, such employee(s) to be selected in the sole discretion of the Company from among volunteers from the Engineering Unit at such office who are qualified to perform the job functions to be filled by the transfer. It is further provided that nothing shall prevent the Company from transferring volunteers who are not so qualified.

In the event there are no volunteers who so qualify or volunteers whom the Company is otherwise willing to transfer, or an insufficient number of such volunteers to fill such vacancies, the Company shall have the right to transfer the least senior employee(s) at the office. If the least senior employee(s) either is not so qualified or refuses the transfer then such least senior employee(s) at the office may be laid off in order to accomplish the reduction in force.

- (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of the second sentence of Section 12.1(b) of the Master Agreement, any employee who transfers for any reason to a Bureau from a television office of the Company as set forth in Section 11.4, or from one Bureau to another, shall be credited with their Total Unit Seniority for purposes of the operation of Subparagraph (b) above and Paragraph (vi) below. An employee may not be compelled to accept a transfer from an office to a Bureau, from a Bureau to any office, or from one Bureau to another, but may be subject to layoff for refusal to accept such transfer, pursuant to Subparagraphs (c) above and (e) below.
- (e) When layoffs of regular engineering employees are to be made pursuant to Sections 11.6(a) or (b) in any Bureau of the Company which is tied to such an office of the Company and there are staff engineering employees who are then currently employed at the office tied to that Bureau who have less Unit Seniority than employees who are to be laid off at the Bureau, such office employees shall be laid off in place of the more senior employees at the Bureau and the least senior employee(s) at the Bureau will be transferred to the office to which the Bureau is tied. If the Bureau employee refuses the transfer to the office, they may be laid off by the Company in order to accomplish the reduction in force.
- (f) Any employee laid off pursuant to Subparagraph (b) or (e) above shall have rehiring rights pursuant to the provisions of Section 11.7 at the Bureau or office from which the employee is laid off and, similarly, shall have such rehiring rights at the office tied to that Bureau or at the Bureau as the case may be, on the basis of their Unit Seniority provided, however, that if the employee accepts employment at the facility (Bureau or office) other than the facility from which they are laid off the employee shall pay their own moving and relocation expenses, and further provided that with respect to the exercise of rehiring rights at a Bureau by an employee who was laid off at an office, such employee must be qualified to perform the job functions of the position to be filled at the Bureau.

- (vi) (a) An engineering employee who transfers to a Bureau from an office of the Company as set forth in Section 11.4 (other than the office to which that Bureau is tied) will have a three (3) year period, commencing with the start of employment at the Bureau, during which the employee may, under the conditions specified above, return at the employee's own expense to their original office of employment if during the three (3) year period either of the following should occur:
  - (i) the Bureau is closed down, or the operation is so curtailed that the transferee is to be laid off from the Bureau; or,
  - (ii) the Company and the Union mutually agree that the transferee has been unable to adjust to the Bureau operation even though there has been no change in their own skills and abilities.
- (b) In the instances specified in (vi)(a) above, the employee will have the following rights:
  - (i) The employee may return to their original office of employment if there is a vacancy at such office and if the transferee has more Unit Seniority than all employees on layoff from such office who have recall rights.
  - (ii) The employee may return to his or her original office of employment although there is no vacancy at such office, if they have more Unit Seniority than any one employee at such office. In such case, an employee at such office will be laid off in accordance with the layoff provisions of the Master Agreement in order to permit the transferee's return.
  - (iii) The employee may not return to their original office of employment if there is no vacancy and no employee at such office with less Unit Seniority than their own. In such case, the transferee will be laid off from the Bureau, and they may elect to be placed in a layoff status from their original office of employment rather than from the Bureau, in which case the transferee will have



the recall privileges specified in Section 11.7 of the Master Agreement in reference to vacancies at the original office of employment.

- (c) A transferee's service at the Bureau shall be included in their Unit Seniority at the office of employment to which the transferee returns on active or layoff status.
  - (vii)
    - (a) Every ENG staff job opening in the News Bureaus will be posted in each television office of the Company at least two (2) weeks in advance.
    - (b) The Company will give consideration to NABET-CWA-represented employees who apply to fill such vacancies. At least the first (1st), third (3rd), fifth (5th), etc., person employed at each Bureau will be from among qualified NABET-CWA people who apply. If an insufficient number of NABET-CWA people apply to fill the above formula or if an insufficient number of those who do apply are qualified, then the formula will be modified to the extent necessary to fill the vacancies. Nothing herein shall obligate the Company to fill the even-numbered vacancies on the list.
    - (c) Applicants who are accepted will pay their own moving and relocation expenses.
  - (viii) The Company agrees that it will not establish News Bureaus on a temporary basis to provide coverage (news or otherwise) of major events such as, but not limited to: political conventions, inaugurations, Olympics, any sporting event, etc.
  - (ix) The term "staff employee(s)" is used in this Section A2.2(e)6 to describe full-time employees as distinguished from persons hired on a daily basis permitted in Article A-XIV.
7. This provision shall be applicable to NABET-CWA-represented engineering employees assigned, at the Company's option, outside the Continental United States, Puerto Rico or Canada (herein called "overseas") to news field assignments using electronic cameras capable of being hand-held and associated equipment. The "Continental United States" for the purpose of this Section only, includes Alaska and Hawaii. The term "employees" as used in this Paragraph 7 shall refer to either staff employees or daily hires, and shall include members of a camera crew(s) and persons who may be assigned to operate video tape equipment.

Employees so assigned will, upon individual request, be excused from such assignments, provided, however, that the Company, after having made a reasonable effort to find a qualified replacement from the same office or Bureau, whichever is applicable, can find such a qualified replacement. The term "qualified" in this Section A2.2(e)7 shall include accreditation, the possession of a valid passport and/or visa, security clearances, etc., as well as technical qualifications. In no event shall an employee be so assigned for a period in excess of thirty (30) consecutive days without their consent.

8. The foregoing provisions of this Section A2.2(e) are applicable only to the equipment described. These provisions and practices which may develop thereunder shall have no precedential or prejudicial effect on situations not involving the utilization of this equipment nor shall the inclusion of any provision herein be construed as implying that it sets forth rights or obligations which either party does not otherwise have under the Master Agreement.

(See Sideletters BB and BC.)

9. The past practices and interpretations of the Master Agreement that existed prior to July 10, 2003 at all Network News operations and at WLS-TV, KABC-TV, KGO-TV and WABC-TV with respect to each such Network News operation or station regarding persons, stations, organizations or production facilities not covered by the Master Agreement to gather news, originate interviews or transmit news material for such Network News operations or stations shall continue to apply. Further, with respect to the aforementioned television stations, each station shall continue to use its NABET-CWA-represented employees to gather or transmit news material for affiliates or other organizations, which are not covered by the Master Agreement, upon request by such affiliates or organizations, to the extent the NABET-CWA-represented employees have gathered or transmitted such news material prior to July 10, 2003.

(See Sideletter GH.)

- (f) Material designed for use in connection with technical equipment covered by Sections A2.2(b) and (c) above, which has been gathered and/or created by outside news and other information gathering organizations and by outside graphics service organizations (including, but not limited to, Associated Press, United Press International, Metro Traffic, Reuters, News Election Service, National Weather Service, G&G Designs and any other outside organization whose services are generally available to the broadcast industry, albeit on an exclusive basis in any market) may be utilized for any purpose in connection with such technical

equipment, and may be inserted into the memory of such equipment either by direct connection from the outside organization, or indirectly through a storage medium, or through any computer system(s), or by any other means.

### Section A2.3 - Video Tape

- (a) The jurisdiction set forth in Sections A2.1 and A2.2 shall apply to video tape equipment, which includes portable video equipment. Only employees under this Agreement shall operate, modify and maintain such video tape equipment utilized in connection with any process using electronic methods, wholly or partly for the storage and reproduction of video information and other signals pertaining thereto. This shall be expressly applicable to video tape or any substitute therefor (but not including motion picture film) and electronic storage or memory devices used in connection with animation processes, sequencing and timing operations.

The aforesaid jurisdiction shall apply in the following circumstances:

- (1) Programs produced by the Company which are recorded or prerecorded on video tape for broadcast by the Company, including programs produced by the Company which are converted from live or film to pre-recordings on video tape.
  - (2) Programs produced by others for the Company which are prerecorded on video tape for broadcast by the Company, if the Company has the basic underlying property rights to the programs and subcontracts the production of the programs to others.
  - (3) It is understood and agreed that the jurisdiction set forth in this Section A2.3 shall also apply to the types of programs set forth herein when produced by a subsidiary of the Company (except those which own and operate a station) so long as the Company has the right to determine the recording facilities where the program is to be recorded or prerecorded if such program is being produced for broadcast by the Company.
- (b)
- (1) The Union has exclusive jurisdiction in accordance with this Section within a two hundred (200) mile radius of a television Owned Station covered by the provisions of this Agreement except programs originating from the regular studios of an affiliate.
  - (2) Outside a radius of two hundred (200) miles of a television Owned Station covered by the provisions of this Agreement, video tape pickups may be made by any station within two

hundred (200) miles of the pickup. Should the station not have the necessary technical staff or daily hire(s) on regular payroll, any augmentation of engineering personnel must be on a one-for-one basis with the first (1<sup>st</sup>), third (3<sup>rd</sup>), fifth (5<sup>th</sup>), etc., engineer being supplied from an Owned Station covered by this Agreement. The Company may send a Technical Director to represent it in a supervisory capacity in lieu of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Company engineer called for herein. If no station within two hundred (200) miles of the pickup is able to make the pickup, the pickup must then be made by an Owned Station covered by this Agreement. Should there be no station within two hundred (200) miles of the pickup, the pickup must then be made by an Owned Station covered by this Agreement.

- (3) Sections A2.3(b)(1) and (2) above do not apply to video tape recordings used solely for reference purposes or for time zone delayed broadcasts or delayed public service broadcasts by the President, Vice President or members of the Cabinet. The Company will record and/or playback all time zone delayed broadcasts from an Owned Station under this Agreement using the Company's facilities, except that nothing herein shall preclude any station from handling its own playback or any affiliate from recording and/or playing back to a region which does not include an Owned Station under this Agreement.
- (4) Sections A2.3(b)(1) and (2) above do not apply to Sessions and Committee or Council meetings originating from the United Nations. This exception shall not apply to originations or portions thereof when the Company uses its facilities at the United Nations; directs at the United Nations the program efforts; assigns Company personnel at the United Nations for participation in the pickup; or contributes any of the program elements at the United Nations; nor shall this exception apply to programs utilizing the United Nations for the purpose of locale or setting.
- (5) The Company agrees that it will not assign programs to be prerecorded, recorded or played back on video tape to an affiliate or others for the purpose of depriving the employees under this Agreement of the jurisdiction set forth herein.
- (6) Owned Stations not covered by this contract are to be considered affiliates for the purposes of this Section A2.3(b).

- (7) Sections A2.3(b)(1) and (2) above do not apply to news events when time does not permit the assignment of employees covered by this Agreement to the point of pickup or when owned or leased equipment or telephone line facilities are not available to make the pickup, provided that such video tapes are recorded and/or played back by employees hereunder.

(See Sideletter AN.)

- (8) Sections A2.3(b)(1) and (2) above do not apply to news and news special event programs originated on a pool basis by or together with any news or other information gathering company(ies) or organization(s) and/or any station(s). Nothing herein shall limit the right of the Company to utilize the facilities of the pool arrangement for its own origination when others involved in the pool are not broadcasting, provided that such facilities are utilized for such pool broadcast by other participants in the pool. The Company agrees to review promptly with the Union any claim that the Engineering employees of the Company are not handling a reasonable proportion of the pool programs which it broadcasts. Where Company crews are needed for White House pool assignments in Washington, D.C., the Company will endeavor to give preference to the use of weekly staff employees for such assignments.
- (9) Where the Company cannot obtain access to the point of pickup it may broadcast any program originated in cooperation with any company or organization without assigning an employee to the pickup. When time permits, the Company will notify the Union of its intended utilization of this Section prior to the broadcast.
- (10) When technical equipment at the point of origination does not require the presence of an employee covered by this Agreement in order to originate a program from such a point, nothing in this Article shall require the presence of such an employee. This Section shall not be construed to infringe on NABET-CWA jurisdiction where work covered by the Agreement is required to be performed at remote locations, nor shall it preclude NABET-CWA from grieving as to whether work covered by the Agreement is or is not required in any specific remote pickup.

(See Sideletter AL.)

(c) [Deleted.]

- (d) As used in this Section A2.3, the terms “program” and “programs” shall include program material or portions of programs (i.e., inserts or segments of any length) or entire programs.

(See Sideletters BP, DA and DB.)

#### Section A2.4 - New Devices

- (a) In the event that the Company introduces or permits to be used any process, machinery, equipment or device which substitutes for, supplements or replaces any present process, machinery, equipment or device being operated as of the date of this Agreement by employees within the Bargaining Unit, such process, machinery, equipment or device shall be operated, maintained and, to the extent heretofore, repaired only by employees in the Bargaining Unit herein set forth.
- (b) [Deleted.]
- (c) Paragraph (a) above is not applicable to the production and processing of film.
- (d) Nothing in this Section A2.4 shall be construed so as to modify any existing collective bargaining agreement or certification by the National Labor Relations Board to which the Company is a party or which controls the operation of devices in connection with broadcasts over Company facilities.

#### Section A2.5

On any programs, on and off controls may be operated by talent and/or personnel who are assigned to the program and given the responsibility for monitoring and interrupting unacceptable program material. In addition, talent may operate on and off microphone controls as part of their assignment as talent when programming circumstances warrant.

#### Section A2.6

- (a) Work on technical equipment which is performed by a manufacturer or the manufacturer’s representative in fulfilling the manufacturer’s warranty may be performed by persons outside the Bargaining Unit for the period of such warranty up to a maximum of five (5) years after such equipment is put into operation, or for such longer warranty period as the Company may obtain at the time of technical equipment purchase or lease, or for any renewal or extensions thereof, with the manufacturer or its successor. Provided, however, that (i) in the case of faults in design or workmanship; or (ii) where equipment does not meet the specifications as represented by the manufacturer and where, in either case, the deficiency has not been discovered or remedied within the warranty period as described above, work on such equipment may be performed by persons outside the Unit. When persons outside the Bargaining Unit perform work on technical equipment under the circumstances described in (i) and (ii) above, the Company will, whenever

practicable, notify the Union in advance of the work to be performed and, upon request, will make available to the Local Union involved a copy of the warranty and asset number of such equipment. Such work may be performed either on or off Company premises.

A maintenance engineer assigned to perform maintenance duties pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 3 of Sideletter DK shall be paid at the Group 7 rate for the period of such assignment.

*[Grievance AS 00-09 is hereby withdrawn with prejudice and the Union agrees not to refile the same.]*

- (b)
  - (i) In the event that the manufacturer of technical equipment requires, as a condition of sale or lease, that the Company refrain from attempting to repair and/or maintain such equipment, then the manufacturer or the manufacturer's representative may perform such maintenance and/or repair, either on or off the Company premises, to the extent that the Company is not permitted to do so. Upon the Union's request, the Company will supply to the Union the relevant documentary evidence establishing the manufacturer's requirement that the Company not perform the work involved.
  - (ii) In addition, the Company may have complex and sophisticated maintenance and/or repair work on technical equipment performed by the manufacturer of the equipment or the manufacturer's representative either on or off the Company premises where (1) the work to be done is not within the current capabilities or qualifications of Unit personnel; or (2) the Company is unable to reasonably obtain the tools, equipment, techniques, technical layout or other similar technical resources to do the work itself.
  - (iii) In addition, the Company may have maintenance and/or repair work on technical equipment performed by outside vendors when such equipment is sufficiently out of date or aged such that the parts or tools necessary for the prompt repair of such equipment are not readily available in sufficient quantities to timely effect such maintenance and/or repair.
- (c) The foregoing provisions of Section A2.6 shall not affect the Company's right to have work performed by persons outside the Bargaining Unit whether or not the technical equipment is under warranty, in accordance with Section 6.1.

(See Sideletters DP and GC.)

## Section A2.7 - New Technical Equipment- Prior Discussions

Prior to the operational use of new technical equipment by Technical Operations, the Company will notify NABET-CWA of its decision to use the equipment in order that any operational problems involved may be discussed. The Company will make available a copy of specifications and instructional material in its possession.

Whenever possible, such notice will be given in writing at least three (3) weeks prior to the placing of such equipment into operation.

## Section A2.8 - Shooting of Motion Picture Film

It is agreed that the Company will not shoot motion picture film (including the recording of sound track in connection therewith) in any studio or theatre in which employees of the Company covered by the Engineering Agreement between the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians-Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, CLC, and ABC, Inc., are regularly or occasionally employed. The motion picture film referred to herein does not include newsreel films, documentary-type films, industrial films, promotional films, on-air advertising films, and/or training films.

Any piece of electronic equipment which is used in the broadcasting of radio and/or TV programs, and any piece of electronic equipment used in the making of electronic recordings shall not be used in the production of optical films.

## Section A2.9

- (a) Video cassette recording and playback equipment which is located in Company offices (including conference rooms, screening rooms, etc.) may be installed (including any necessary adjustment), repaired, connected, re-connected or disconnected to and from the in-house RF or similar system and maintained by persons outside the Bargaining Unit.
- (b) Except in editing rooms or suites or other technical areas where NABET-CWA-represented engineering employees are assigned to edit video tape, video cassette recording and playback equipment may be operated by persons outside the Bargaining Unit for any purpose, but not so as to infringe on the Union's jurisdiction over the physical editing of video tape as provided in this Agreement. It is specifically understood that locating and noting precise edit points (e.g., using time code) while playing back material does not infringe on the Union's editing jurisdiction. Such equipment may also be used by persons outside the Bargaining Unit in non-technical areas to record material for non-broadcast purposes.
- (c) Television monitors, sets and/or receivers which are located in Company offices (including conference rooms, screening rooms, etc.) may be installed (including any necessary adjustments), repaired and connected, re-connected or disconnected



to and from the in-house RF or similar system and maintained by persons outside the Bargaining Unit.

#### Section A2.10

The operation, installation and maintenance of audio-visual loggers (time-lapse reference machines) will be on the following basis:

- (a) The machines will not produce audio or video of acceptable quality for broadcast purposes. The Local Union will be given a list showing each such machine and its location and the Company will update the list to reflect any changes.
- (b) Audio-visual loggers (whether having the capacity for recording, playback or both) will be installed and maintained by NABET-CWA-represented engineering personnel, subject to the manufacturer's warranty as set forth in Section A2.6.
- (c) Any such machines which have usable recording capabilities will be located in areas in which NABET-CWA-represented engineering personnel are normally assigned. Any operation of such machines in such areas will not be performed by other than NABET-CWA-represented engineering personnel. It will be the responsibility of NABET-CWA-represented engineering personnel to affix and initial labels as required, and to make available tapes recorded on such machines for the purposes hereinafter described.
- (d) Such tapes may be played back on such machines in the Company's business and financial offices by Company personnel other than NABET-CWA-represented engineering personnel in those departments of the Company responsible for quality control, broadcast standards and practices, sales service, accounting, legal affairs and logging.
- (e) Neither such machines nor such tapes will be used for production viewings and screenings or for program production or broadcast purposes. Nor shall such machines be used for distributing feeds.

#### Section A2.11

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices, or provisions in the Master Agreement to the contrary, persons other than NABET-CWA-represented engineers may hand-carry or otherwise transport technical equipment, provided, however, that vehicles in which technical equipment is installed will not normally be driven by non-NABET-CWA Company employees. In addition, persons other than NABET-CWA-represented engineers may, on news field assignments, hold microphones during their operation.

ARTICLE A-III  
CLASSIFICATIONS AND WAGE SCALES

Section A3.1

Groups for the purpose of classification and minimum wage scales for regular employees shall be as follows:

Group 2 - Radio and Television

Radio Engineer (2)  
Radio Edit (2)  
Camera Operator  
Audio Assist Engineer (A-2)  
Studio/Field Engineer  
Graphics, Electronic Character Generator and/or Still Store Operator  
Technical Stock Clerk/Utility  
Studio Utility

Minimum Wage Scale (Per Week):

10/9/2021 - <u>3/31/2022</u>	4/1/2022 - <u>3/31/2023</u>	4/1/2023 - <u>4/5/2024</u>	4/6/2024 - <u>3/31/2025</u>
\$1,930.50	\$1,993.00	\$2,058.00	\$2,125.00

(See Sideletter CC.)

Group 5 - Radio and Television

Audio Operator (A-1, Comms, Sub-mixer, REMI Mixer)  
Hand Held Camera Operator  
Video Operator (V-1, V-2, Video)  
Editor  
Video Record/Playback/Quick Turnaround-Replay  
ENG Audio Operator  
ENG Field Technician  
ENG Field Technician/Editor  
Sr. Network ENG Technical Support Engineer  
Media Preparations Operator  
Robotic Camera/Video Shading Engineer  
LDE Stadium Announce Booth\*  
Graphic Artist (NY)  
Network Studio Camera Operator – New York and Los Angeles\*\*  
Radio Engineer (5)  
Radio Mixer  
Video Sub-Cut (V-3 Sub-Cut)

Minimum Wage Scale (Per Week):

10/9/2021 - <u>3/31/2022</u>	4/1/2022 - <u>3/31/2023</u>	4/1/2023 - <u>4/5/2024</u>	4/6/2024 - <u>3/31/2025</u>
\$2,075.50	\$2,143.00	\$2,212.50	\$ 2,284.50

\*Applies only on Sports remotes lighting a stadium announce booth.

\*\* See March 3, 2000, December 6, 2007 and February 12, 2008 Letter Agreements between the Parties which set forth the circumstances under which Group 5 is paid.

(See Sideletter CC.)

Group 5A – WABC-TV Two Person ENG Crew

Minimum Wage Scale Per Week:

10/9/2021 - <u>3/31/2022</u>	4/1/2022 - <u>3/31/2023</u>	4/1/2023 - <u>4/5/2024</u>	4/6/2024 - <u>3/31/2025</u>
\$2,128.50	\$2,197.50	\$2,269.00	\$ 2,342.50

(See Sideletter GN.)

Group 7 - Radio and Television

- ENG-EFP Camera Operator
- ENG-EFP Camera Operator/Editor
- Maintenance
- SNG Operator
- LDE
- LDE Combo\*
- Specialty Camera Operator
- Graphic Artist (NY)
- Post Production Editor
- Editor
- Control Center Engineer
- Network ENG Tech Support Supervisor
- Transmission Engineer
- Technical Support Supervisor (Radio)
- Radio Engineer (7)
- Network Senior Audio Control Engineer (7)\*\*

\*See Sideletter HP  
\*\*See reference to this classification under Group 9

Minimum Wage Scale (Per Week):

<u>10/9/2021 -</u> <u>3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 -</u> <u>3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 -</u> <u>4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 -</u> <u>3/31/2025</u>
\$2,181.50	\$2,252.50	\$2,325.50	\$2,401.00

Group 8

Television Technical Director (8)

<u>10/9/2021 -</u> <u>3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 -</u> <u>3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 -</u> <u>4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 -</u> <u>3/31/2025</u>
\$2,337.50	\$2,413.50	\$2,492.00	\$2,573.00

The re-classification of Technical Directors from Group 7 to Group 8 in the 1993-1997 Master Agreement is limited to those Network and/or Owned Television Station employees who are classified as “Technical Director” and who are covered by the provisions of Stipulation 8 as well as Article A-IV. (By way of illustration, in the New York office of the Company those Network employees are included within the 181-110 Cost Center.) The re-classification does not apply to any other person who is classified as Group 7 who operates a switcher and/or related equipment.

(See Stipulation (8)(e).)

Group 9

Network Television Show Technical Director (Group 9):

10/9/2021 - <u>3/31/2022</u>	4/1/2022 - <u>3/31/2023</u>	4/1/2023 - <u>4/5/2024</u>	4/6/2024 - <u>3/31/2025</u>
\$2,542.50	\$2,625.00	\$2,710.50	\$2,798.50

To receive a Group 9 hereunder, a Network Television Show Technical Director (Production Technical Director) must be responsible for the production of: (i) a special (i.e., not regularly scheduled) Network television program of sixty (60) or more minutes in length as broadcast; or (ii) a Network television sports program of ninety (90) or more minutes in length as broadcast. In either (i) or (ii) to be eligible for a daily upgrade under this Section, the Network show must also require the Technical Director to be responsible for the simultaneous switching among at least twelve (12) live, staffed cameras, all of which remain available for switching for the duration of the program.

Cameras under the control of a robotic camera operator, whether one or more cameras, shall be deemed to be one live staffed camera for the purpose of determining the number of staffed cameras under this provision.

On those days when the Network Television Show Technical Director receives a daily upgrade to Group 9, the A-1 Audio Operator shall receive a daily upgrade to Group 7 and be designated a Network Senior Audio Control Engineer for that day.

The Group 9 or Group 7 upgrade, as applicable, shall apply only for day-of-air broadcast. No upgrade will be given for travel, set-up, knock-down, or meeting days.

Any Group 9 or Group 7 assignment hereunder will be a daily upgrade to Group 9 or Group 7, as applicable, based on the minimum rate of one-fifth (1/5) the regularly weekly rate.

Video Tape Librarians - Minimum Wage Scale (Per Week)

10/9/2021 - <u>3/31/2022</u>	4/1/2022- <u>3/31/2023</u>	4/1/2023- <u>4/5/2024</u>	4/6/2024- <u>3/31/2025</u>
\$1,658.50	\$1,712.50	\$1,768.00	\$1,825.50

No regular employee on the payroll as of May 12, 2003, will be downgraded from their permanent classification as of that date as a direct result of the simplification of the job titles contained herein in the negotiations for the successor to the 1997-2003 Master Agreement.

## Section A3.2

The classification of employees in this Article is solely for the purpose of establishing minimum wage scales. Except as set forth in Article A-VII, the Company shall not be required to employ or assign one or more employees to each of the classifications or groups set forth above in this Article.

## Section A3.3

[Deleted.]

# ARTICLE A-IV TECHNICAL DIRECTOR AND TECHNICAL LIGHTING

## Section A4.1

The Technical Director is responsible for the production of a technically acceptable television production as assigned and is in technical charge of the studio during production and, unless another Group 8 is present, during engineering knockdown.

(See Stipulation (8).)

## Section A4.2

The Technical Director shall switch, supervise and be responsible for the technical performance of the entire assigned group of technicians engaged in lighting, video control, audio, camera and all other functions of a technical nature necessary to the production. The Technical Director or their designee only shall issue instructions to crew members on all dress rehearsals and all broadcasts of rehearsed programs, provided that during all other rehearsals and during broadcasts of unrehearsed programs this rule shall not apply, it being understood that the Program Director, or in the Program Director's absence their designee, shall have the widest possible latitude in creating the program.

(See Sideletter BD.)

## Section A4.3

In order to maintain good technical standards in engineering practices the Technical Director shall, subject to their supervisor and existing jurisdictional arrangements, determine the acceptability for use of electronic or mechanical technical equipment for visual or aural special effects in order to carry out, in accordance with engineering standards, the artistic effects desired by the Program Director. The Technical Director shall serve as liaison between the Director, Producer and technical personnel assigned to them during the period following dry rehearsal on any program to which the Technical Director is assigned. No member of a crew will be removed unless the Technical Director is advised of the reason therefore, which advice shall be in advance whenever reasonably practicable.

(See Stipulation (8)(e).)

#### Section A4.4

The Light Direction Engineer or other employee designated by the Technical Director shall be the only person who may direct personnel in connection with the handling and placement of lighting equipment on any production.

(See Stipulation (2).)

#### Section A4.5

It shall be the responsibility of the Technical Director to assure that requests on lighting are complied with consistent with good engineering practices and technically acceptable pictures, and consequently all requests for lighting changes as to mood, special effects, etc., shall be handled through the Technical Director. In the event of a disagreement between the Program Director and the Technical Director in connection with lighting, the Program Director's decision shall be followed, provided, however, the full responsibility for the technical quality due to the lighting shall be assumed by the Program Director.

### ARTICLE A-V ISSUANCE OF WORK ASSIGNMENTS

#### Section A5.1

When a Group 7 supervisor, Group 8 or Group 9 employee is on duty, the issuance of work assignments by the Company shall normally be made through such Group 7 supervisor, Group 8 or Group 9 employee. However, nothing herein shall be construed to limit management or supervisory personnel from issuing such assignments.

### ARTICLE A-VI SOUND EFFECTS - CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES

#### Section A6.1

The following provisions shall apply to the Company's operations in Chicago and Los Angeles only:

#### Section A6.2

Only employees under this Agreement shall install, connect and operate the sound effects equipment of the Sound Effects Department and shall, to the extent that such work was previously performed by employees in jobs now under this Agreement, design, develop, construct, maintain, improve, repair, catalogue, inventory and demonstrate sound effects equipment. Sound effects may be executed and put into the electronic system in any way.

### Section A6.3

Definition of Sound Effects - Sound effects are all those sounds, exclusive of live voice or live music, used to create the illusions necessary in radio broadcasting and in television.

### Section A6.4

Television - In television broadcasting, sound effects may be either on or off the set. Sound effects on the set are effects in which the sound emanates from a set where the action on-camera is taking place. Sound effects off the set are effects where the sound emanates from a point other than a set where the action on-camera is taking place.

- (a) Sound effects off the set, which are executed off the set, shall be effected by an employee covered by this Agreement. The fact that the production of such sound effects must coincide with a visual effect which is produced by someone other than a covered employee shall not deprive such covered employee of their responsibility for installing, connecting and attending the sound effects equipment.
- (b) Sound effects off the set, which are mechanically or electrically executed from on the set, may be executed by a performer, if the operation is necessary to the action, timing or portrayal of the performer's role, provided, however, that such effect may be executed only by the performer while performing their role on the set. A covered employee shall, in this case, install, connect and attend the sound effects equipment.
- (c) Sound effects on the set, which are executed from off the set, shall be executed by an employee covered by this Agreement.
- (d) Sound effects on the set may be executed on the set by a performer, if the execution of this effect requires no props or only props on the set and is necessary to the action, timing or portrayal of the performer's role, provided, however, that such effect may be executed only by the performer while performing their role on the set. An employee covered by this Agreement may, however, be called upon to produce such an effect. In the event that a performer operates sound effects equipment on the set, which is not physically contained by a stage property and which is not intended to be seen at any time in the broadcast picture, an employee covered by this Agreement shall install, connect and/or attend the equipment.

### Section A6.5

In the event that technical employees are engaged by the Company within the area covered by this Agreement in the operation of new devices, any sound effects equipment used for that purpose shall be operated by employees covered by this Agreement.



## Section A6.6

An employee covered by this Agreement need not be assigned to handle sound effects equipment and/or produce sound effects in connection with:

- (a) The broadcast of a production, or portion thereof, from a theatre, auditorium or other similar place not owned or operated by the Company if there is in effect as to such place a contract requiring the use of others than employees of the Company for production of sound effects.
- (b) The production of certain sound effects which have traditionally been made in the theatre, vaudeville or radio by musicians, actors or singers.

## Section A6.7

The Company may deduct from the salary of an employee an amount equal to (i) the number of hours, if any, computed to the nearest one-tenth (1/10) hour, during which the employee performed work for the production of electrical transcriptions, recordings and other means for mechanical reproduction, now or hereafter devised or perfected, which are covered by the AFTRA National Code of Fair Practice for Transcriptions and Recordings for Radio Broadcasting Purposes and for which the employee receives fees thereunder; (ii) times the salary of the employee computed on an hourly basis.

## ARTICLE A-VII STAFFING OF TRANSMITTERS

### Section A7.1

One (1) employee of Group 2 classification or higher shall be present at AM or FM transmitters during program transmission and scheduled test periods with the following exceptions:

- (a) If the transmitter is located contiguous to an operating area, no specific staffing of the transmitter shall be required.
- (b) In the event the Company institutes remote control of an AM or FM transmitter pursuant to FCC authorization, such transmitter may be operated without any employee being present at the transmitter during such operation.

### Section A7.2

Two (2) employees of Group 2 classification or higher shall be present at a television transmitter, or at an AM or FM transmitter, or both, installed or combined with a television transmitter, during program transmission and scheduled test periods with the following exceptions:

- (a) One (1) of the two (2) employees may be reassigned for maintenance and/or emergency operation at any AM or FM transmitter which is operated by remote control.
- (b) Absence of one (1) of the two (2) employees due to illness or other reasons beyond the control of the Company, not in excess of one (1) day, shall not require replacement of the employee.
- (c) If the transmitter(s) is located contiguous to an operating area, no specific staffing of the transmitter shall be required.
- (d) In the event the Company institutes remote control of a TV transmitter pursuant to FCC authorization, such transmitter may be operated without any employee being present at the transmitter during such operation.
- (e) Where an AM or FM transmitter, or both, are installed or combined with a television transmitter, and only the AM or FM transmitter, or both, are in operation during program transmission and scheduled test periods, Section A7.1 shall apply.

#### Section A7.3

The term "Television Transmitter" where used in this contract shall be understood to include both audio and video as a unit.

#### Section A7.4

At television and/or FM broadcast transmitters where a non-union station engineer is assigned, there shall also be a Group 7 assistant station engineer assigned. If a non-union station engineer is not assigned, there shall be a Group 7 station engineer in charge.

#### Section A7.5

Employees assigned to a transmitter may be assigned to perform any installation and maintenance work connected with the technical plant in which the transmitter is located. An employee may not be assigned to work beyond the interlock of the protective relay system if such work requires the employee to bypass the normal interlock functions, unless another employee is present.

#### Section A7.6

A non-union station engineer may to the extent previously done, design, construct and install equipment of a prototype or experimental nature, make measurements and adjustments and test technical equipment.

## Section A7.7

Any transmitter employee who is reassigned to other operations will be given an adequate opportunity to adjust to their new duties and will receive individual training if necessary. In reassigning a transmitter employee, the Company will give consideration to the preferences of such employee with respect to the available openings for which they are qualified. In this connection, such employee will be given at least a temporary assignment for a period of at least three (3) months to a position of their choice.

Consideration on an individual basis will be given to any increased travel expense necessitated by the reassignment of a transmitter employee to another operation as a result of changes in transmitter staffing.

Any employee assigned to transmitter maintenance shall be paid at the Group 7 rate of pay. In the event a transmitter employee who is classified as a Group 7 or higher is reassigned to other operations as a result of changes in transmitter staffing, and in the event such employee is downgraded, such employee shall nevertheless maintain the Group 7 (or higher) rate for a period of one (1) year after the employee is so downgraded.

(See Sideletter CC.)

## ARTICLE A-VIII MEAL PERIODS

### Section A8.1

- (a) The length of the employee's first (1<sup>st</sup>) meal period shall be one (1) hour.
- (b) An employee who elects to eat meals at a place not designated by the Company shall nevertheless remain obligated to report back to work at the time indicated by the Company prior to the commencement of the meal period.

### Section A8.2

- (a) The first (1<sup>st</sup>) meal period may not be scheduled earlier than the start of the employee's second (2<sup>nd</sup>) hour of work and must be completed by the end of the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) hour unless the employees affected agree to remain at work, in which event they shall receive a premium in addition to their compensation equal to half (½) their regular rate for each hour or fraction thereof after the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) hour until such meal period is completed; provided, however, that this premium shall not apply to individual employees or groups of employees who with their consent are assigned a regular meal period outside of the above hours. Any meal period assigned at the end of the tour shall be paid at straight time, instead of overtime.

(See Sideletter HV and Letter Agreement regarding General Hospital dated March 7, 2017.)

- (b) With respect to engineers assigned to perform job functions associated with production and post-production activities, the following shall apply in lieu of Section A8.2(a):

The first (1<sup>st</sup>) meal period may not be scheduled earlier than the start of the employees' second (2<sup>nd</sup>) hour of work and must be completed by the end of the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) hour. If the production necessitates additional time which intrudes into the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) hour of work, the engineering crew may be required to continue to work into, but not after, the end of the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) hour if, in the judgment of engineering management, the conditions are justified. In such a case, the Company will pay a penalty of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) to each member of the engineering crew so affected. The Company shall inform the employee as soon as reasonably possible. The meal period must be completed by the end of the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) hour unless the employee(s) affected agree to remain at work, in which event they shall receive a premium in addition to their compensation equal to half (½) their regular rate for each hour or fraction thereof after the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) hour until such meal period is completed; provided, however, that this premium shall not apply to individual employees or groups of employees who with their consent are assigned a regular meal period outside of the above hours. Any meal period assigned at the end of the tour shall be paid at straight time, instead of overtime.

(See Sideletter HV and Letter Agreement regarding General Hospital dated March 7, 2017.)

- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, employees assigned to operations other than Central Switching Centers, Network Technical Maintenance and Systems Maintenance and Assembly Group need not receive a scheduled meal period, but shall be given an opportunity to eat during the workday. An opportunity to eat shall be an amount of time sufficient for the employee to break from their work assignment and eat a meal. Such employee shall receive a flat payment, in addition to their regular compensation, of Forty-Four Dollars (\$44.00) per day for each such day. This payment shall be in lieu of any premiums or penalties, or meal periods added at the end of a tour, which might otherwise be required pursuant to the provisions of Article A-VIII. The Company shall inform an employee as soon as reasonably possible, either prior to or during the course of the shift, but in any event prior to the start of the meal period, whether or not the Forty-Four Dollar (\$44.00) payment and opportunity to eat will be given. The Company will make a reasonable effort to inform the affected employee(s) when the opportunity to eat will be provided. If the Company fails to provide an opportunity to eat as set forth in this subsection, instead of the Forty-Four Dollar (\$44.00) payment, the Company shall pay the employee the premium set forth in A8.2(a), or the penalty provided in A8.2.(b), as applicable.

(See Sideletter GR.)

- (d) On overnight tours and situations in which only a limited number of employee(s) are assigned, such as, but not limited to, network and local break studios, such employee(s) may be assigned a last hour lunch in the Company’s discretion.

For an employee not entitled to a meal pursuant to A8.2 (c), the Company will pay the applicable penalty set forth in A8.5 if such employee is not provided a meal period of thirty (30) minutes, which meal period will commence not before the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) hour of work and not later than the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) hour of work. Such meal break, if given, shall be paid at the rates provided in Section A8.3. A further penalty will be paid as provided in Section A8.5 if additional meal period(s) are not scheduled after each four (4) hours of work beyond the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) hour and, if given, the meal break will be paid in accordance with Section A8.3.

Notwithstanding the above, any employee covered by A8.2(c) shall not be entitled to an A8.3 meal break(s) or A8.5 penalties if the employee is entitled to receive any payment under Section 7.7(b).

(See Stipulation (5).)

Section A8.3

In the event an employee remains on duty for a period longer than ten (10) hours a second (2nd) meal period of thirty (30) minutes shall be scheduled not earlier than four (4) elapsed hours after the end of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) meal period and not later than the employee’s twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) hour of tour and the Company shall pay to such employee their rate of pay at time and one-half (1 ½) for such time taken off for the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) meal period. An additional period of thirty (30) minutes shall be scheduled after each four (4) hours of work beyond the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) hour and shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 ½).

Section A8.4

Illness of an employee scheduled to relieve another employee shall not absolve the Company of its obligation to pay penalties for irregular meal periods.

Section A8.5

If the Company requires an employee to work during the meal period or periods provided for in Section A8.3, the employee shall receive, in addition to the time and one-half (1 ½) pay required by Section A8.3, a penalty payment for each such meal period during which the employee works as follows:

First (1<sup>st</sup>) such meal period not received on a tour.....\$8.00 (increased to Nine Dollars (\$9.00) effective April 6, 2024)

The penalty payment shall be increased by one (1) additional dollar for each additional meal period not received on a tour.

## Section A8.6

The provisions of this Article with respect to the first (1<sup>st</sup>) meal period shall not apply to employees assigned to transmitters. Where such an employee has a regular workday of eight (8) hours with no meal period and is expected to eat on the job, such employee will receive a per diem food allowance of Six Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$6.50) for each such day worked at such transmitter.

## Section A8.7

The following provisions shall be applicable to employees assigned to the gathering of news in the field using electronic cameras capable of being hand-held and associated equipment and the technical editing of such news (hereinafter referred to in this Section A8.7 as "ENG"). These provisions of Section A8.7 and practices which may develop thereunder shall have no precedential or prejudicial effect on situations not involving the utilization of this equipment for ENG nor shall the inclusion of any provision herein be construed as implying that it sets forth rights or obligations which either party does not otherwise have under the Master Agreement.

- (a) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section A8.2, an employee who is assigned for his or her entire tour to an ENG pickup(s) in the field may be required to delay their first (1<sup>st</sup>) meal period. It is understood that in situations in which this Section is applicable, an employee's meal period will be delayed only when required by the exigencies of the assignment and the Company will make every reasonable effort to reduce the situations in which such meal periods are delayed. The penalties in Section A8.2 shall be applicable to this Paragraph, provided, however, that in no event shall an employee covered by this Paragraph who is required to delay their meal period receive a premium payment as set forth in Section A8.2 which is less than the equivalent of one (1) hour's pay at their regular rate.
- (ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section A8.7(a)(i) above and Section A8.2, at Owned television stations, an employee who is assigned for the majority of their entire tour to an ENG pickup(s) in the field, shall have no scheduled meal period, but shall be given an opportunity to eat during the workday. An opportunity to eat shall be an amount of time sufficient for an employee to break from their work assignment and eat a meal. Such an employee shall receive a payment, in addition to their regular compensation, of Two Hundred-Twenty Dollars (\$220.00) per week, Forty-Four Dollars (\$44.00) per day in the case of employees hired on a daily basis), which shall be prorated to account for any days in the workweek during which the employee is sick, on vacation, on leave of absence, or otherwise not performing ENG duties. This payment shall be in lieu of any premiums or penalties, or meal periods added at the end

of a tour, which might otherwise be required pursuant to the provisions of Sections A8.7(a), A8.2 and A8.5. In lieu of the foregoing, a regular or daily hire employee(s) at the owned stations covered by this Section A8.7(a)(ii) may, at the election of the Company, be scheduled on any day for a thirty (30) minute meal period which shall be paid. The employee(s) shall still receive a payment in addition to their regular compensation of Forty-Four Dollars (\$44.00) for such day. However, such meal period shall not be counted as time worked for purposes of calculating entitlement to overtime pay.

[The foregoing shall not apply at KGO-TV.]

- (b) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of A8.7(i) above and Section A8.2, at Network News operations an employee assigned for the majority of their entire tour to ENG pickups in the field need not receive any scheduled meal period but shall receive a flat payment of Forty-Four Dollars (\$44.00) per day. This payment shall be in lieu of any premiums or penalties or meal periods added at the end of a tour, which might otherwise be required pursuant to the provisions of Sections A8.7(a), A8.2 and A8.5 for each day of work where the Company elects not to schedule a meal. When the Company makes such election, the employee shall be given an opportunity to eat. An opportunity to eat shall be an amount of time sufficient for an employee to break from their work assignment and eat a meal. The Company shall inform employees as soon as reasonably possible whether or not the Forty-Four Dollar (\$44.00) payment and the opportunity to eat will be given, either prior to or during the shift, but in any event prior to start of the meal period. In those circumstances where the Company decides with respect to particular employee(s) or assignment(s) not to schedule a meal period for an entire workweek and so notifies the employee(s) affected in advance, the employee(s) shall instead receive a flat payment of Two Hundred-Twenty Dollars (\$220.00) per week in lieu of any other premiums or penalties at the end of a tour, which might otherwise be required pursuant to the provisions of Section A8.7(a), A8.2 and A8.5. Such employee shall also receive an additional Forty-Four Dollars (\$44.00) per day for a sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) or seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) day of such assignment(s) described in the preceding sentence within a workweek.
- (ii) The provision of subsection (b)(i) above shall also include other employees assigned to Network News ENG operations, whether or not assigned to pickups in the field, in the event of breaking, extended or special news coverage.

(See Sideletter GR.)

## ARTICLE A-IX REST PERIODS

### Section A9.1

It is the intention of the Company to continue the practice of granting a reasonable rest period during television program rehearsals or a reasonable relief period for each job function during an extended television broadcast such as a football game whenever possible to do so.

## ARTICLE A-X EQUIPMENT EXCESSIVE IN WEIGHT

### Section A10.1

The Company recognizes that employees must not be required to handle equipment which is cumbersome or whose weight is excessive. The question as to whether a particular piece of equipment is cumbersome or excessive in weight under all circumstances may be submitted as an immediate grievance.

When an operating unit of the Company (e.g., WABC-TV, or network ENG, etc.) assigns one person to an ENG assignment, it will endeavor to issue to such person the lightest equipment from its current inventory at the applicable location that is appropriate for the assignment(s) and consistent with its other operational requirements.

## ARTICLE A-XI USE OF EMPLOYEE'S CAR

### Section A11.1

In the case of an employee assigned to the following transmitters who drives to and from work, the Company shall pay to such employee the following amount per vehicle per day:

KGO-TV, San Francisco, California, Eight Dollars (\$8.00) per day.

### Section A11.2

In the event that Company transportation is not available to employees assigned to Mount Wilson, the Company shall pay to each employee who drives their own car to and from work the amount of Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) per day.

### Section A11.3

Traveling time credit for employees assigned to Mount Wilson shall be one and one-half (1 ½) hours and such traveling time credit shall be considered as working time.



## ARTICLE A-XII AIR CREDITS

### Section A12.1

The Company shall give air credits to the Technical Director on all programs of fifteen (15) minutes duration or longer at least once each week, except where bona fide time shortages prevent such credits from being given, and except on those programs where no air credits are given.

Film Technical Director air credits will be granted on shows involving integrated film in accordance with the above paragraph, except that film TD credits are not required on full film shows unless other ABC-TV production personnel receive credit; nor are film TD credits required on shows involving only commercial film inserts.

(See Paragraph 8 of Sideletter AB.)

## ARTICLE A-XIII COMPANY-WIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Section A13.1

- (a) The Company will, in addition to complying with Section 3.3 of the Master Agreement, if time permits, notify the Sector Office of the Union of opportunities for employment (except daily employment) in jobs covered by this Agreement. Any regular employee at another office of the Company who has been laid off by the Company and who has rehiring privileges pursuant to Section 11.7, upon notification to the Company of the employee's interest in the employment opportunity will be interviewed at the office of their layoff and will be given good faith consideration for such employment opportunity. Such laid off employee, if rehired at another office of the Company, shall be credited at the office of their rehire with the employee's Total Company and Pay Seniority, but not with Unit Seniority accrued at the office of their layoff. Such employee will also retain rehiring privileges and Unit Seniority at the office of their layoff for the applicable period specified in Section 11.7, which period shall not be affected by the employee's employment at the office of their rehire; however, if such employee refuses recall to an employment opportunity (other than a vacation relief or other temporary employment opportunity) at the office of their layoff, the employee shall forfeit rehiring privileges and Unit Seniority at that office. If such employee accepts recall at the office of their layoff, the employee may return to such office and will receive credit for all seniority accrued at both offices. An employee who moves from one office to another pursuant to this Article shall bear all costs of such transfer, including the cost of moving to the office of the employee's rehire and/or returning to the office of their layoff.

- (b) This Article applies only when there are no employees with rehiring privileges at the office where the employment opportunity exists or when all employees with rehiring privileges at such office have refused or are unavailable for recall pursuant to Section 11.7.

## ARTICLE A-XIV DAILY EMPLOYMENT

### Section A14.1

- (a) The Company shall have the right to hire persons on a daily basis, provided, however, that the total number of days worked by such persons in any calendar year may not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the number of days paid to regular engineering employees during calendar year 1996.
- (b) At each office of the Company, the Company shall give consideration for daily employment in the studio to any laid-off engineering employee with recall rights from such office who notifies the Company at the time of their layoff, and each six (6) months thereafter, that they desire to perform work on a daily basis in the separate seniority group from which they were laid off and who, in the sole judgment of the Company, possesses the skills and abilities necessary to perform the specific work involved.
- (c) [Deleted.]
- (d) The Company will provide each Local Union and the Sector, on a monthly basis, with a report containing information regarding persons hired on a daily basis, including each such person's name, address, home telephone number, mobile number and email address (if maintained in the Company's records), Social Security number, itemized gross earnings, dates of employment, total number of hours worked per each day of employment, classification and the applicable scheduling office.
- (e) The Company shall advise each person hired on a daily basis of their obligations pursuant to Section 3.1(b) at such time as they are first engaged, and will furnish such person with a copy of Article A-XIV. The Company shall also provide each person hired on a daily basis the address and telephone number of NABET-CWA.

### Section A14.2

- (a) The Company may engage persons on a daily basis to work a minimum of four (4), six (6), eight (8) or ten (10) hours on any day at the daily rate(s) set forth in Section A14.5. Daily hires may be assigned at such rate(s) for any four (4), six (6), eight (8) or ten (10) consecutive hours within any twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, provided that for the hours referred to in Article X, such persons shall receive additional compensation as provided in that Article. At the time of engagement,

the Company shall specify the length for each day(s) of the engagement. The Company shall have the right to mix four (4), six (6), eight (8) and ten (10) hour engagements, where applicable. The ten (10) hour rate shall apply only in the field.

- (b) Any work performed by persons engaged on a daily basis in excess of eight (8) hours in any day (except for those hired at the ten (10) hour rate), or in excess of forty (40) hours in a regular workweek (which shall be defined as beginning at 12:01 A.M. Saturday and continuing until 12:00 Midnight the following Friday), and any work performed on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Juneteenth (June 19), July Fourth, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, excluding meal periods, shall be regarded as overtime and compensated at one and one-half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) times the regular rate of pay hereunder. In addition, except for those daily hires hired in the field at the ten (10) hour rate, any work performed by persons engaged on a daily basis on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, excluding meal periods, shall be compensated at a rate equal to two (2) times their straight-time rate of pay for all overtime worked on any such holiday.

For daily hires hired in the field at the ten (10) hour rate, compensation at the rate equal to two (2) times shall not commence on the holidays worked (as enumerated in the preceding sentence) until after the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) hour of work. The regular hourly rate of pay for persons engaged on a four (4), six (6), eight (8) or ten (10) hour basis, shall be, respectively, one-fourth ( $1/4$ ), one-sixth ( $1/6$ ), one-eighth ( $1/8$ ) or one-tenth ( $1/10$ ) of such rates. Persons hired on a four (4) hours basis shall be paid at a rate equal to one-fourth ( $1/4$ ) the four (4) hour rate for time worked in excess of four (4) hours but less than six (6) hours. Persons engaged at the ten (10) hour rate shall be paid for hours worked in excess of ten (10) in a day, excluding meal periods at the rate of one and one-half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) times the regular rate. In no case shall overtime accrue on overtime. Penalties shall not be considered overtime or part of the base pay.

The paid one hour meal period shall not be considered time worked for any purpose including overtime and premium pay on the above-referenced holidays.

(See Sideletters GY, HV and Letter Agreement regarding General Hospital dated March 7, 2017.)

In addition, up to two (2) hours of overtime, whether scheduled orally or in writing, may be cancelled after an employee has reported to work, if the Company determines in its sole discretion that such work is not needed and the employee is released from duty. This provision shall not be construed to restrict the Company's ability to cancel, eliminate or shorten overtime under any other provisions of the

Master Agreement. Nor shall it be construed so as to shorten a ten (10) hour engagement for a person engaged on a ten (10) hour basis for one or more days of engagement.

- (c) In the event a daily hire engaged on a four (4) or six (6) hour basis is required to work in excess of six (6) hours, they shall be compensated at the eight (8) hour rate. The Award in AC 91-2 is null and void. Persons engaged on a daily basis who work no more than six (6) hours pursuant to Paragraph (a) above shall not receive any paid meal period.
- (d) In the event the Company engages a person on a daily basis and thereafter cancels such engagement after 1:00 P.M. of the day preceding the assignment, said person shall be paid a sum equal to a four (4), six (6), eight (8) or ten (10) hour engagement, whichever is applicable.

In addition, in the event the Company engages a person on a daily basis and thereafter cancels such engagement after 1:00 P.M. of the day preceding the assignment, such person shall receive the appropriate payment in lieu of benefits pursuant to Sideletter FD-1 for the cancelled engagement, and the engagement shall count as a day worked for purposes of calculating all applicable eligibility thresholds.

- (e) Persons hired on a daily basis shall receive a payment of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) a day in lieu of benefits. However, persons hired on a daily basis at the Field Utility rate set forth in Section A14.5 shall not receive any payment in lieu of benefits.

Effective April 1, 2022, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per day, with Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$40/\$25/\$15).

Effective April 6, 2024, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per day, with Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$35/\$30/\$15).

(See Sideletters FD, FD-1 and HF.)

- (f) Each person who works on a daily basis more than seventy (70) days in any calendar year shall receive annual vacation pay in an amount equal to four percent (4%) of such employee's straight-time rate of pay for all straight-time hours worked in that

calendar year, payable by separate check by February 15 of the next succeeding calendar year.

(See Sideletter HO for daily hires who work more than 180 days in a calendar year.)

- (g) [Deleted.]
- (h) Except with respect to any daily hire participating in the Signature Plan as provided in Sideletter HF (Daily Hire Signature Benefits), paragraph 5(d), the Company will provide a daily hire employee with Company paid life insurance in the principal amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) on the following basis:
  - (i) A daily hire employee who works more than seventy-five (75) days in a calendar year shall qualify for such life insurance policy for a single calendar year as set forth herein.
  - (ii) The policy will be in effect for the calendar year immediately following the qualifying year as defined in subparagraph (i) above.
  - (iii) Eligibility for this life insurance policy shall lapse and the employee shall have no coverage provided by the Company effective January 1 in any calendar year immediately following a year in which the daily hire employee does not work more than seventy-five (75) days within a calendar year.
  - (iv) [Deleted.]

(See Sideletters DT, GF and HF.)

- (i) There shall be a minimum of ten (10) hours between the end of an employee's original schedule or any extension thereof and the start of the next. Assignments during the above turnaround period shall be compensated for, in addition to the regular rate, at Nine Dollars (\$9.00) per hour for the portion of such assignment which encroaches on such turnaround period. The above-referenced provision shall not apply with respect to "travel only" days.

#### Section A14.3

- (a) The following provisions of the Master Agreement shall not apply to persons hired on a daily basis: Sections 3.4, 3.5(a), 3.5(c), 3.6 and 3.7; Articles VIII except Sections 8.1 (the final sentence only), 8.5(e), and 8.11; XI except Section 11.9; XII except Sections 12.3(a) and 12.3(b); XIII except Section 13.3; XIV, XV; Sections 16.4(a), 16.5, 16.6(a), 16.11 and 16.12; Articles XVIII, XIX, XXII except the Company's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy and except with respect to daily hire employees determined to be eligible for Signature Plan benefits pursuant to Sideletter HF; XXIII, Section 26.1 and Articles XXVII through XXIX.

In lieu of the respective provisions of the Master Agreement, the following shall apply to such persons hired on a daily basis:

- (b) Section 16.4(a): Effective April 1, 2022, on “travel-only” days involving travel to out-of-town assignments covered by the Master Agreement, a daily hire employee’s workday and travel time shall begin at the scheduled departure time of the common carrier and shall end thirty (30) minutes after the employee arrives at the gate, train station, or port at the out-of-town destination, with a minimum daily credit of eight (8) hours of pay at a rate of Thirty-Five Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$35.25) per hour (increasing to Thirty-Five Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$35.75) per hour effective April 6, 2024), but in no event higher than the employee’s regular rate of pay.

Upon returning from an out-of-town assignment, a daily hire employee’s workday and travel time shall commence as described in the preceding sentence and shall end when the carrier arrives at the gate, train station, or port at the destination, with a minimum daily credit of eight (8) hours of pay at the applicable rate pursuant to this provision. There shall be no crediting of any travel time from the airport, train station, or port.

Any hours of travel by such employee in excess of eight (8) hours in any such day shall be paid as daily overtime at one and one half (1½) times the applicable rate pursuant to this provision. The above-referenced eight (8) hours and any hours of travel in excess of eight (8) hours in any such day will not count towards weekly overtime. In addition, the Company will make a payment in the amount of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) as a mandatory contribution to the Entertainment Industry Flex Plan and a contribution in the amount of Five Dollars (\$5.00) to the employee’s designated retirement savings plan pursuant to Sideletter FD-1 (Communications Workers of America Savings and Retirement Trust (“SRT”) or the Entertainment Industry 401(k) Plan (“Flex 401(k) Plan”)) for any “travel-only” day.

The Company shall pay such hourly rate and contributions on “travel-only” days when the employee requests, and management agrees to permit, the employee to drive to the out-of-town remote site a distance of sixty-five (65) miles or more pursuant to Section 17.1(c). Such hourly rate and contributions shall also be paid when the Company assigns someone to drive to the out-of-town remote site a distance of sixty-five (65) miles or more but no more than one-hundred fifty (150) miles each way, by the most direct routes, when (i) no direct flight is available; and (ii) the direct flying time would be less than two (2) hours if a direct flight were available. In both cases, such employee’s workday and travel time shall begin upon commencement of the drive and shall end upon arrival at the destination, with a minimum daily credit of eight (8) hours of pay at the applicable rate pursuant to this provision.

This hourly rate and contributions shall be in lieu of any other wages, payment(s) in lieu of benefits, premiums, penalties or other compensation to which the employee may be entitled under the Master Agreement and the time spent in travel and this travel time shall not be counted as time worked for any purpose, nor included within the ‘total number of days worked’ by persons hired on a daily basis as set forth in Section A14.1(a). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section (a) and this section (b), such “travel-only” days shall be counted also for purposes of calculating the eligibility thresholds for a daily hire’s entitlement to the payments: (i) in lieu of vacation in Section A14.2(f); (ii) in lieu of pension in Sideletter FB; and (iii) the daily hire life insurance under A14.2(h); as well as for the purpose of the determination regarding an offer of Signature Benefits as provided in Sideletter HF and the benefits provided in Sideletter IF. Daily hire employees engaged for “travel-only” days on out-of-town assignments pursuant to this subsection shall also be entitled to the meal expense and laundry allowances provided in Section 7.7(a).

Article A-VIII shall be inapplicable on any “travel-only” day(s), and no meal period need be scheduled or assigned on such day(s), nor shall any meal period penalties accrue on such days.

- (c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Sections (a) and (b) above, when there is a “travel only” day sandwiched between work on two (2) Company assignments, such “travel only” day shall be treated as an eight (8) hour engagement under A14.2(a), subsections 3.1(b), A14.2(d), (e), (f) and (h) of the Master Agreement shall apply, and such eight (8) hour day shall be counted only for the purposes of weekly overtime.
- (d) Section 16.6(a): For the purpose of this Article XVI as it applies to persons hired on a daily basis, “home office” shall be determined by Company assignment and shall be defined, at the Company’s election, as the daily hire’s home or regular place of business, a Company facility within commuting distance of the daily hire’s home if they are required to report at such facility before commencing the next assignment, or the out-of-town hotel or headquarters to which the employee may be assigned by the Company for the duration of the assignment.
- (e) Section 16.11: A person hired on a daily basis shall receive an amount equal to the rate for either an eight (8) hour, or if the employee had been engaged for a ten (10) hour engagement on an immediately preceding contiguous out-of-town covered assignment, a ten (10) hour engagement for each day during which such person is required by the Company to remain out-of-town, but has no work assignment.
- (f) On entertainment programs (except daytime serial programs) not already in existence as of April 1, 2017 (“New Entertainment Productions”), for all daily hire employees there shall be a minimum of nine (9) hours between the end of an

employee’s original schedule or any extension thereof on any regular workday and the start of the next. A day off shall consist of thirty-three (33) hours off consecutively and two (2) days off, fifty-seven (57) hours. Assignments during any of the above turnaround periods shall be compensated for, in addition to the regular rate, at one-half (1/2) the straight time rate per hour for the portion of such assignment which encroaches on such turnaround period.

Section A14.4

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(See Sideletter EH - Vendor Employees.)

Section A14.5

The following shall set forth the groups for purposes of classification and minimum wage scales for persons engaged on a daily basis:

	Field Utility*			
	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
Four Hour	\$70.50	\$73.00	\$75.50	\$78.00
Six Hour	\$106.00	\$109.50	\$113.00	\$116.50
Eight Hour	\$140.00	\$144.50	\$149.00	\$154.00
Ten Hour*	\$194.50	\$201.00	\$207.50	\$214.00
	Utility/V-3			
	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
Four Hour	\$121.00	\$125.00	\$129.00	\$133.00
Six Hour	\$180.00	\$186.00	\$192.00	\$198.00
Eight Hour	\$240.00	\$248.00	\$256.00	\$264.50
Ten Hour*	\$329.00	\$339.50	\$350.50	\$362.00

\*Applies only in the field. See Sideletter GK (4) and (5) for rules pertaining.



Group 2

Radio Edit (2)  
Camera Operator  
Audio Assist Engineer (A-2)  
Studio/Field Engineer  
Graphics, Electronic Character Generator and/or Still Store Operator  
Technical Stock Clerk/Utility  
Studio Utility

	<u>10/9/2021 -</u> <u>3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 -</u> <u>3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 -</u> <u>4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 -</u> <u>3/31/2025</u>
Four Hour	\$194.50	\$201.00	\$207.50	\$214.00
Six Hour	\$290.00	\$299.50	\$309.00	\$319.00
Eight Hour	\$386.50	\$399.00	\$412.00	\$425.50
Ten Hour*	\$529.50	\$546.50	\$564.50	\$583.00

Group 5

Audio Operator (A-1, Comms, Sub-mixer, REMI Mixer)  
Hand Held Camera Operator  
Video Operator (V-1, V-2, Video)  
Editor  
Video Record/Playback/Quick Turnaround-Replay  
ENG Audio Operator  
ENG Field Technician  
ENG Field Technician/Editor  
Sr. Network ENG Technical Support  
Media Preparations Operator  
Robotic Camera/Video Shading Engineer  
LDE Stadium Announce Booth\*  
Graphic Artist (NY)  
Radio Mixer  
Video Sub-Cut (V-3 Sub-Cut)

(See Sideletter CC.)

	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
Four Hour	\$206.00	\$212.50	\$219.50	\$226.50
Six Hour	\$311.50	\$321.50	\$332.00	\$343.00
Eight Hour	\$414.50	\$428.00	\$442.00	\$456.50
Ten Hour**	\$571.00	\$589.50	\$608.50	\$628.50

\*Applies only on Sports remotes lighting a stadium announce booth.

\*\*Applies only in field. See Sideletter GK (6) and (7) for rules pertaining.

#### Group 5A – WABC-TV Two Person ENG Crew

##### Minimum Wage Scale Per Week:

<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022- 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023- 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024- 3/31/2025</u>
\$426.00	\$440.00	\$454.50	\$469.50

(See Sideletter GN.)

#### Group 7

ENG-EFP Camera Operator

ENG-EFP Camera Operator/Editor

Maintenance

SNG Operator

LDE

LDE Combo\*

Specialty Camera Operator

Graphic Artist (NY)

Post Production Editor

Editor

Control Center Engineer

Network ENG Technical Support Supervisor

Transmission Engineer

Network Senior Audio Control Engineer (7)\*\*

Lead Video Record/Playback/Quick Turnaround-Replay (only applicable under the Sports Event Agreement)\*\*\*

\*See Sideletter HP

\*\*See reference to this classification under Group 9.

\*\*\*See Article A-XV

	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
Four Hour	\$218.00	\$225.00	\$232.50	\$240.00
Six Hour	\$327.50	\$338.00	\$349.00	\$360.50
Eight Hour	\$436.50	\$450.50	\$465.00	\$480.00
Ten Hour*	\$601.00	\$620.50	\$640.50	\$661.50

\*Applies only in the field.

#### Group 8

##### Television Technical Director (8)

	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
Four Hour	\$235.00	\$242.50	\$250.50	\$258.50
Six Hour	\$350.50	\$362.00	\$374.00	\$386.00
Eight Hour	\$469.00	\$484.00	\$499.50	\$515.50
Ten Hour*	\$644.50	\$665.50	\$687.00	\$709.50

\*Applies only in the field.

#### Group 9

##### Network Television Show Technical Director

	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
Four Hour	\$254.50	\$263.00	\$271.50	\$280.50
Six Hour	\$382.00	\$394.50	\$407.50	\$420.50
Eight Hour	\$508.00	\$524.50	\$541.50	\$559.00
Ten Hour*	\$699.00	\$721.50	\$745.00	\$769.00

\*Applies only in the field.

To receive a Group 9 hereunder, a Network Television Show Technical Director (Production Technical Director) must be responsible for the production of: (i) a special (i.e., not regularly scheduled) Network television program of sixty (60) or more minutes in length as broadcast; or (ii) a Network television sports program of ninety (90) or more minutes in length as broadcast. In either (i) or (ii) to be eligible for a daily upgrade under this Section, the Network show must also require the Technical Director to be responsible for the simultaneous switching among at least twelve (12) live, staffed cameras, all of which remain available for switching for the duration of the program.

Cameras under the control of a robotic camera operator, whether one or more cameras, shall be deemed to be one live staffed camera for the purpose of determining the number of staffed cameras under this provision.

On those days when the Network Television Show Technical Director receives a daily upgrade to Group 9, the A-1 Audio Operator shall receive a daily upgrade to Group 7 and be designated a Network Senior Audio Control Engineer for that day.

The Group 9 or Group 7 upgrade, as applicable, shall apply only for day-of-air broadcast. No upgrade will be given for travel, set-up, knock-down, or meeting days.

Any Group 9 or Group 7 assignment hereunder will be a daily upgrade to Group 9 or Group 7, as applicable, based on the minimum daily rate in this Section.

Video Tape Librarians - Daily Rates

	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
Four Hour	\$166.00	\$171.50	\$177.00	\$183.00
Six Hour	\$248.50	\$256.50	\$265.00	\$273.50
Eight Hour	\$332.00	\$343.00	\$354.00	\$365.50

(See Sideletter EN for KGO-TV Rates.)

ARTICLE A-XV  
ABC-NABET SPORTS EVENT AGREEMENT

Amendment To Master Agreement ABC-NABET Sports Event Agreement

NABET-CWA and American Broadcasting Companies, Inc. hereby agree to amend the NABET-CWA/ABC Master Agreement as set forth herein.

Section A15.1

**Purpose:** The parties hereby agree to amend the Master Agreement in order to: (a) Renew and update the ABC/NABET-CWA Time Buy Agreement and the Extension And Modification Thereto dated December 24, 2010 (“Time-Buy Agreement”); (b) deal with the effects of lost work opportunities for NABET-represented employees, in work classifications traditionally covered by the ABC-NABET Master Agreement, that have diminished and will continue to diminish due to technologic and work flow changes, consolidation of operations and events moving off the ABC Television Network; and (c) provide ABC and its potential client ESPN with workforce stability.

Section A15.2

**Work Assignment Commitment:**

(a) ESPN has requested that ABC provide technical services for certain specified events. As a result, ABC agrees to assign “A” Engineering Unit employees to perform live or tape program origination engineering work in the field for such ESPN produced sports events on The ABC Television Network, ESPN and ESPN2 (“ESPN Primary”), ESPN, ESPN3, ESPN News, ESPN Classic, The Longhorn Network, ACC Network, SEC-ESPN Network, ESPN+, ACC Network Extra and SECN+ (“Additional ESPN Platforms”) (with ESPN Primary and each Additional ESPN Platform when referenced collectively, referred to as “ESPN Platforms”), pursuant to all the terms and conditions of the 2021-2025 ABC-NABET Master Agreement (“Master Agreement”) applicable to the “A” Unit, and any applicable successor agreement thereto, except as modified herein. The foregoing assignment commitment shall apply to engineering work for pre, post, half-time or wrap-around shows (“wrap shows”) in connection with such events that originate either from the venue of the event or ABC Times Square Studios (“TSS”), except as otherwise provided herein. The parties acknowledge that this Agreement does not supersede or change the TSS Marquis/Atrium Four Wall Agreement, dated July 23, 2013, that pertains to studio shows that are not wrap programs for a sports event.

(b) The total number of work, work/travel, travel/work, travel only, sandwich days and days off out of town ABC assigns pursuant to this Agreement (“Covered Days”), shall equal or exceed thirty-five thousand (35,000) Covered Days per calendar year, prorated in accordance with the number of full months after the effective date in the initial calendar year of this Agreement and before the terminal date in any calendar year in which a

termination occurs. In cases of force majeure events such as a pandemic or because the rights to air a major sporting event(s) have been lost, or expired (e.g., NBA, NFL, MLB, MLS), the parties agree to engage in mid-term negotiations over the number of Covered Days.

(c) The parties understand and acknowledge that:

- i. This Agreement shall be subject to any assignment jurisdiction exceptions set forth in the Master Agreement (e.g., Sideletter EH relating to vendor employees), excluding only Sideletter EJ.
- ii. The commitment to assign ABC “A” Unit employees pursuant to this Agreement specifically excludes any work performed by ESPN in connection with programming at its Bristol, Connecticut, Los Angeles, California or any other ESPN leased or owned facilities.
- iii. The parties acknowledge that the client-producer, ESPN, already has crewing relationships and efficient methods for producing shows. As a result, the client-producer ESPN may choose, in its discretion, to utilize its own employees, those of subcontractors (e.g., crewing companies (such as Sammons Communications, LDM, Clarion North America Inc.), third party production companies, vendors, universities or colleges) to perform work on any of the foregoing events or wrap programs, including on a “mixed-crew” basis, without any obligation to cover such persons under the Master Agreement, provided that employees of subcontractors or vendors shall not be permitted on covered sports events or wrap programs on the ABC Television Network except as permitted by the Master Agreement (e.g., Sideletter EH).

Effective January 1, 2023, to the extent client-producer ESPN may choose to use third party production companies, if the use of such “third party production companies”, pursuant to the preceding paragraph, exceeds eight hundred fifty (850) events in any calendar year, the engineering crew used to support those third party production companies will be provided pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement (e.g., ABC engaged daily hire, ROE, ESPN Staff) and not engaged by such third party production companies on all such events in excess of the eight hundred fifty (850), up to a cap of two hundred (200) such events per year. Such events shall be disbursed through the calendar year according to operational needs, and the Company will not wait until the threshold is reached before fulfilling its obligations hereunder. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude the Company at its discretion from assigning crews under the provisions of the Agreement to additional events beyond the two hundred (200) event commitment. In an effort to aid the Union in preparing for review of compliance with this provision, the Company will supply information concerning the number of third party production company produced events in calendar year 2022 by January 31, 2023. Beginning

in calendar year 2023 and going forward, the Company shall provide the Union with the same information on a quarterly basis.

The immediately preceding paragraph shall not apply to third party production companies engaged directly by the sports event rights holder to produce and deliver content for exhibition by ESPN (e.g., UFC). The Company has arranged with ESPN to produce, and will produce, upon request by the Union, solely those provisions of the rights agreement(s) that demonstrate that the rights holder has the responsibility to produce the event. Examples of provisions not subject to this commitment include, without limitation, financial terms, trade secrets, the term or duration of the agreement and option provisions. The provisions shall be produced at a location to be mutually agreed upon by the parties, and the Union may make notes, but not make or retain any copies. In the case of any such agreement that contains a confidentiality clause enforceable by the rights holder, the Company shall make good faith efforts to obtain the rights holder's permission to divulge the same provisions on the same terms, or find an alternative method to provide the Union such information.

- iv. ESPN's option to assign its own employees pursuant to the foregoing sub-Section A15.2(c)(iii) shall not be construed to permit ESPN to assign its own casual employees to the same event or wrap program to which ABC assigns daily hires pursuant to this Agreement. If ABC assigns employees pursuant to this Agreement to a particular event or wrap program, any ESPN employees assigned to the same event or wrap program shall be ESPN staff employees or regular full-time remote operations employees ("ROE"). An ESPN Casual Employee is defined as any employee other than an ESPN staff or ROE. The limitation set forth in this sub-paragraph shall not apply to any event or wrap program to which there are no ABC NABET-represented employees assigned. Nothing in this sub-paragraph shall be construed to reduce the Covered Days commitment set forth in Section A15.2(b).
- v. The parties acknowledge that the client has and will continue to have relationships with vendors of operational equipment who have supplied that equipment as well as the vendor's own employees. Accordingly, the limitations set forth in Sideletter EH shall not apply to events or wrap programs produced for any ESPN Platforms.
- vi. Nothing in sub-Section A15.2(c) shall be construed to diminish the minimum Covered Days commitment set forth in sub-Section A15.2(b) or the remedy for breach thereof set forth in Section A15.10.

(d) This Agreement covers ESPN Time-Buys on the ABC Television Network, as defined in the ABC/NABET-CWA Time-Buy Agreement. However, this Agreement shall not cover other third-party Time-Buys on the ABC Television Network or Time Buy(s) on any ESPN Platform. If ABC obtains an agreement to provide technical crewing services for any such Time-Buy(s), then it will notify NABET of such agreement. ABC shall

then apply this Agreement to any sports events or wrap shows produced in connection with any such non-ESPN Time-Buy on the ABC Television Network or Time-Buy on an ESPN Platform, and any days assigned for such sports events or wrap shows shall count toward the Covered Days set forth in Section A15.2(b) above.

(e) Within sixty (60) calendar days of the end of the first full month after the execution of this Agreement and within thirty (30) calendar days of each month thereafter, ABC will provide NABET-CWA with a report in substantially the same format as the current ABC Daily Hire report of all work performed under this Agreement.

(f) For any event or wrap show to which NABET-represented employees are assigned pursuant to this Agreement, ABC will provide the NABET-CWA in advance with a Crew List with the same information that is currently being provided. Such Crew List shall be provided no later than two (2) days prior to such event. However, the parties acknowledge that crew scheduling often involves assignments and changes close to the time of the event or show and so reports may have inaccuracies or omissions. In the event that there are any changes to the crew subsequent to ABC providing the foregoing information, ABC shall provide NABET-CWA with timely updated information.

In addition, for such ESPN-produced events, commencing on October 1, 2022, the Company will provide the following information for each event. The Company shall provide the full roster of the technical crew including all positions, and indicating the employment status of each position (i.e., daily hires, ROEs, vendor and crewing company employees). For events produced for the ABC Television Network, the Company will provide such information within thirty (30) days after the event. For events produced for ESPN platforms, the Company will provide the foregoing information for such events every six (6) months. There shall be no requirement to provide names or other personally identifying information for non-unit employees.

The parties discussed that because the Company's client, ESPN, produces over 3000 sports events per year, there exists the logistical and data compilation work involved with, as well as the need to create a new record-keeping system, to provide the above-referenced information on an earlier basis than set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph, particularly since the request involves information concerning non-unit employees. As a result, in addition to the reports that the Company has already committed to providing above, to enable the Union to enforce the contract, and in order to make a good faith effort to provide such reports on a more frequent basis, the parties agree to meet within two (2) months of ratification of the successor to the 2017-2021 Master Agreement on this subject. The Union reserves its right to file an information request. Both parties reserve all legal positions.

(g) In accordance with past practice, and Sideletters BP and DB, or other provisions of the Master Agreement, the parties acknowledge that this Agreement shall not apply to



any inserts, segments or other material produced by ESPN or any other outside producer that appears on ABC's air.

(h) If ESPN establishes a Remi operation at ABC's DC Bureau (including Remote Studio Remi and Sports Event Remi), and ESPN agrees to engage ABC to supply technical personnel for such work, this Sports Event Agreement shall be amended as follows:

- i. Such Remi work shall be covered by the terms of this Sports Event Agreement and shall count for purposes of Section A15.2(b) of this Sports Event Agreement relating to number of days guaranteed under the Sports Event Agreement.
- ii. Revise Section A15.2(c) of this Sports Event Agreement such that the restriction on hiring Field Utilities through subcontractors shall no longer apply; provided, however, that if any Field Utility employee is hired to work on an ABC Television Network platform and is employed beyond any of the thresholds in Section 3.1(b) of the Master Agreement, such individual will be covered thereafter under the terms of this Sports Event Agreement.

### Section A15.3

#### **Terms and Conditions of Employment:**

(a) The terms and conditions applicable to the assignments pursuant to Section A15.2 above, Work Assignment Commitment shall be those set forth in the 2021-2025 Master Agreement and any successor thereto, subject to the special conditions set forth in this Section A15.3:

- i. Utilities: NABET agrees that the rates and special conditions applicable to Field Utilities under the Master Agreement shall apply to those assigned under this Agreement, provided that: (1) the twenty (20) day lifetime cap on utilization; and (2) the requirement to hire one employee at the Utility rate for every four (4) field utilities assigned, all as set forth in Sideletter GK, shall not be applicable. "Special conditions" for Field Utilities engaged pursuant to this Agreement include the inapplicability of the payment in lieu of benefits, pension and the vacation, contributions to the Flex Medical Plan, as well as the provisions relating to company paid life insurance. In lieu of the twenty (20) day lifetime cap, if an employee works more than twenty (20) days in any twelve (12) month period, the Company shall thereafter lose the ability to hire that person at the field utility rate.
- ii. Per Diem Checks: ABC need not pay per diem checks on site to any employee assigned pursuant to this Agreement. Per diem payments pursuant to Section 7.7(a) shall be made with the wage payment for such engagement(s).
- iii. Night Shift Differential: Night shift differential shall not apply to employees covered by this Agreement.

- iv. Retirement Plan: The qualifying threshold set forth in Sideletter FB for contributions to the CWA Savings and Retirement Trust shall not apply to any days assigned pursuant to this Agreement.
- v. Vacation Payment: The qualifying threshold set forth in Section A14.2(f) for payments in lieu of vacation shall not apply to any days assigned pursuant to this Agreement.
- vi. Terms Applicable To ESPN Platforms: With regard to the ESPN Platforms to which ABC assigns employees covered by this Agreement:
  - (1) The maximum overtime premium shall be one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay, except that, effective January 1, 2015, work performed in excess of ten (10) hours on a ten (10) hour call, and eight (8) hours on an eight (8) hour call, on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, shall be compensated at a rate equal to two (2) times the straight time rate of pay.
  - (2) With regard to assignments to ESPN Platforms, effective April 1, 2022, the Company will make a Thirty-Five Dollar (\$35) per day contribution to the Entertainment Industry Flex Plan ("Flex Medical Plan"), a Fifteen Dollar (\$15) per day contribution to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1, and an additional Fifteen Dollar (\$15) per day payment in lieu of benefits ("PILB"), payable for those days such payments would be due under the Master Agreement.

Effective April 6, 2024, the Company will make a Forty Dollar (\$40) per day contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, a Fifteen Dollar (\$15) per day contribution to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1, and an additional Ten Dollar (\$10) per day PILB, payable for those days such payments would be due under the Master Agreement.

Except as specifically set forth above, Sideletter FD-1 shall apply in all respects.

In the event that the Entertainment Industry Flex Plan ceases to exist, the Company and the Union will meet promptly to discuss and agree upon an appropriate substitute thereto.

- (3) Employees assigned pursuant to this Agreement shall be paid at least the applicable minimum base wage rate set forth in Section A14.5 of the 2021-2025 Master Agreement or any successor thereto.
- (4) Only for ESPN Platforms, in order to accommodate the client's crewing relationships for finding and paying utilities for the large number of events

involved, ESPN may continue to engage a crewing company to engage utilities (e.g., Kwoc) and such utilities shall not be covered by the Master Agreement. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to events and wrap shows on the ABC Television Network.

vii. With regard to all covered platforms to which ABC assigns employees covered by this Agreement:

- (1) The first meal period shall be no less than thirty (30) minutes and shall not count toward the computation of overtime for any purpose. On set up days, reasonable additional meal time, beyond thirty (30) minutes as necessary, shall be provided for employees to obtain a meal, except when an on-site meal is provided.
- (2) The meal penalty for “missing” a first meal shall be a single payment of one (1) hour of overtime at the employee’s rate of pay on the event or wrap show on which such meal occurred.

viii. There shall be a minimum of ten (10) hours between the end of an employees’ original schedule or any extension thereof on any workday and the start of the next. Assignments during any of the above turnaround periods shall be compensated for, in addition to the regular rate, at Nine Dollars (\$9.00) per hour for the portion of such assignment which encroaches on such turnaround period. This paragraph shall not apply to travel-only days.

ix. With respect to an employee on an assignment that requires the employee to stay away from home overnight and, with the approval of management, who uses the employee’s own vehicle to travel from the hotel to the covered event or wrap show, the Company shall reimburse such employee for travel between such accommodations and the remote site. Reimbursement shall be at the applicable IRS mileage rate, and take into consideration the most direct route possible between the hotel and the remote site.

Mileage shall not be reimbursed if the employee is a passenger in a carpool, or is provided a shuttle or other Company transportation. Nothing herein shall be construed to require adding work time to the schedule, or alter the provisions of Section 16.6(b).

(b) Daily Hire Cap: Employees engaged pursuant to this Agreement will not count toward the fifty percent (50%) daily hire utilization allowance provided in the 2021-2025 Master Agreement or any successor thereto.

(c) Negotiations Concerning Changes: Except as the parties may otherwise agree, any changes in wages and working conditions will be made as agreed upon (including the

effective date of such changes) in the 2021-2025 Master Agreement or any successor thereto applying during the term of this Agreement.

(d) If the Company requires that an employee participate in internet-based training (e.g., new graphics packages, operating systems, safety, hearing conservation, timekeeping), complete periodic audiometric testing or perform administrative tasks (e.g., complete travel and expense reports), other than at the site of the remote, the Company shall pay employees Thirty Dollars (\$30) per hour for such training, periodic audiometric testing or administrative work, but in no event shall an employee be paid less than one (1) hour. No payment in lieu of benefits, payment in lieu of vacation or payment in lieu of pension pursuant to the terms of the Sports Agreement or Master Agreement shall be due for hours spent on such work. In addition, such time shall not count for purposes of the daily hire life insurance threshold set forth in Section A14.2(h).

Employees shall only receive compensation pursuant to this paragraph (d) for time spent on management-approved training programs. As per past practice, employees shall not receive such compensation for booking their own travel arrangements and accommodations.

With regards to the completion of expense reports or other administrative work, such work shall be completed during working time at the remote site or during the employee's "travel only", "travel-work" or "work-travel" day. Employees are not authorized to submit time for completion of expense reports or administrative work performed away from a remote assignment or outside of a "travel only," "travel-work" or "work-travel" day unless they receive management authorization. The parties acknowledge that any training or administrative tasks performed while at the airport or on the common carrier on a "travel only" day shall not be paid any additional amount, and the payment set forth in Section A14.3(b) shall be deemed inclusive of such tasks.

If the Company requires that an employee attend or call in for pre- or post- production meeting(s), the employee shall be paid his/her regular straight time hourly rate for the actual time spent in such meeting(s), but in no event shall an employee be paid less than thirty (30) minutes. No payment in lieu of benefits pursuant to the terms of the Sports Agreement or Master Agreement shall be due for time spent in such meeting(s). In addition, such time shall not count for purposes of the daily hire life insurance threshold set forth in Section A14.2(h). However, such time shall be included for purposes of the payment in lieu of pension and payment in lieu of vacation calculations set forth in Sideletter FB and Section A14.2(f).

(e) Section 26.2 of the Master Agreement shall not apply to any days covered by this Sports Agreement, and the provisions of Sideletter FO shall apply to such days.

## Section A15.4

### **Mutual Work Force Stability Commitments:**

(a) No Strike/No Interference: Notwithstanding the expiration of the 2021-2025 Master Agreement, or any successor thereto, NABET-CWA, its constituent locals and their respective executive boards (“Union”), agree that through December 31, 2034, neither the Union, nor their officers, agents or members, will authorize, aid, encourage, direct, abet or participate in any strike or picketing or in any other way interfere with the operations of any sports event or wrap show on the ABC Television Network or on any ESPN Platform, or any other ESPN facility or production. The Union further agrees not to fine, expel or otherwise discipline any of its members for performing work for ESPN, or in any other way attempt to interfere with its members performing work or work assignments for ESPN. In addition, ABC may cease engaging or discipline any employee assigned pursuant to this Agreement for refusal to cross a picket line established by any labor organization.

(b) No Lock-Out Commitment: ABC agrees that there will be no lockout of employees covered by this Agreement through December 31, 2034.

(c) Union Security Commitment: Through and including December 31, 2034, Sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the Master Agreement shall apply with respect to NABET-represented employees assigned pursuant to this Agreement.

(d) Limitation of Claims: The Union agrees that with respect to both the ABC and ESPN organizations, that it will not seek to (i) expand its work jurisdiction beyond what is expressly provided for in the 2021-2025 Master Agreement, any successor thereto, or this Agreement; (ii) claim or assert jurisdiction, recognition or other representational rights, through a grievance, unit clarification or other legal proceeding (including arbitration, NLRB or Federal or State Court actions, etc.), over any individuals performing work or work assignments for either ESPN, ABC, or their parents, subsidiary or affiliated organizations, based on the work opportunities afforded and the work force arrangement contemplated by this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, the Union may invoke the National Labor Relations Board’s process for seeking a representation election in accordance with Section 9(c) of the NLRA, or any successor provision thereto.

## Section A15.5

**Specific Time-Buy Agreement Provisions Incorporated:** This Agreement shall replace the Time-Buy Agreement except: (a) paragraph 4 of the December 24, 2010 Modification Agreement relating to College Football studio shows relocated to an ESPN Facility; and (b) paragraph 4.G of the Time Buy Agreement relating to the citeability of that Agreement; and (c) that part of paragraph 1 thereof relating to the definition of a Non- ESPN Time Buy. The agreements in those subsections “(a) paragraph 4” and

“paragraph 4G.” shall remain in full force and effect pursuant to their terms independent of this Agreement.

#### Section A15.6

**Effective Date:** This Agreement shall be effective April 1, 2017.

#### Section A15.7

##### **Termination of Agreement:**

- (a) This Agreement shall terminate on December 31, 2034.
- (b) ABC shall be entitled to terminate this agreement in its sole discretion:
  - (i) In the event there is a work stoppage (including a sympathy strike) or interference with operations of any kind by the Union in violation of Section A15.4(a), including sports events and wrap programs on the ABC Television Network or any local television Station(s) that are part thereof.

In the case of a work stoppage or any other interference with operations covered by Section A15.4(a) which the Union, including any of its officers or agents, has not expressly or impliedly directed, solicited or incited, ABC shall not be entitled to terminate this Agreement until forty-eight (48) hours after the Union has been given notice of such work stoppage or interference. Such notice may be given orally or in writing, and written notice shall be deemed effective when sent via email to NABET-CWA Sector President, 501 Third Street NW, 6th floor, Washington, DC 20001, fax: (202) 434-1426, Email: NABET-CWA@cwa-union.org. During such forty-eight (48) hour period, the Union shall be provided with the opportunity to order, both orally and in writing, any employees engaged in such work stoppage or other interference with operations to cease and desist immediately. If the Union does not or refuses to do so or such employees fail to cease and desist from any such work stoppage or interference within such time period, ABC may thereupon terminate this Agreement.

- (ii) If there is a change in ownership or control of either ABC or ESPN such that they no longer share a common corporate parent organization, this Agreement shall be subject to immediate termination.
- (iii) Upon ninety (90) days written notice to NABET-CWA, if ESPN terminates the Agreement(s) with ABC pursuant to which ABC serves as the technical crew provider of employees covered by this Agreement.
- (iv) if the Union seeks to represent, attempts to organize or accept into membership or organizational status any individuals performing work for ESPN; provided,

however, the foregoing right to terminate shall not apply if the Union seeks to represent, attempts to organize or accepts into membership or representational status such persons during the pendency of any petition filed with the National Labor Relations Board by any other labor organization (except for another labor organization affiliated with the CWA) seeking an election for the purpose of representing such persons. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to give the Company the right of termination provided hereunder if the Union represents individuals who perform work for ESPN and are members of the Union as the result of employment by ABC or any other employer with which the Union may have a collective bargaining agreement.

(c) NABET-CWA shall be entitled to terminate this agreement in its sole discretion if there is a change in ownership or control of either ABC or ESPN such that they no longer share a common corporate parent organization.

(d) In the event this Agreement is terminated, either at its December 31, 2034 expiration date, or earlier pursuant to the terms herein, neither the Union nor the Company will cite in any subsequent NLRB, arbitration or other legal proceeding the factual, structural, production, operational or administrative circumstances that pertained during the term of this Agreement in the relationship between the ABC and ESPN entities, and any evidence concerning such matter shall not be received in any arbitration or other legal proceeding.

(e) The parties acknowledge that in the event this Agreement is in effect at the time of the expiration of the 2021-2025 Master Agreement or any successor thereto, the terms of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and the expiration of the Master Agreement shall have no impact on this Agreement.

#### Section A15.8

**Citation Of This Agreement:** The parties further agree nothing in this Agreement shall be cited or utilized by the Union (or any labor organization affiliated with the CWA) in any way for organizational or representational purposes with respect to persons performing work or work assignments for either ESPN or ABC, or any of their parents, subsidiaries or affiliate organizations.

#### Section A15.9

**Annual Meetings:** Some of the commitments and concepts in this Agreement are new to the parties. As a result, ABC and NABET-CWA will meet annually each year on a mutually agreed upon date(s) and at a mutually agreed upon place, to be determined by the parties no later than February 1 of each year. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss any issues that may arise in connection with the administration of this Agreement. The parties will provide each other with an agenda thirty (30) days in advance and the appropriate ABC managers responsible for ABC's relationship with

ESPN, as well as a senior member(s) of ABC's Labor Relations Department, shall attend. Such meetings will be conducted in a non- adversarial manner, shall be deemed off-the-record and will not be cited in any subsequent negotiation, and will be kept confidential where appropriate. Nor shall anything stated or provided in such meetings be received in any arbitration or legal proceeding.

#### Section A15.10

##### **Remedy For Violation Of Minimum Covered Day Guarantee:**

If ABC fails to comply with Section A15.2(b), the remedy shall be three (3) respective payments computed as follows:

(a) the number of days short of the Minimum Covered Day Guarantee ("Guarantee") as provided in Section A15.2(b) in that calendar year, or the pro-rated Guarantee for the initial or any partial terminal year ("Days Short"), multiplied by Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35), in remedy of payments in lieu of benefits.

(b) The Group 5 Ten (10)-hour rate as specified in Section A14.5 of the Master Agreement ("The Rate") multiplied by four percent (4%) and then further multiplied by the "Days Short," in remedy of payments in lieu of pension.

(c) The number of "Days Short" multiplied by "The Rate" and further multiplied by 1.66%, in remedy of payment of NABET-CWA Dues.

The amount set forth in A15.10(a) shall be paid as a contribution to the Flex Medical Plan and allocated on a pro-rata basis to the Flex Medical Plan Accounts of all employees for whom ABC made contributions to the Flex Medical Plan in accordance with the number of days assigned pursuant to the Master Agreement in such year. The amount set forth in A15.10(b) shall be paid as a contribution to the CWA-SRT 401(k) Plan and allocated in the same manner. The amount set forth in A15.10(c) shall be paid as a lump sum payment to NABET-CWA.

In the event that this agreement terminates pursuant to Section A15.7 hereof, nothing in this agreement shall preclude the Union from pursuing any remedy pursuant to this Section A15.10 or citing this agreement in any proceeding to obtain such remedy.

#### Section A15.11

**Arbitration:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the 2021-2025 ABC-NABET Master Agreement, or its successor Agreement, if applicable, the parties agree that the grievance and arbitration procedure set forth in sub-paragraphs (a) through (i) below shall apply only to:

- (I) any claims by the Company that the Union violated or threatens to violate sub- Section(s) A15.4(a), A15.4(d) or Section A15.8;



(II) claims by the Union regarding whether any specific work is covered by the commitments set forth in sub-Sections A15.2(a), A15.2(c), A15.2(d) and A15.2(g) above; or

(III) claims by either party with regard to sub-Section A15.7(d) above.

- (a) A hearing shall commence as soon as is practicable, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the date and time of the notice provided for in subparagraphs “d” and “e” below. The Impartial Umpire in a proceeding shall be Joan Parker. If Parker is unavailable for a hearing within the time limits set forth herein, the Impartial Umpire shall be Howard Edelman, provided that, if neither of the persons identified above is available within the time limits set forth herein, the Impartial Umpire shall be whichever one has the earliest availability to hear the case.
- (b) The Impartial Umpire shall have the authority to issue injunctive relief upon a finding of an actual or threatened breach of the provisions covered by this expedited arbitration procedure, provided that nothing herein shall be construed as precluding any court of competent jurisdiction from issuing such injunctive relief as may be authorized by law. Claims for damages resulting from such actual or threatened breach shall not be arbitrable pursuant to this expedited arbitration procedure. Jurisdiction over any claim for actual or punitive damages resulting from the breach of sub-Section(s) A15.4(a), A15.4(d) or Section A15.8 shall lie at the Company’s option in the federal and/or state court located in the County of New York, State of New York and the parties hereby consent to the jurisdiction and venue of such courts. The parties further agree that the Court may award any and all damages that are available at law and/or Section 20.12.
- (c) Except as provided in sub-paragraph (b) above, any claim for actual damages resulting from a breach of this Agreement, and all grievances for claimed violations of the Master Agreement relating to the terms and conditions of employment of “A” Unit technicians assigned pursuant to this Agreement, will be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure of the Master Agreement.
- (d) An arbitration covered by this expedited arbitration procedure may be commenced by telephone to the Impartial Umpire and the other party to be followed by written confirmation by email and/or overnight letter, notice to NABET-CWA Sector President, 501 Third Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington 20001, fax (202) 434-1426, or Senior Vice President, Labor Relations, 2300 West Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506, fax (818) 843- 1655.
- (e) Arbitration hearings seeking injunctive relief in whole or in part shall commence at the earliest availability of the Umpire, but in no event more than twenty-four (24) hours after compliance with the notice procedure set forth in “d” above, unless the moving party consents to an extension of time.

- (f) In the event of a claim of breach or threatened breach of the provisions covered by this expedited arbitration procedure, the arbitration may be conducted in whole or in part by telephone. The situs for a hearing, if the hearing is not conducted entirely by phone, will be the ABC Labor Relations office in New York. The parties expressly agree that the Impartial Umpire shall proceed with a hearing on an ex parte basis if the non-moving party is unavailable to commence the hearing within the above twenty-four (24) hour period. The hearing shall be completed within eight (8) hours after being commenced unless the moving party consents to additional time. The parties expressly waive their right to briefs. The award shall not be delayed to await the availability of transcripts.
- (g) Upon a prima facie showing of a breach or threatened breach of the provisions covered by this expedited arbitration procedure the Umpire shall immediately issue a temporary injunction enjoining such violation or threatened violation pending a full hearing. This temporary injunction shall be deemed a final award for the purposes of seeking judicial enforcement. Subject to the provisions of subparagraph “b” and “c” above, the Umpire’s award may include such orders as are appropriate, including but not limited to injunctive relief.
- (h) Any award may immediately be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction on notice to the other party, which notice may be given by telephone or fax or mail.
- (i) All time limits shall be mandatory and the Umpire shall have no authority to waive or extend any limits except with the consent of the parties.

#### Section A15.12

**No-Precedent Deal:** Except as necessary to interpret or apply this Agreement or in any negotiation to extend or amend this agreement, the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any practices that may develop under it shall not be precedential or cited by either party in any collective bargaining context, or received as evidence in any arbitration or other legal proceeding.

## B. TRAFFIC AND COMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT

### ARTICLE B-I SCOPE OF UNIT

#### Section B1.1

The term “employee” as used in this Agreement applies to:

- (a) All the Traffic Coordinators of the Company located in New York employed in the Traffic Operations Division of the Traffic Department of the Company, excluding the Director of Traffic, Traffic Managers and Assistant Traffic Managers;
- (b) [Deleted.]
- (c) [Deleted.]

### ARTICLE B-II DUTIES

#### Section B2.1

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, no duties as set forth in Section B2.2 of this Article shall be performed by any person other than an employee of the Company as hereinabove defined.

#### Section B2.2

Traffic Coordinators to which this Article applies shall:

- (a) Check executive orders for necessary program transmission information. As requested, issue Traffic operation orders and order all special wire, broadcast and telecast transmission facilities for the Company’s local and network use (which shall include wire lines and radio links used in overseas and foreign transmission) and personnel, and contact network Traffic control points giving them program transmission information. Coordinate all program transmission operations and check to see that various departments have supplied the program transmission details which are to be furnished by them.
- (b) Maintain Traffic operating charts, Traffic boards and daily logs. Draw up Traffic transmission orders and inform necessary Traffic points including AT&T and other carriers involved.
- (c) In accordance with general instructions and as requested, issue program transmission orders to the Engineering Department in connection with program originations involving other than regular studio feeds.

- (d) As requested and to the extent necessary, exchange program transmission information with employees of the other broadcasters and continue to perform those duties which they have ordinarily performed heretofore under the direction or supervision of their supervisor.

(See Sideletter CI.)

### Section B2.3

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### Section B2.4

A Traffic Coordinator will be assigned to three (3) major events each year. Those events will be determined by mutual agreement between the Company and the Union each January of that year. Traffic Coordinators may, at the discretion of the Company, be assigned to other remote activities.

(See Sideletter CJ.)

### Section B2.5

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### Section B2.6

- (a) Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, letter agreements, grievance settlements, practices or provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, management or supervisory personnel may make and place satellite facility inquiries, including, but not limited to, inquiries as to satellite availability at a specific time of day, costs for such facilities and inquiries which result in traffic orders subject only to written confirmation.

Further, persons not covered by this Agreement may order transmission facilities: (1) for use by Network radio; (2) for use by any radio Owned Stations; (3) for any programs or portions of programs which are not produced by the Company; (4) for any programs or portions of programs which originate outside of the continental United States; or (5) for any programs or portions of programs not broadcast by the ABC Television Network. In addition, persons not covered by this Agreement at each television Owned Station may order transmission facilities for television news material for such station: (1) from any television station or other television news gathering organization (e.g., CNN, CONUS, Florida News Network, etc.) regardless of when such material is to be broadcast; and (2) from satellite truck vendors if the initial broadcast of such news material is to be within twenty-four (24) hours from the placement of such order, provided, however, that Traffic

Coordinators will continue to be utilized to place such orders with vendors in the case of anticipated scheduled news events.

At television Owned Stations, persons other than employees covered by this Agreement may perform any functions in connection with keeping the daily log.

It is specifically understood and agreed that the Company retains the right, at its discretion, to require persons covered by this Agreement to order transmission facilities and to perform related duties which at the Company's discretion, may also be assigned to persons not covered by this Agreement. Further, any performance of these discretionary duties by persons covered by this Agreement shall not, under any circumstances, constitute an expansion of existing jurisdiction pursuant to any provision of the Master Agreement nor entitle any person covered by this Agreement to continue to be given any or all of these assignments, which the Company has retained the right to assign to others. No claim or dispute involving an assignment made pursuant to this paragraph, or the failure to make such an assignment, shall be subject to arbitration.

(See Sideletters DE, GD and HL.)

- (b) During the negotiations for the 2011-2017 Master Agreement, the parties discussed the Company obligations with respect to the work jurisdiction of the "B" Traffic Coordinator Unit. As a result, the parties agree that the ordering of permanent lines for broadcast material (e.g., Verizon, VYVX lines) is not within the work jurisdiction of the "B" Traffic Coordinator Unit. Further, the parties agree that the ordering of telephone, internet connectivity, and other lines not utilized for broadcast material transmission may be performed by "B" Unit Traffic Coordinators as well as persons other than NABET-CWA-represented employees. The assignment of "B" Unit Traffic Coordinators to such work shall not under any circumstances constitute an expansion of the existing "B" Unit jurisdiction pursuant to the Master Agreement.

ARTICLE B-III  
CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE SCALES

Section B3.1 - Traffic

Minimum Wage Scales Per Week

Group 5

<u>Years</u>	10/9/2021 - <u>3/31/2022</u>	4/1/2022 - <u>3/31/2023</u>	4/1/2023 - <u>4/5/2024</u>	4/6/2024 - <u>3/31/2025</u>
0-1	\$841.50	\$869.00	\$897.00	\$926.00
1-2	\$1287.50	\$1,329.50	\$1,372.50	\$1,417.00
2-3	\$1474.00	\$1,522.00	\$1,571.50	\$1,622.50
3-4	\$1641.50	\$1,695.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$1,807.00
4 & over	\$2075.50	\$2,143.00	\$ 2,212.50	\$2,284.50

Group 7

<u>Years</u>	10/9/2021 - <u>3/31/2022</u>	4/1/2022 - <u>3/31/2023</u>	/1/2023 - <u>4/5/2024</u>	4/6/2024 - <u>3/31/2025</u>
0-1	\$914.50	\$944.00	\$974.50	\$1,006.00
1-2	\$1377.00	\$1,422.00	\$ 1,468.00	\$1,515.50
2-3	\$1575.50	\$1,626.50	\$1,679.50	\$1,734.00
3-4	\$1753.50	\$1,810.50	\$ 1,869.50	\$1,930.50
4 & over	\$2181.50	\$2,252.50	\$ 2,325.50	\$2,401.00

Section B3.2

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Section B3.3

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Section B3.4

- (a) The Company shall have the right to hire persons on a daily basis in order to cover temporary workload requirements or the absence of an employee(s) covered by this Agreement.

Employees hired on a daily basis shall be paid for each day worked a daily rate equal to one-fifth (1/5) of the applicable weekly wage scale (at any step of the escalator) which shall be the regular rate of pay for daily hire employees as of that date. Daily hires may be assigned to work at such rate any eight (8) consecutive hours within any twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, provided that for the hours referred to in Article X such persons shall receive additional compensation as provided in that Article. Any work performed by such persons in hours in excess of forty (40) hours in a regular workweek (which shall be defined as beginning at 12:01 A.M. Saturday and continuing until 12 Midnight the following Friday), or in excess of eight (8) hours in any day and any work performed on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day (Last Monday in May), Juneteenth (June 19), July Fourth, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day shall be regarded as overtime and compensated at one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay. In addition, any work performed by persons engaged on a daily basis on New Year's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day shall be compensated at a rate equal to two (2) times their straight-time rate of pay for all overtime hours worked on any such holiday. In no case shall overtime accrue on overtime.

The paid one hour meal period shall not be considered time worked for any purpose including overtime and premium pay on the above-referenced holidays.

(See Sideletters GY and HV.)

Persons hired on a daily basis shall receive a payment of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) a day in lieu of benefits.

Effective April 1, 2022, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per day, with Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$40/\$25/\$15).

Effective April 6, 2024, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per day, with Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$35/\$30/\$15).

(See Sideletters FD, FD-1 and HF.)

Each person hired on a daily basis who has worked seventy (70) days in a calendar year shall receive vacation pay in an amount equal to four percent (4%) of such

employee's straight-time rate of pay for all straight-time hours worked in that calendar year, payable by separate check by February 15 of the next succeeding calendar year.

(See Sideletter HO for daily hires who work more than 180 days in a calendar year.)

Except with respect to any daily hire participating in the Signature Plan as provided in Sideletter HF (Daily Hire Signature Benefits), paragraph 5(d), the Company will provide a daily hire employee with Company paid life insurance in the principal amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) on the following basis:

- (i) A daily hire employee who works more than seventy-five (75) days in a calendar year shall qualify for such life insurance policy for a single calendar year as set forth herein.
- (ii) The policy will be in effect for the calendar year immediately following the qualifying year as defined in subparagraph (i) above.
- (iii) Eligibility for this life insurance policy shall lapse and the employee shall have no coverage provided by the Company effective January 1 in any calendar year immediately following a year in which the daily hire employee does not work more than seventy-five (75) days within a calendar year.

In the event the Company engages a person on a daily basis and thereafter cancels such engagement after 1:00 P.M. of the day preceding the assignment, said person shall be paid a sum equal to eight (8) hours' pay.

In addition, in the event the Company engages a person on a daily basis and thereafter cancels such engagement after 1:00 P.M. of the day preceding the assignment, such person shall receive the appropriate payment in lieu of benefits pursuant to Sideletter FD-1 for the cancelled engagement, and the engagement shall count as a day worked for purposes of calculating all applicable eligibility thresholds.

There shall be a minimum of ten (10) hours between the end of an employee's original schedule or any extension thereof and the start of the next. Assignments during the above turnaround period shall be compensated for, in addition to the regular rate, at Nine Dollars (\$9.00) per hour for the portion of such assignment which encroaches on such turnaround period. The above-referenced provision shall not apply with respect to "travel only" days.

- (b) The following provisions of the Master Agreement shall not apply to persons hired on a daily basis: Sections 3.4, 3.5(a), 3.5(c), 3.6 and 3.7; Articles VIII except Sections 8.1 (the final sentence only), 8.5(e), and 8.11; XI except Section 11.9; XII



except Sections 12.3(a) and 12.3(b); XIII except Section 13.3; XIV, XV; Sections 16.4(a), 16.5, 16.6(a), 16.11 and 16.12; Articles XVIII, XIX, XXII except the Company's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy and except with respect to daily hire employees determined to be eligible for Signature Plan benefits pursuant to Sideletter HF; XXIII, Section 26.1 and Articles XXVII through XXIX.

#### ARTICLE B-IV TRANSPORTATION FOR EMPLOYEES

##### Section B4.1

An employee who is required to work at their home office later than 8:00 P.M. will, if requested, be furnished transportation to their home if it is within five (5) miles of their place of employment or, if their home is farther away, to the public transportation facility normally available to such employee. If, in such event, transportation to such location is not furnished by the Company, the employee will be reimbursed for any actual taxi expenses incurred by them to reach such location. This provision shall not apply to employees whose regular shift extends beyond 8:00 P.M.

#### ARTICLE B-V SENIORITY

##### Section B5.1

Within each operating group, regular employees under this Agreement with a Unit Seniority date of July 20, 1989 or earlier will have preference for the watch to which they are regularly assigned in accordance with their Unit Seniority unless, by mutual consent, the Company and the employee(s) affected agree otherwise. However, the above shall not apply to any Traffic Coordinator regularly assigned to the News Traffic Desk. In the event a Traffic Coordinator with a Unit Seniority date of July 20, 1989 or earlier is involuntarily reassigned to the News Traffic Desk for a period in excess of three (3) weeks, such Coordinator shall be assigned to work the same shift, if available, or the closest comparable shift to the one which they worked prior to such involuntary assignment. Layoffs and rehiring of employees in the Traffic Department under Sections 11.6 and 11.7 shall be according to seniority at such office within the applicable group.

##### Section B5.2

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ARTICLE B-VI  
COMPANY-WIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Section B6.1

- (a) The Company will, in addition to complying with Section 3.3 of the Master Agreement, if time permits, notify the Sector President of the Union of opportunities for employment (except daily employment) in jobs covered by this Agreement. Any regular employee at another office of the Company who has been laid off by the Company and who has rehiring privileges pursuant to Section 11.7, upon notification to the Company of the employee's interest in the employment opportunity will be interviewed at the office of their layoff and will be given good faith consideration for such employment opportunity. Such laid off employee, if rehired at another office of the Company, shall be credited at the office of their rehire with the employee's Total Company and Pay Seniority, but not with Unit Seniority accrued at the office of their layoff. Such employee will also retain rehiring privileges and Unit Seniority at the office of their layoff for the applicable period specified in Section 11.7, which period shall not be affected by the employee's employment at the office of their rehire; however, if such employee refuses recall to an employment opportunity (other than a vacation relief or other temporary employment opportunity) at the office of their layoff, the employee shall forfeit rehiring privileges and Unit Seniority at that office. If such employee accepts recall at the office of their layoff, the employee may return to such office and will receive credit for all seniority accrued at both offices. An employee who moves from one office to another pursuant to this Article shall bear all costs of such transfer, including the cost of moving to the office of the employee's rehire and/or returning to the office of their layoff.
- (b) This Article applies only when there are no employees with rehiring privileges at the office where the employment opportunity exists or when all employees with rehiring privileges at such office have refused or are unavailable for recall pursuant to Section 11.7.

(See Sideletter GD.)

D. DESK ASSISTANTS AGREEMENT  
NEW YORK

ARTICLE D-I  
SCOPE OF UNIT

Section D1.1

The term “employee” as used in this Agreement applies to all Desk Assistants employed by the News and Special Events Department and/or the Company in New York City.

(See Sideletter CV.)

ARTICLE D-II  
DUTIES

Section D2.1

The duties of employees as defined heretofore include: the supplying of newswriters, editors, on-air personnel and any news desk supervisor with copy from wire services and all other sources; the monitoring and tending of News and Special Events Department teletype equipment, e.g., rapifax, facsimile and any other devices used in news material transmission and/or reception; the operation of computer terminals, e.g., data bank and library terminals; the tending of telephones and Department switchboards; the filing of scripts; the listing of other programs; the ordering, obtaining, correlating, delivery and storage of (1) file tape and/or film and associated materials, including the performance of all functions associated with the operation of the CAT desk; (2) character generator script material, including the typing of tabs associated therewith; (3) graphics materials; and (4) show scripts, including the breaking and distribution of script pages; and the performance of general clerical duties for the news staff and similar related duties, all under the direction and supervision of the news supervisor.

Section D2.2

The Company may assign an employee to act as a “Chief Desk Assistant”, and the duties of a Chief Desk Assistant may include, in addition to those defined above, arranging schedules for Desk Assistants; ordering and maintaining all supplies relating to the performance of job duties of all personnel specified in this Paragraph; attending editorial meetings; issuing such instructions as are necessary for the satisfactory completion of Desk Assistants’ duties; and, in general, providing guidance to the Desk Assistants in the normal performance of duties.

Section D2.3

The duties specified above may also be a part of the functions performed by other persons in the News and Special Events Department.

ARTICLE D-III  
CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE SCALES

Section D3.1

The minimum wage scale of employees shall be as follows:

<u>Months</u>	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
0-6	\$581.00	\$600.00	\$619.50	\$639.50
6-12	\$610.50	\$630.50	\$651.00	\$672.00
12-18	\$723.00	\$746.50	\$771.00	\$796.00
18 & Over	\$780.50	\$806.00	\$832.00	\$859.00
Part-Time (per hour)	\$19.59	\$20.23	\$20.89	\$21.57

Chief Desk Assistant - Additional Forty Dollars (\$40.00) per week.

Section D3.2

The Company may designate any regular employee to act as a “Chief Desk Assistant” (it being understood that the Company may designate a single Chief Desk Assistant notwithstanding the separation of its radio and television newsrooms) and during such time as such employee acts in such capacity they shall be paid as specified above. In the event that any regular employee who has been designated to act as Chief Desk Assistant is absent for any reason and is replaced during such absence by another regular employee, such latter employee shall receive the Chief Desk Assistant fee as specified above in the employee’s weekly salary during any week in which the employee acts in such capacity for three (3) or more days.

Section D3.3

Desk Assistants shall receive an additional Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) per week for the regular performance of Production Assistant duties as heretofore.

Section D3.4

Any employee who, as of March 2, 1981, was receiving a wage rate in excess of the then applicable minimum, but not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) in excess of such minimum, shall receive the same dollar amount of overscale payment under this Agreement.

### Section D3.5

Regular employees shall be paid biweekly and part-time and temporary employees shall be paid weekly.

### Section D3.6

Employment as a Desk Assistant at either the Columbia Broadcasting System, the National Broadcasting Company or a comparable broadcasting company shall be deemed to be employment as a Desk Assistant by the Company for purposes of determining a regular employee's minimum applicable salary as specified above.

## ARTICLE D-IV REVISIONS

### Section D4.1

With the consent of the Local Union, the Company and the Union shall have the right by mutual agreement to alter and vary the provisions of this Article as well as those of other Articles.

### Section D4.2

- (a) Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, letter agreements, grievance settlements or provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, the Company may, with the employee's approval, unilaterally grant a leave of absence of any duration up to six (6) months to a Desk Assistant covered under this Agreement for the purpose of that Desk Assistant performing non-unit work in a temporary capacity. During such leave of absence, such Desk Assistant shall continue to accrue unit seniority. The terms and conditions under which the desk assistant shall perform such non-unit work during such leave of absence shall be determined by the Company, or in the event the non-unit functions to be performed are covered by a collective bargaining agreement between the Company and another labor organization such other collective bargaining agreement shall apply.
- (b) Desk Assistants may be assigned to perform non-unit work, it being understood that such assignment neither expands nor contracts the Union's jurisdiction hereunder, and that the assignment of such Desk Assistant to such work shall not constitute a guarantee that such work will continue to be so assigned.

ARTICLE D-V  
PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Section D5.1

The Company may hire regular part-time Desk Assistants at the appropriate hourly rate provided for in Article D-III. Such employees shall be employed for no less than eight (8) hours in any workday. Articles VIII, X, XI, XIV, XV, XVIII, XIX, XXII except the Company's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy, and XXIII shall not be applicable to such employees. However, such employees shall receive time and one-half (1 ½) the appropriate hourly rate provided for in Article D-III for work in excess of eight (8) hours a day and any work performed on New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day (last Monday in May), July Fourth, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Part-time Desk Assistants who have completed eight hundred (800) hours of work within one (1) calendar year shall be eligible to receive forty (40) hours of vacation with pay. Additionally, the Company may continue to employ part-time employees other than regular part-time employees in an emergency in the same manner and to a degree no greater than heretofore.

The paid one hour meal period shall not be considered time worked for any purpose including overtime and premium pay on the above-referenced holidays.

(See Sideletters GY and HV.)

Section D5.2

It is not the intention of the Company to employ part-time employees for the purpose of reducing the staff. Should any question arise as to whether the Company is not living up to this intention, the matter may be grieved pursuant to the provisions of Article XX.

ARTICLE D-VI  
WORKING CONDITIONS

Section D6.1

The Company recognizes that employees must not be required to handle any equipment or material which is cumbersome or whose weight is excessive. The question as to whether a particular piece of equipment or material is cumbersome or excessive in weight under all circumstances may be submitted as an immediate grievance.

ARTICLE D-VII  
TRANSPORTATION FOR EMPLOYEES

Section D7.1

Any employee who is required to work at their home office later than 8:00 P.M. will, if requested, be furnished transportation to their home if it is within five (5) miles of the employee's place of employment or, if the employee's home is further away, to the public transportation facility normally available to such employee. If, in such event, transportation to such location is not furnished by the Company, the employee will be reimbursed for any actual taxi expenses incurred by them to reach such location. This provision shall not apply to employees whose regular shift extends beyond 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE D-VIII

Section D8.1

The provisions of Section 7.7(b) shall not apply to employees covered by this Agreement.

F. NEWSWRITERS-PRODUCERS AGREEMENT  
SAN FRANCISCO

ARTICLE F-I  
SCOPE OF UNIT

Section F1.1

The term "employee" as used in this Agreement means anyone employed by the Company to render services in the Northern California area, as a Newswriter or Producer of radio or television news, sports or special events programs, or as a combination of any or all of those, excluding department heads, assistant department heads or other supervisory employees with authority to hire and fire employees included within the scope of the Agreement or effectively to recommend such action. Not included are persons who under individual contract with the Company write and broadcast their own material, and do not write material covered by this Agreement for others to broadcast.

(See Sideletter FG.)

Section F1.2

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall prevent persons employed in the News Department primarily to perform managerial and/or supervisory duties from editing or rewriting copy. The News Director, Assistant News Director, Managing Editor or Executive Producer(s) may also write material for broadcast when such writing is not a substantial part of, and is incidental to, their overall managerial or supervisory duties or because of

time constraints where NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters are not readily available in sufficient numbers. It is understood that the performance of the work described above is to supplement the work of NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters, and no Newswriter on staff as of March 31, 2011 shall be laid off as a direct result of the Company's use of the aforementioned managers to write or edit or rewrite copy under this Section F1.2.

### Section F1.3

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall prevent persons who are employed at another office of the Company primarily for the purpose of preparing news material from performing all or a portion of the duties described herein at the San Francisco office for television or radio newsmen for whom they normally prepare such material.

## ARTICLE F-II DUTIES

### Section F2.1 - Duties

The duties of the employees hereunder include without limitation (i) the writing, rewriting, condensing, processing, editing and/or otherwise treating of news for network and local radio and television programs; (ii) the preparation of scripts and/or outline, or "skeleton scripts", for news commentary, sports and special events network and local radio and television programs and network radio programs; (iii) the production of such news, news commentary, sports and special events programs; and (iv) such other additional duties as might, from time to time, normally be assigned to staff newswriters of the Company.

### Section F2.2 - Exclusive Assignments

Only employees hereunder shall perform the duties specified in Section F2.1 items (i), (ii) and (iii) above for programs which are originated by the Company with its TV facilities, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent persons who, under individual contract with the Company, write and broadcast their own material, from performing such duties, and, provided further, that nothing herein contained shall limit or prevent the Company from having any of the production duties or functions herein contained performed by persons who are not Company employees on programs which are produced by a third party, as distinguished from the Company, provided that no Company employee shall perform any of the duties outlined above.

(See Stipulation (10) and Sideletters CE, ER, FC and FG.)

### Section F2.3 - Exclusive Services

Employees hereunder shall not render their services to any employer other than the Company unless expressly authorized by the Company in writing.



## Section F2.4

Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, in connection with live or tape Network programs or portions thereof produced by the Company which originate outside the permanent premises of the Company in the Northern California area, the Company shall not be required to assign any employee to perform any duties which are to be performed outside such premises or to perform any duties at such premises which involve the ordering or supervision of personnel or facilities utilized in connection with such programs or portions thereof. For the purpose of this provision only, “permanent premises” shall be deemed a fixed location owned by the Company or leased by the Company for a term in excess of three (3) months.

## Section F2.5

With respect to those persons who, under individual contract with the Company, write and broadcast their own material pursuant to the exceptions recited in this Agreement, it is agreed that such persons shall include those who:

- (a) write material for their own broadcast which is subsequently broadcast by others; or
- (b) in multiple anchor situations, write for a co-anchor; or
- (c) as a reporter covering a story, write introductory, lead-in, lead-out and/or closing material to be broadcast by an anchor in the studio; or
- (d) have specialized knowledge regarding the particular subject matter of a story to be broadcast by others.
- (e) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Master Agreement, including any Unit agreements, or any other agreements, grievance settlements, arbitration awards or practices to the contrary, anchors and correspondents outside the bargaining unit may write, rewrite, condense and/or process news material for their own broadcast(s) as well as occasionally material for other correspondents and anchors in unforeseen circumstances (e.g., breaking news or operational exigencies). The Company’s exercise of this provision is meant to supplement, not supplant, the normal scheduled usage of NABET-CWA represented Newswriters.

No newswriter on regular staff as of March 31, 2017 shall be laid off during the term of the 2017-2021 Master Agreement as a direct result of the Company’s utilization of the foregoing paragraph.

## Section F2.6

At the discretion of the Company, employees hereunder may be assigned to perform work on public affairs, documentary and other programs which are outside the

Union’s jurisdiction. The Company and the Union agree that any such assignments shall not, under any circumstances, constitute an expansion of existing jurisdiction pursuant to any provisions of the Master Agreement, nor shall the performance of such assignments by employees hereunder entitle any such employees to continue to be given such assignments. It is agreed that no claim or dispute involving an assignment made pursuant to this provision, or the failure to make such an assignment, shall be subject to arbitration.

ARTICLE F-III  
CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE SCALES

Section F3.1 - Base Pay

The Company may hire employees at rates above those herein established but will notify the Union’s San Francisco Local within seven (7) days after such employment begins.

<u>Years</u>	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
0-1	\$841.50	\$869.00	\$897.00	\$926.00
1-2	\$1,287.50	\$1,329.50	\$1,372.50	\$1,417.00
2-3	\$1,474.00	\$1,522.00	\$1,571.50	\$1,622.50
3-4	\$1,641.50	\$1,695.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,807.00
4 & Over	\$2,075.50	\$2,143.00	\$2,212.50	\$2,284.50

(See Sideletter CE.)

- 1. **Annual Wage Increases:** F Unit employees, including daily hires, shall receive the same annual minimum wage scale increases applicable to other Units, as agreed upon in the 2017-2021 Master Agreement.
- 2. **Increase Escalator Rates:** The increases set forth in paragraph 1 shall apply to the minimum wage scales set forth above.
- 3. **Staff Employee Escalator:** Notwithstanding any provision of the Master Agreement to the contrary, any existing staff employee below the “4 and over” rate as of April 1, 2017, and any staff employee hired on or after April 1, 2017, shall progress up the escalator until such employee reaches the “3-4 rate,” but shall not be entitled to be paid at or above the “4 and over” rate, except as a matter of merit or overscale pay as determined in the sole discretion of the Company. Such merit or overscale rate shall be set forth in a Sideletter FF overscale arrangement.

- 4. Current Daily Hire Annual Rate Increases:** Increase the daily rates paid as of April 1, 2017 to the daily hires employed as of April 1, 2017 in accordance with the annual percentage increases set forth in paragraph 1.
- 5. New Daily Hire Escalator Placement:** The Company shall notify the Union of its decision as to the escalator placement of new daily hires, including those placed at the “0-1 rate.” Thereafter, any annual raise(s) coming due pursuant to paragraph 1 shall be applied to such employee’s initial escalator placement or any subsequent discretionary rate increase, regardless of whether that annual raise will result in a rate that is higher or lower than any specific escalator step set forth in Section F3.1, provided that no employee shall be paid below the 0-1 rate.
- 6. Rehired Employees:** All staff employees who voluntarily separate, and are subsequently reemployed as staff, shall be placed on the wage escalator as a newly hired employee under Section F3.7. Any daily hire employees who are not engaged for a period of six (6) months shall be placed on the escalator as a “new” daily hire subject to initial placement pursuant to paragraph 5.

Section F3.2 - Fees

News and News Special Events Writers will receive fees for writing any transcontinental network commercial news programs with the following minimum:

<u>Length of Program</u>	<u>Radio Fees</u>	<u>Television Fees</u>
0 to 5 Minutes	\$5.00	\$8.00
Over 5 to 10 Minutes	\$8.25	\$12.50
Over 10 to 15 Minutes	\$12.00	\$19.00
Over 15 to 30 Minutes	\$19.00	\$28.50
Over 30 Minutes	\$27.00	\$46.00

Section F3.3 - Multiple Program Rate

The multiple program rate applicable to the number of program broadcasts in Column A below shall be determined by multiplying the applicable rate for a single program by the appropriate fraction in Column B below:

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
<u>Number of Program</u>	<u>Applicable Multiple</u>
<u>Broadcasts Per Week</u>	<u>of Single Program Rate</u>
2	1-3/4
3	2-1/4
4	2-3/4
5	3

Over five (5) per week, the multiple of single program rate in “B” above increases by one-fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) for each additional program.

#### Section F3.4

If any one commercial program is broadcast more than one (1) day per week, the Writer of such program shall be paid a fee at the multiple program rate, based on the number of times the program is broadcast during the week in question. If different Newswriters are assigned to such program on different days of the week, the fee shall be divided among them pro rata.

#### Section F3.5

Where two (2) or more programs of equal length sponsored by the same sponsor are broadcast on the same day, whether or not such programs are broadcast more than one (1) day per week, each Newswriter who writes more than one (1) such program on the same day during a particular week shall be paid for all such programs a fee at the multiple program rate, based on the total number of such programs written by the employee during such week.

#### Section F3.6 - Supervisory Duties

If an employee is assigned to or is forced to assume the duties and responsibilities of a supervisory nature, due to the absence of the News Department Manager, and if such assignment or assumption of duties and responsibilities shall continue for the major portion of a workday, that employee shall be additionally compensated in the amount of ten percent (10%) of their base pay for all days involved.

#### Section F3.7

- (a) Employment as a staff newswriter by any nationwide radio or television network shall be deemed employment as a Newswriter by the Company in determining the minimum salary applicable under the foregoing wage escalator to Newswriters hereafter engaged.
- (b) Employment for a period of three (3) years as:
  - (1) a reporter or rewrite person on the staff of a metropolitan daily newspaper with a circulation of at least 100,000 copies, or
  - (2) a newswriter on the staff of A.P., Reuters or U.P.I., in any city of 100,000 population or more, or
  - (3) a newswriter on the staff of a 50,000 watt radio station in any city of 100,000 population or more, or

- (4) a newswriter on the staff of any VHF television station in a city of 100,000 population or more,

shall entitle any Newswriter engaged hereunder to at least twelve (12) months' credit for purposes of applying the foregoing salary schedule.

### Section F3.8

On all commercial local television news programs of five (5) minutes or longer where pursuant to this Agreement a Newswriter-Producer is required to be assigned or is in fact assigned, the Company shall designate one (1) such employee as the Producer and pay them a fee in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Length of Program</u>	<u>Producer Fee</u>
Five (5) minutes	\$4.50
More than five (5) minutes but less than thirty (30) minutes	\$15.00
Thirty (30) minutes or more but less than one (1) hour	\$30.00
One (1) hour or longer	\$45.00

If a show producer working from their residence is communicating with a Newswriter-Producer who is their onsite liaison in the control room, such Newswriter-Producer shall receive a producer fee of Twelve Dollars (\$12.00).

In the event a produced program is cut or preempted from the program schedule, the Station shall nonetheless pay the fee at the rate specified herein.

In no event shall the Company be required to designate more than one (1) employee as the Producer of a program covered under this Paragraph, even though other employees may be performing production duties on such program, and the designation of an employee hereunder as a Producer shall in no event impair the right of the Company to require such employee to perform their normal duties during any period covered by such designation. Where more than one employee is assigned to a program which is subject to Producer fees hereunder, the Company will in good faith designate as Producer the employee who makes the greater contribution in producing the program. Nothing in this Paragraph shall be construed to affect those provisions of this Agreement dealing with the duties and assignments of Newswriters-Producers.

### Section F3.9

- (a) If a member of the Unit receives a Producer fee for at least one hundred thirty (130) days during the previous calendar year, the employee shall receive, in addition to

regular vacation pay, the applicable Producer fee for each day of their scheduled vacation, but in no event more than five (5) times the applicable Producer fee per week while on vacation; provided that, if the Producer fee which the employee has received for the qualification period of at least one hundred thirty (130) days has varied in amount, the Producer fee which the employee shall receive for each day of their scheduled vacation shall be the average of the Producer fees received during such qualification period.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a member of the Unit assigned as a local TV station weekend program producer for at least eighty (80) days during the previous calendar year shall receive, in addition to their regular vacation pay, their producing fees on a pro rata basis for each week of their scheduled vacation.

- (b) In no case shall a member of the Unit receive both an Assignment Editor fee and a Producer fee while on vacation. In the event that a member of the Unit is qualified to receive both, they shall receive while on vacation either the Assignment Editor fee or the Producer fee, whichever is greater.

(See Sideletter FC.)

#### Section F3.10

- (a) The duties of Desk Assistants may include the supplying of supervisors, Newswriters and reporters with copy from wire services and other sources, the monitoring and tending of teletype and unifax machines in the News Departments, the tending of telephones in the News Departments, the filing, pulling and delivery of scripts, the performance of general clerical duties for the News Staff and similar related duties. Personnel other than Desk Assistants may, to the extent heretofore, perform the duties listed above.
- (b) The Company may hire part-time Desk Assistants at the appropriate hourly rate provided for in (c) below. Articles VIII, XI, XIV, XV, XVIII, XIX, XXII except the Company's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy, and XXIII shall not be applicable to such employees. However, such employees shall receive time and one-half (1 ½) the rate set forth below for work in excess of eight (8) hours a day and any work performed on New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day (last Monday in May), July Fourth, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Part-time Desk Assistants who have completed eight hundred (800) hours of work within one (1) calendar year shall be eligible to receive forty (40) hours of vacation with pay.

The paid one hour meal period shall not be considered time worked for any purpose including overtime and premium pay on the above-referenced holidays.

(c) The minimum wage scales for Desk Assistants shall be as follows:

<u>Months</u>	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
0-6	\$589.00	\$608.00	\$628.00	\$648.50
6-12	\$610.50	\$630.50	\$651.00	\$672.00
12-18	\$704.50	\$727.50	\$751.00	\$775.50
18 & over	\$780.50	\$806.00	\$832.00	\$859.00
Part-Time / hour	\$19.59	\$20.23	\$20.89	\$21.57

(d) Desk Assistants shall constitute a separate unit for purposes of layoff, rehiring and other provisions where Unit Seniority is applicable.

Section F3.11

(a) The Company shall have the right to hire persons on a daily basis at a daily rate equal to one-fifth (1/5) of the applicable weekly wage scale (at any step of the escalator) for weekend or overnight shifts or in order to cover temporary workload requirements or the absence of an employee(s) covered by this Agreement. No regular staff newswriter employed at KGO-TV as of March 31, 2017 shall be laid off during the 2017-2021 Master Agreement as a direct result of the Company's employment of daily hire newswriters for regular weekend or overnight shifts.

Daily hires may be assigned to work at such rate any eight (8) consecutive hours within any twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, provided that for the hours referred to in Article X such persons shall receive additional compensation as provided in that Article. Any work performed by such persons in hours in excess of eight (8) hours in any day or in excess of forty (40) hours in a regular workweek (which shall be defined as beginning at 12:01 A.M. Saturday and continuing until 12:00 Midnight the following Friday, and any work performed on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Juneteenth (June 19), July Fourth, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day shall be regarded as overtime and compensated at one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay. In addition, any work performed by persons engaged on a daily basis on New Year's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day shall be compensated at a rate equal to two (2) times their straight-time rate of pay for all overtime hours worked on any such holiday. In no case shall overtime accrue on overtime.

The meal period shall not be considered time worked for any purpose including overtime and premium pay on the above-referenced holidays.

(See Sideletters GY and HV.)

In addition, the Company may hire persons on a daily basis to work a minimum of four (4) hours on any day, at a rate of pay equal to one-eighth (1/8) the regular daily rate for each hour worked, which shall be the regular pay rate for such person. In the event such person is required to work in excess of six (6) hours, they shall be paid no less than eight (8) hours of pay at straight time.

Persons hired on a daily basis shall receive a payment of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) a day in lieu of benefits.

Effective April 1, 2022, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per day, with Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$40/\$25/\$15).

Effective April 6, 2024, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per day, with Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$35/\$30/\$15).

(See Sideletters FD, FD-1 and HF.)

Each person hired on a daily basis who has worked seventy (70) days in a calendar year shall receive vacation pay in an amount equal to four percent (4%) of such employee's straight-time rate of pay for all straight-time hours worked in that calendar year, payable by separate check by February 15 of the next succeeding calendar year.

(See Sideletter HO for daily hires who work more than 180 days in a calendar year.)

Except with respect to any daily hire participating in the Signature Plan as provided in Sideletter HF (Daily Hire Signature Benefits), paragraph 5(d), the Company will provide a daily hire employee with Company paid life insurance in the principal amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) on the following basis:

- (i) A daily hire employee who works more than seventy-five (75) days in a calendar year shall qualify for such life insurance policy for a single calendar year as set forth herein.
- (ii) The policy will be in effect for the calendar year immediately following the qualifying year as defined in subparagraph (i) above.



- (iii) Eligibility for this life insurance policy shall lapse and the employee shall have no coverage provided by the Company effective January 1 in any calendar year immediately following a year in which the daily hire employee does not work more than seventy-five (75) days within a calendar year.

In the event the Company engages a person on a daily basis and thereafter cancels such engagement after 1:00 P.M. of the day preceding the assignment, said person shall be paid a sum equal to four (4) or eight (8) hours' pay, whichever is applicable.

In addition, in the event the Company engages a person on a daily basis and thereafter cancels such engagement after 1:00 P.M. of the day preceding the assignment, such person shall receive the appropriate payment in lieu of benefits pursuant to Sideletter FD-1 for the cancelled engagement, and the engagement shall count as a day worked for purposes of calculating all applicable eligibility thresholds.

There shall be a minimum of ten (10) hours between the end of an employee's original schedule or any extension thereof and the start of the next. Assignments during the above turnaround period shall be compensated for, in addition to the regular rate, at Nine Dollars (\$9.00) per hour for the portion of such assignment which encroaches on such turnaround period. The above-referenced provision shall not apply with respect to "travel only" days.

- (b) The following provisions of the Master Agreement shall not apply to persons hired on a daily basis: Sections 3.4, 3.5(a), 3.5(c), 3.6 and 3.7; Articles VIII except Sections 8.1 (the final sentence only), 8.5(e), and 8.11; XI except Section 11.9; XII except Sections 12.3(a) and 12.3(b); XIII except Section 13.3; XIV, XV; Sections 16.4(a), 16.5, 16.6(a), 16.11 and 16.12; Articles XVIII, XIX, XXII except the Company's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy and except with respect to daily hire employees determined to be eligible for Signature Plan benefits pursuant to Sideletter HF; XXIII, Section 26.1 and Articles XXVII through XXIX.

### Section F3.12

This provision shall be applicable to NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters-Producers (hereinafter "employees") assigned, at the Company's option, outside the Continental United States, Puerto Rico or Canada (herein called "overseas") to news field assignments using electronic cameras capable of being hand-held and associated equipment. The "Continental United States" for the purpose of this Section only, includes Alaska and Hawaii. Employees so assigned will, upon individual request, be excused from such assignments, provided, however, that the Company, after having made a reasonable effort to find a qualified replacement from the same office can find such a qualified replacement. The term "qualified" in this Section F3.12 shall include accreditation, the possession of a

valid passport and/or visa, security clearances, etc. In no event shall an employee be so assigned for a period in excess of thirty (30) consecutive days without their consent.

## ARTICLE F-IV AIR CREDITS

### Section F4.1

The Company shall give video credit to the Newswriter for each television program they write and audio credit to the Newswriter for each radio program they write of fifteen (15) minutes or longer in duration, except where the special circumstances of the show make it inappropriate to give such credit, or where the Newswriter prefers otherwise. On a program broadcast two (2) or more times a week where written by the same Newswriter, credit need be given only once a week on such programs to said Newswriters. Where such credit is not given in any week, credits must be given twice in the following week. Where the exigencies of time make such credit impractical, failure to give credit shall not be considered a breach of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE F-V SCRIPTS AND PROGRAM IDEAS

### Section F5.1

Scripts and program ideas conceived, originated or prepared by an employee in the course of their employment by the Company, or submitted to the Company in discharge of duties previously assigned to an employee by the Company, shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Company, which shall have full and complete rights to such scripts and program ideas.

### Section F5.2

Scripts and program ideas conceived, originated or prepared by an employee outside the scope of their employment by the Company and not submitted in discharge of duties previously assigned to an employee of the Company shall not be owned by the Company, either in whole or in part, but the Company shall have a right of first refusal of such scripts and program ideas, which right shall expire (i) upon the Company's failure to exercise such right with respect to each offer within fourteen (14) days after receiving notice from the employee involved of a bona fide offer for such program idea or script and upon said employee's accepting said offer; or (ii) upon the expiration of fourteen (14) days after termination of said employee's employment hereunder whichever one of said two events first occurs. In the event the Newswriter submits for the Company's consideration any material owned by the employee pursuant to the above, at the time of such submission the Newswriter must advise the Company in writing whether they wish to be assigned as the Producer of any program produced by the Company utilizing such material. Should the Company thereafter choose to acquire the rights to such material, the expressed wishes of

the Newswriter regarding their assignment as Producer will be complied with at the time such program is produced by the Company.

## ARTICLE F-VI

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## ARTICLE F-VII

### Section F7.1

In lieu of the current Section 8.6(b), the following shall apply:

Section 8.6(b) - work on a scheduled day off - an employee may be required to work on a scheduled day off for not less than a four (4) hour minimum call.

(See Sideletter EN for Specific San Francisco Provisions.)

## K. NEWSWRITERS AGREEMENT CHICAGO

### ARTICLE K-I SCOPE OF UNIT

#### Section K1.1

The term “employee” as used in this Agreement applies to all News and News Special Events Writers now or hereafter engaged by the Company at its Chicago office to write, rewrite, condense, process or edit news material. Not included are persons who under individual contract with the Company write and broadcast their own material, and do not write material covered by this Agreement for others to broadcast. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall prevent persons employed in the News Department primarily to perform managerial and/or supervisory duties from editing or rewriting copy. The News Director, Assistant News Director, Managing Editor or Executive Producer(s) may also write material for broadcast when such writing is not a substantial part of, and is incidental to, their overall managerial or supervisory duties, or because of time constraints where NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters are not readily available in sufficient numbers.

It is understood that the performance of the work described above is to supplement the work of NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters and no Newswriter on staff as of March 31, 2011 shall be laid off as a direct result of the Company’s use of the aforementioned managers to write or edit or rewrite copy under this Section K1.1.

The term “news material” as used in this Agreement includes sports news and weather news.

## Section K1.2

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall prevent persons who are employed at another office of the Company primarily for the purpose of preparing news material from performing all or a portion of the duties described herein at the Chicago office for television or radio newsmen for whom they normally prepare such material.

## ARTICLE K-II DUTIES

### Section K2.1

News and News Special Events Writers shall write, edit and process all news material for news programs or auditions produced by the News and Special Events Department of the Company excluding programs or auditions prepared by persons who under individual contract with the Company write and broadcast their own material. As assigned, News and News Special Events Writers shall write continuity for news documentary programs produced by the News and Special Events Department of the Company.

### Section K2.2

To perform such duties the Newswriters will correlate news sources such as teletypes, still picture transmitting machines, newspapers, magazines, and personal interviews by telephone. Also in the performance of the above duties, the Newswriters may correlate recorded tape news material and/or filmed news material for use in part or as a whole in the news programs or news program auditions produced by the News Department of the Company in its Chicago office. Correlation of such material may include: (a) previewing recorded tape news material, supervising its editing and writing appropriate news continuity to make it an integral part of the news program or news program audition being prepared; (b) screening news film material, supervising its editing and writing appropriate news continuity to make it an integral part of the news program or news program audition being prepared. Excluded is recorded tape news material and/or filmed news material being used by persons who under individual contract with the Company, write and broadcast their own material.

Nothing in this Agreement shall require a Newswriter to be present during the technical editing of material that is covered by this Agreement if, in the opinion of management, the person performing such technical editing has the requisite knowledge or information to carry out their assignment without such Newswriter's presence.

### Section K2.3

The Company shall designate five (5) members of the Unit each to serve as an "Assignment Editor," who shall perform "desk functions" as assigned by management. Desk functions may include, but shall not be limited to, making camera, reporting and writing assignments, checking out stories, directing bulletin coverage, editing news material

and supervising newsroom activities. The Company in its discretion may designate more than five (5) members of the Unit as an Assignment Editor and may change any employee designated as Assignment Editor. The Assignment Editor may perform in addition to their desk functions the duties specified in Section K1.1 and Section K2.1. Except for illness in excess of one (1) week and vacations, the absence of a designated Assignment Editor shall not require the assignment of another Assignment Editor even though desk functions are being performed. Nothing herein shall preclude management or supervisory personnel from performing any desk functions.

(See Statement of Interpretation (Chicago and Los Angeles Newswriter Agreement) and Sideletter FC.)

#### Section K2.4

With respect to those persons who, under individual contract with the Company, write and broadcast their own material pursuant to the exceptions recited in this Agreement, it is agreed that such persons shall include those who:

- (a) write material for their own broadcast which is subsequently broadcast by others; or
- (b) in multiple anchor situations, write for a co-anchor; or
- (c) as a reporter covering a story, write introductory, lead-in, lead-out and/or closing material to be broadcast by an anchor in the studio; or
- (d) have specialized knowledge regarding the particular subject matter of a story to be broadcast by others.
- (e) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Master Agreement, including any Unit agreements, or any other agreements, grievance settlements, arbitration awards or practices to the contrary, anchors and correspondents outside the bargaining unit may write, rewrite, condense and/or process news material for their own broadcast(s) as well as occasionally material for other correspondents and anchors in unforeseen circumstances (e.g., breaking news or operational exigencies). The Company's exercise of this provision is meant to supplement, not supplant, the normal scheduled usage of NABET-CWA represented Newswriters.

No newswriter on regular staff as of March 31, 2017 shall be laid off during the term of the 2017-2021 Master Agreement as a direct result of the Company's utilization of the foregoing paragraph.

#### Section K2.5

At the discretion of the Company, employees hereunder may be assigned to perform work on public affairs, documentary and other programs which are outside the

Union’s jurisdiction. The Company and the Union agree that any such assignments shall not, under any circumstances, constitute an expansion of existing jurisdiction pursuant to any provisions of the Master Agreement, nor shall the performance of such assignments by employees hereunder entitle any such employees to continue to be given such assignments. It is agreed that no claim or dispute involving an assignment made pursuant to this provision, or the failure to make such an assignment, shall be subject to arbitration.

ARTICLE K-III  
CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE SCALES

Section K3.1

Minimum Wage Scale (Per Week):

<u>Years</u>	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
0-1	\$841.50	\$869.00	\$897.00	\$926.00
1-2	\$1,287.50	\$1329.50	\$1,372.50	\$1,417.00
2-3	\$1,474.00	\$1,522.00	\$1,571.50	\$1,622.50
3-4	\$1,641.50	\$1,695.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,807.00
4 & Over	\$2,075.50	\$2,143.00	\$2,212.50	\$2,284.50

- 1. **Annual Wage Increases:** K Unit employees, including daily hires, shall receive the same annual minimum wage scale increases applicable to other Units, as agreed upon in the 2017-2021 Master Agreement.
- 2. **Increase Escalator Rates:** The increases set forth in paragraph 1 shall apply to the minimum wage scales set forth in above.
- 3. **Staff Employee Escalator:** Notwithstanding any provision of the Master Agreement to the contrary, any existing staff employee below the “4 and over” rate as of April 1, 2017, and any staff employee hired on or after April 1, 2017, shall progress up the escalator until such employee reaches the “3-4 rate,” but shall not be entitled to be paid at or above the “4 and over” rate, except as a matter of merit or overscale pay as determined in the sole discretion of the Company. Such merit or overscale rate shall be set forth in a Sideletter FF overscale arrangement.
- 4. **Daily Hire Escalator:** The parties’ Settlement Agreement dated May 9 and 10, 2002, AC 99-05 and AC-00-05, Extension Agreement dated December 3, 2004 and Letter Agreement dated March 3, 2005 (collectively “Settlement Agreement”) shall continue except:
  - a. The rule in paragraph 3 shall apply to existing daily hires below the “4 and over” rate and new daily hires. Existing daily hires shall be defined to

mean those employees employed as of April 1, 2017, and new daily hires shall mean those daily hires employed on or after April 1, 2017.

- b. Paragraph II. A of the Settlement Agreement shall no longer apply to new daily hires. Instead, the Company shall notify the Union of its decision as to the initial escalator placement of new daily hires, that is, daily hires employed on or after April 1, 2017, including those placed at the “0-1 rate.”

**5. Rehired Employees:** All staff employees who voluntarily separate, and are subsequently reemployed as staff, shall be placed on the wage escalator as a newly hired employee under Section K3.3. Any daily hire employees who are not engaged for a period of six (6) months shall be placed on the escalator as a “new” daily hire subject to initial placement pursuant to paragraph 4(b).

### Section K3.2

For each day that a member of the Unit serves as an Assignment Editor, that employee shall receive in addition to their regular compensation the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00).

If a member of the Unit receives the Assignment Editor fee for at least one hundred thirty (130) days during the previous calendar year, that employee shall receive, in addition to their regular vacation pay, the daily Assignment Editor fee for each day of the employee’s scheduled vacation, but in no event more than five (5) times the daily Assignment Editor fee per week while on vacation.

### Section K3.3

- (a) Employment as a staff newswriter by any nationwide radio or television network shall be deemed employment as a Newswriter by the Company in determining the minimum salary applicable under the foregoing wage escalator to Newswriters hereafter engaged.
- (b) Employment for a period of three (3) years as
  - (1) a reporter or rewrite person on the staff of a metropolitan daily newspaper with a circulation of at least 100,000 copies, or
  - (2) a newswriter on the staff of the Chicago City News Bureau, or on the staff of A.P., Reuters or U.P.I., in any city of 100,000 population or more, or
  - (3) a newswriter on the staff of a 50,000 watt radio station in any city of 100,000 population or more, or

- (4) a newswriter on the staff of any VHF television station in a city of 100,000 population or more, or
- (5) a reporter on the staff of any VHF television station in a city of 100,000 population or more, shall entitle any Newswriter engaged hereunder to at least twelve (12) months' credit for purposes of applying the foregoing salary schedule.

#### Section K3.4 – Fees

News and News Special Events Writers will receive fees for writing any transcontinental network commercial news program with the following minimum:

<u>Length of Program</u>	<u>Radio Fees</u>	<u>Television Fees</u>
0 to 5 Minutes	\$5.00	\$8.00
Over 5 to 10 Minutes	\$8.25	\$12.50
Over 10 to 15 Minutes	\$12.00	\$19.00
Over 15 to 30 Minutes	\$19.00	\$28.50
Over 30 Minutes	\$27.00	\$46.00

#### Section K3.5 - Multiple Program Rate

The multiple program rate applicable to the number of program broadcasts in Column A below shall be determined by multiplying the applicable rate for a single program by the appropriate fraction in Column B below:

<u>A</u> <u>Number of Program</u> <u>Broadcasts Per Week</u>	<u>B</u> <u>Applicable Multiple</u> <u>of Single Program Rate</u>
2	1-3/4
3	2-1/4
4	2-3/4
5	3

Over five (5) per week the multiple of single program rate in “B” above increases by one-fourth (1/4) for each additional program.

#### Section K3.6

If any one commercial program is broadcast more than one (1) day per week, the Writer of such program shall be paid a fee at the multiple program rate, based on the number of times the program is broadcast during the week in question. If different Newswriters are assigned to such program on different days of the week, the fee shall be divided among them pro rata.



Section K3.7

Where two (2) or more programs of equal length sponsored by the same sponsor are broadcast on the same day, whether or not such programs are broadcast more than one (1) day per week, each Newswriter who writes more than one (1) such program on the same day during a particular week shall be paid for all such programs a fee at the multiple program rate, based on the total number of such programs written by the employee during such week.

Section K3.8

In the case of a news “insert” or a news “cut-in” in a program, the amount of the fee is to be determined by the length of the “cut-in” or “insert,” not the length of the program.

Section K3.9

In no event shall commercial fees be payable on any local or regional program.

Section K3.10

The above fees also will apply to news programs written by News and News Special Events Writers which are ordinarily written by others.

Section K3.11

- (a) If a Newswriter is assigned by the Company to serve as the Producer or Associate Producer of a commercial local television program, the employee shall be paid a Producer fee or an Associate Producer fee in accordance with the following schedules:

<u>Length of Program</u>	<u>Producer Fee</u>
Five (5) minutes	\$4.50
More than five (5) minutes but less than thirty (30) minutes	\$15.00
Thirty (30) minutes or more but less than one (1) hour	\$30.00
One (1) hour or longer	\$45.00
<u>Length of Program</u>	<u>Associate Producer Fee</u>
Thirty (30) minutes or more but less than one (1) hour	\$12.00
One (1) hour or longer	\$20.00

In the event a produced program is cut or preempted from the program schedule, the Station shall nonetheless pay the fee at the rate specified herein.

- (b) Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to require that a Producer or an Associate Producer (i.e., a Newswriter assigned as Producer or Associate Producer or any other person assigned as Producer or Associate Producer) must be assigned to each program, nor shall anything contained herein be deemed in any way to confer on members of the Bargaining Unit jurisdiction over producing news programs, or producing elements, portions, segments, inserts, stories or pieces for such programs.
- (c) In no event will a Producer or Associate Producer fee be required for producing elements, portions, segments, inserts, stories or pieces for programs.
- (d) If a member of the Unit receives a Producer or Associate Producer fee for at least one hundred thirty (130) days during the previous calendar year, the employee shall receive, in addition to regular vacation pay, the applicable Producer or Associate Producer fee for each day of their scheduled vacation, but in no event more than five (5) times the applicable Producer or Associate Producer fee per week while on vacation; provided that, if the Producer or Associate Producer fee which the employee has received for the qualification period of at least one hundred thirty (130) days has varied in amount, the Producer or Associate Producer fee which the employee shall receive for each day of their scheduled vacation shall be the average of the Producer or Associate Producer fees received during such qualification period.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a member of the Unit assigned as a local TV station weekend program producer for at least eighty (80) days during the previous calendar year shall receive, in addition to their regular vacation pay, their producing fees on a pro rata basis for each week of the employee's scheduled vacation.

- (e) Notwithstanding any practices, grievance settlements, arbitration awards, or any provisions of the Master Agreement, producers of news programs, elements, segments, inserts, stories or pieces of news programs in Chicago may perform any and/or all of the duties of NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters in conjunction with the programs, program elements, segments, inserts, stories or pieces which they produce, or for special news programming. With respect to regularly scheduled news programs on WLS-TV, the provisions of the first sentence of this Section shall not apply to more than one (1) producer per program, except that program producers may perform all such duties of NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters with respect to program(s) produced by others, which programs are in a single calendar day in an adjacent news block to the particular program produced by another Program Producer (e.g., the 10:00 P.M. Program Producer could write for the 6:00 P.M. news, or the 4:00 P.M. Program Producer could

write for the 6:00 P.M. news but the 10:00 P.M. Program Producer could not write for the 5:00 A.M. news on the following calendar day, nor could the 5:00 A.M. Program Producer write for the 10:00 P.M. news on the previous calendar day), when: (i) in the Company's sole judgment it is necessary to do so; and (ii) the writing of the program producer does not substitute for the hiring or scheduling of a NABET-CWA-represented newswriter. On weekend programs on WLS-TV (weekends shall be Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Sunday), producers not covered by this Agreement may only perform the duties of NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters as set forth above to cover the absence of a NABET-CWA-represented Newswriter or in a news emergency or special coverage. In addition, at WLS-TV, the first sentence of this sub-section shall not apply to more than three (3) specialty and/or segment producers (but no more than three (3) people in total), in any combination thereof.

### Section K3.12

- (a) The duties of Desk Assistants may include the supplying of supervisors, Newswriters and reporters with copy from wire services and other sources, the monitoring and tending of teletype and unifax machines in the News Departments, the tending of telephones in the News Departments, the filing, pulling and delivery of scripts, the performance of general clerical duties for the news staff and similar related duties. Personnel other than Desk Assistants may, to the extent heretofore, perform the duties listed above.
- (b) The Company may hire part-time Desk Assistants at the appropriate hourly rate provided for in (c) below. Articles VIII, XI, XIV, XV, XVIII, XIX, XXII except the Company's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy, and XXIII shall not be applicable to such employees. However, such employees shall receive time and one-half (1 ½) the rate set forth below for work in excess of eight (8) hours a day and any work performed on New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day (last Monday in May), July Fourth, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Part-time Desk Assistants who have completed eight hundred (800) hours of work within one (1) calendar year shall be eligible to receive forty (40) hours of vacation with pay.

The paid one hour meal period shall not be considered time worked for any purpose including overtime and premium pay on the above-referenced holidays.

(c) The minimum wage scales for Desk Assistants shall be as follows:

<u>Months</u>	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
0-6	\$589.00	\$608.00	\$628.00	\$648.50
6-12	\$610.50	\$630.50	\$651.00	\$672.00
12-18	\$704.50	\$727.50	\$751.00	\$775.50
18 & over	\$780.50	\$806.00	\$832.00	\$859.00
Part-Time / hour	\$19.59	\$20.23	\$20.89	\$21.57

(d) Desk Assistants shall constitute a separate unit for purposes of layoff, rehiring and other provisions where Unit Seniority is applicable.

Section K3.13

In no case shall a member of the Unit receive both a Desk Person fee and a Producer fee while on vacation. In the event that a member of the Unit is qualified to receive both, the employee shall receive while on vacation either the Desk Person fee or the Producer fee, whichever is greater.

Section K3.14

(a) The Company shall have the right to hire persons on a daily basis in order to cover temporary workload requirements or the absence of an employee(s) covered by this Agreement.

The Settlement Agreement shall otherwise describe the rights to engage daily hire employees under the K Agreement but shall be non-cancellable for the term of the 2017-2021 Master Agreement.

Employees hired on a daily basis shall be paid for each day worked a daily rate equal to one-fifth (1/5) of the applicable weekly wage scale (at any step of the escalator) which shall be the regular rate of pay for daily hire employees as of that date. Daily hires may be assigned to work at such rate any eight (8) consecutive hours within any twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, provided that for the hours referred to in Article X such persons shall receive additional compensation as provided in that Article. Any work performed by such persons in hours in excess of eight (8) hours in any day or in excess of forty (40) hours in a regular workweek (which shall be defined as beginning at 12:01 A.M. Saturday and continuing until 12:00 midnight the following Friday) and any work performed on New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Juneteenth

(June 19), July Fourth, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day shall be regarded as overtime and compensated at one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay. In addition, any work performed by persons engaged on a daily basis on New Year's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day shall be compensated at a rate equal to two (2) times their straight-time rate of pay for all overtime hours worked on any such holiday. In no case shall overtime accrue on overtime.

The meal period shall not be considered time worked for any purpose including overtime and premium pay on the above-referenced holidays.

(See Sideletters GY and HV.)

In addition, the Company may hire persons on a daily basis to work a minimum of four (4) hours on any day, at a rate of pay equal to one-eighth (1/8) the regular daily rate for each hour worked, which shall be the regular pay rate for such person. In the event such person is required to work in excess of six (6) hours, they shall be paid no less than eight (8) hours of pay at straight time.

Persons hired on a daily basis shall receive a payment of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) a day in lieu of benefits.

Effective April 1, 2022, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Eighty Dollars (\$80) per day, with Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$40/\$25/\$15).

Effective April 6, 2024, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Eighty Dollars (\$80) per day, with Thirty Dollars (\$30) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$35/\$30/\$15).

(See Sideletters FD, FD-1 and HF.)

Each person hired on a daily basis who has worked seventy (70) days in a calendar year shall receive vacation pay in an amount equal to four percent (4%) of such employee's straight-time rate of pay for all straight-time hours worked in that calendar year, payable by separate check by February 15 of the next succeeding calendar year.

(See Sideletter HO for daily hires who work more than 180 days in a calendar year.)

Except with respect to any daily hire participating in the Signature Plan as provided in Sideletter HF (Daily Hire Signature Benefits), paragraph 5(d), the Company will provide a daily hire employee with Company paid life insurance in the principal amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) on the following basis:

- (i) A daily hire employee who works more than seventy-five (75) days in a calendar year shall qualify for such life insurance policy for a single calendar year as set forth herein.
- (ii) The policy will be in effect for the calendar year immediately following the qualifying year as defined in subparagraph (i) above.
- (iii) Eligibility for this life insurance policy shall lapse and the employee shall have no coverage provided by the Company effective January 1 in any calendar year immediately following a year in which the daily hire employee does not work more than seventy-five (75) days within a calendar year.

In the event the Company engages a person on a daily basis and thereafter cancels such engagement after 1:00 P.M. of the day preceding the assignment, said person shall be paid a sum equal to four (4) or eight (8) hours' pay, whichever is applicable.

In addition, in the event the Company engages a person on a daily basis and thereafter cancels such engagement after 1:00 P.M. of the day preceding the assignment, such person shall receive the appropriate payment in lieu of benefits pursuant to Sideletter FD-1 for the cancelled engagement, and the engagement shall count as a day worked for purposes of calculating all applicable eligibility thresholds.

There shall be a minimum of ten (10) hours between the end of an employee's original schedule or any extension thereof and the start of the next. Assignments during the above turnaround period shall be compensated for, in addition to the regular rate, at Nine Dollars (\$9.00) per hour for the portion of such assignment which encroaches on such turnaround period. The above-referenced provision shall not apply with respect to "travel only" days.

- (b) The following provisions of the Master Agreement shall not apply to persons hired on a daily basis: Sections 3.4, 3.5(a), 3.5(c), 3.6 and 3.7; Articles VIII except Sections 8.1 (the final sentence only), 8.5(e), and 8.11; XI except Section 11.9; XII except Sections 12.3(a) and 12.3(b); XIII except Section 13.3; XIV, XV; Sections 16.4(a), 16.5, 16.6(a), 16.11 and 16.12; Articles XVIII, XIX, XXII except the Company's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy and except with respect to daily hire employees determined to be eligible for Signature Plan benefits pursuant to Sideletter HF; XXIII, Section 26.1 and Articles XXVII through XXIX.

## Section K3.15

This provision shall be applicable to NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters (hereinafter “employees”) assigned, at the Company’s option, outside the Continental United States, Puerto Rico or Canada (herein called “overseas”) to news field assignments using electronic cameras capable of being hand-held and associated equipment. The “Continental United States” for the purpose of this Section only, includes Alaska and Hawaii. Employees so assigned will, upon individual request, be excused from such assignments, provided, however, that the Company, after having made a reasonable effort to find a qualified replacement from the same office can find such a qualified replacement. The term “qualified” in this Section K3.15 shall include accreditation, the possession of a valid passport and/or visa, security clearances, etc. In no event shall an employee be so assigned for a period in excess of thirty (30) consecutive days without their consent.

### ARTICLE K-IV CREDITS

#### Section K4.1

The Company shall give video credit to the Newswriter for each television program they write and audio credit to the Newswriter for each radio program they write of fifteen (15) minutes or longer in duration, except where the special circumstances of the show make it inappropriate to give such credit, or where the Newswriter prefers otherwise. On a program broadcast two (2) or more times a week where written by the same Newswriter, credit need be given only once a week on such programs to said Newswriter. Where such credit is not given in any week, credits must be given twice in the following week. Where the exigencies of time make such credit impractical, failure to give credit shall not be considered a breach of this Agreement. The credit to a Newswriter will in no case be included in a general grouping of persons receiving credit on the program, unless the Newswriter is separately identified as such in the grouping.

### ARTICLE K-V USE OF MATERIALS

#### Section K5.1

All materials written as part of the Newswriter’s assigned work on programs or auditions produced by the News Department of the Company shall belong to the Company which shall have sole ownership and right and use of all such materials for all purposes for all time. All materials written on the Newswriter’s own time shall belong exclusively to the Newswriter who shall retain full title therein and who shall have the right at any time to use or dispose of such material for their own benefit and advantage, provided, however, that any material which is destined for use on any competing broadcasting station or competing broadcasting network shall not bear the Newswriter’s name or Company connection. In the event the Newswriter submits for the Company’s consideration any

material owned by the employee pursuant to the previous sentence, at the time of such submission the Newswriter must advise the Company in writing whether they wish to be assigned as the Producer of any program produced by the Company utilizing such material. Should the Company thereafter choose to acquire the rights to such material, the expressed wishes of the Newswriter regarding their assignment as Producer will be complied with at the time such program is produced by the Company.

## ARTICLE K-VI MEAL PERIODS

### Section K6.1

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## O. NEWSWRITERS AGREEMENT LOS ANGELES

### ARTICLE O-I SCOPE OF UNIT

#### Section O1.1

The term “employee” as used in this Agreement applies to all News and News Special Events Writers now or hereafter engaged by the Company at its Los Angeles office to write, rewrite, condense, process or edit news material. Not included are Newscasters and Commentators who under individual contract with the Company write and broadcast their own material, and do not write material covered by this Agreement for others to broadcast.

The term “news material” as used in this Agreement includes sports news and weather news.

#### Section O1.2

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall prevent persons employed in the News Department primarily to perform managerial and/or supervisory duties from editing, or rewriting copy for broadcast. The News Director, Assistant News Director, Managing Editor or Executive Producer(s) may also write material for broadcast when such writing is not a substantial part of, and is incidental to, their overall managerial or supervisory duties or because of time constraints where NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters are not readily available in sufficient numbers. It is understood that the performance of the work described above is to supplement the work of NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters and no newswriter on staff as of March 31, 2011 shall be laid off as a direct result of the Company’s use of the aforementioned managers to write or edit or rewrite copy under this Section O1.2.



### Section O1.3

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall prevent persons who are employed at another office of the Company primarily for the purpose of preparing news material from performing all or a portion of the duties described herein at the Los Angeles office for television or radio newsmen for whom they normally prepare such material.

## ARTICLE O-II DUTIES

### Section O2.1

News and News Special Events Writers shall write, edit and process all news material for news programs or auditions produced by the News and News Special Events Department of the Company excluding programs or auditions prepared by Newscasters and Commentators who normally prepare their own material for broadcast purposes.

To perform such duties the Newswriters will correlate news sources such as teletypes, still picture transmitting machines, newspapers, magazines and personal interviews by telephones, as deemed necessary by management. Also in the performance of the above duties, the News and News Special Events Writers, as deemed necessary by management, may correlate recorded tape news material and/or filmed news material for use in part or as a whole in the news program or news program auditions produced by the News Department of the Company in its Los Angeles office. Correlation of such material may include:

- (a) previewing recorded tape news material, supervising its editing and writing appropriate news continuity to make it an integral part of the news program or news program audition being prepared.
- (b) screening news film material, supervising its editing, and writing appropriate news continuity to make it an integral part of the news program or news audition being prepared.

Excluded is recorded tape news material and/or film news material being used by Newscasters and Commentators who, under individual contract with the Company, write and broadcast their own material.

### Section O2.2

The Company shall designate six (6) members of the Unit to serve as an "Assignment Editor," at least one (1) of whom shall be designated in the television Network News Department, who shall perform "desk functions" as assigned by management. Desk functions may include, but shall not be limited to, making camera, reporting and writing assignments, checking out stories, directing bulletin coverage, editing news material and supervising newsroom activities. The Company in its discretion may designate more

than six (6) members of the Unit as Assignment Editor and may change any employee designated as Assignment Editor. The Assignment Editor may perform in addition to their desk functions the duties specified in Section O1.1 and Section O2.1. Except for illness in excess of one (1) week and vacations, the absence of a designated Assignment Editor shall not require the assignment of another Assignment Editor even though desk functions are being performed. Nothing herein shall preclude management or supervisory personnel from performing any desk functions.

(See Statement of Interpretation, Chicago and Los Angeles Newswriters Agreements and Sideletter FC.)

### Section O2.3

With respect to those persons who, under individual contract with the Company, write and broadcast their own material pursuant to the exceptions recited in this Agreement, it is agreed that such persons shall include those who:

- (a) write material for their own broadcast which is subsequently broadcast by others; or
- (b) in multiple anchor situations, write for a co-anchor; or
- (c) as a reporter covering a story, write introductory, lead-in, lead-out and/or closing material to be broadcast by an anchor in the studio; or
- (d) have specialized knowledge regarding the particular subject matter of a story to be broadcast by others.
- (e) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Master Agreement, including any Unit agreements, or any other agreements, grievance settlements, arbitration awards or practices to the contrary, anchors and correspondents outside the bargaining unit may write, rewrite, condense and/or process news material for their own broadcast(s) as well as occasionally material for other correspondents and anchors in unforeseen circumstances (e.g., breaking news or operational exigencies). The Company's exercise of this provision is meant to supplement, not supplant, the normal scheduled usage of NABET-CWA represented Newswriters.

No newswriter on regular staff as of March 31, 2017 shall be laid off during the term of the 2017-2021 Master Agreement as a direct result of the Company's utilization of the foregoing paragraph.

### Section O2.4

At the discretion of the Company, employees hereunder may be assigned to perform work on public affairs, documentary and other programs which are outside the Union's jurisdiction. The Company and the Union agree that any such assignments shall

not, under any circumstances, constitute an expansion of existing jurisdiction pursuant to any provisions of the Master Agreement, nor shall the performance of such assignments by employees hereunder entitle any such employees to continue to be given such assignments. It is agreed that no claim or dispute involving an assignment made pursuant to this provision, or the failure to make such an assignment, shall be subject to arbitration.

ARTICLE O-III  
CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE SCALES

Section O3.1

Minimum Wage Scale (Per Week):

<u>Years</u>	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
0-1	\$841.50	\$869.00	\$897.00	\$926.00
1-2	\$1,287.50	\$1,329.50	\$1,372.50	\$1,417.00
2-3	\$1,474.00	\$1,522.00	\$1,571.50	\$1,622.50
3-4	\$1,641.50	\$1,695.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,807.00
4 & Over	\$2,075.00	\$2,143.00	\$2,212.50	\$2,284.50

- 1. Annual Wage Increases:** O Unit employees, including daily hires, shall receive the same annual minimum wage scale increases applicable to other Units, as agreed upon in the 2017-2021 Master Agreement.
- 2. Increase Escalator Rates:** The increases set forth in paragraph 1 shall apply to the minimum wage scales set forth above.
- 3. Staff Employee Escalator:** Notwithstanding any provision of the Master Agreement to the contrary, a staff employee hired on or after April 1, 2017 shall progress up the escalator until such employee reaches the “3-4 rate,” but shall not be entitled to be paid at or above the “4 and over” rate, except as a matter of merit or overscale pay as determined in the sole discretion of the Company. Such merit or overscale rate shall be set forth in a Sideletter FF overscale arrangement.
- 4. Current Daily Hire Annual Rate Increases:** Increase the daily rates paid as of April 1, 2017 to the daily hires employed as of April 1, 2017 in accordance with the annual percentage increases set forth in paragraph 1.
- 5. New Daily Hire Escalator Placement:** The Company shall notify the Union of its decision as to the escalator placement of new daily hires, that is, daily hires employed on or after April 1, 2017, including those placed at the “0-1 rate.” Thereafter, any annual raise(s) coming due pursuant to paragraph 1 shall be applied

to such employee's initial escalator placement or any subsequent discretionary rate increase, regardless of whether that annual raise will result in a rate that is higher or lower than any specific escalator step set forth in Section O3.1, provided that no employee shall be paid below the 0-1 rate.

- 6. Commitment To Hire Staff Employees:** KABC-TV shall hire at least two (2) staff Newswriters by April 13, 2018. Any daily hire employees made staff pursuant to this provision shall be subject to initial placement on the escalator pursuant to Section O3.3, without regard to previous daily hire service for the Company.
- 7. Rehired Employees:** All staff employees who voluntarily separate, and are subsequently reemployed as staff, shall be placed on the wage escalator as a newly hired employee under Section O3.3. Any daily hire employees who are not engaged for a period of six (6) months shall be placed on the escalator as a "new" daily hire subject to initial placement pursuant to paragraph 5.

### Section O3.2

For each day that a member of the Unit serves as an Assignment Editor, the employee shall receive in addition to the employee's regular compensation the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00).

If a member of the Unit receives the Assignment Editor fee for at least one hundred thirty (130) days during the previous calendar year, that employee shall receive, in addition to their regular vacation pay, the daily Assignment Editor fee for each day of the employee's scheduled vacation, but in no event more than five (5) times the daily Assignment Editor fee per week while on vacation.

### Section O3.3

- (a) Employment as a staff newswriter by any nationwide radio or television network shall be deemed employment as a Newswriter by the Company in determining the minimum salary applicable under the foregoing wage escalator to Newswriters hereafter engaged.
- (b) Employment for a period of three (3) years as:
  - (1) a reporter or rewrite person on the staff of a metropolitan daily newspaper with a circulation of at least 100,000 copies, or
  - (2) a newswriter on the staff of A.P., Reuters or U.P.I., in any city of 100,000 population or more, or
  - (3) a newswriter on the staff of a 50,000 watt radio station in any city of 100,000 population or more, or

- (4) a newswriter on the staff of any VHF television station in a city of 100,000 population or more, shall entitle any Newswriter engaged hereunder to at least twelve (12) months' credit for purposes of applying the foregoing salary schedule.

#### Section O3.4

News and News Special Events Writers will receive fees for writing any transcontinental network commercial news programs with the following minimum:

<u>Length of Program</u>	<u>Radio Fees</u>	<u>Television Fees</u>
0 to 5 Minutes	\$5.00	\$8.00
Over 5 to 10 Minutes	\$8.25	\$12.50
Over 10 to 15 Minutes	\$12.00	\$19.00
Over 15 to 30 Minutes	\$19.00	\$28.50
Over 30 Minutes	\$27.00	\$46.00

#### Section O3.5

The multiple program rate applicable to the number of program broadcasts in Column A below shall be determined by multiplying the applicable rate for a single program by the appropriate fraction in Column B below:

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
<u>Number of Program</u>	<u>Applicable Multiple</u>
<u>Broadcasts Per Week</u>	<u>of Single Program Rate</u>
2	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
3	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
4	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
5	3

#### Section O3.6

Over five (5) per week, the multiple of single program rate in "B" above increases by one-fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) for each additional program. If any one (1) commercial program is broadcast more than one (1) day per week, the Writer of such program shall be paid a fee at the multiple program rate, based on the number of times the program is broadcast during the week in question. If different Newswriters are assigned to such program on different days of the week, the fee shall be divided among them pro rata.

#### Section O3.7

Where two (2) or more programs of equal length sponsored by the same sponsor are broadcast on the same day, whether or not such programs are broadcast more than one

(1) day per week, each Newswriter who writes more than one (1) such program on the same day during a particular week shall be paid for all such programs a fee at the multiple program rate, based on the total number of such programs written by the employee during such week.

Section O3.8

In the case of a news “insert” or a news “cut-in” in a program, the amount of the fee is to be determined by the length of the “cut-in” or “insert”, not the length of the program.

Section O3.9

In no event shall commercial fees be payable on any local or regional program.

Section O3.10

The above fees also will apply to news programs written by Newswriters which are ordinarily written by others.

Section O3.11

- (a) If a Newswriter is assigned by the Company to serve as the Producer of a commercial local television program, they shall be paid a Producer fee in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Length of Program</u>	<u>Producer Fee</u>
Five (5) minutes	\$4.50
More than five (5) minutes but less than thirty (30) minutes	\$15.00
Thirty (30) minutes or more but less than one (1) hour	\$30.00
One (1) hour or longer	\$45.00

If a show producer working from their residence is communicating with a Newswriter who is their onsite liaison in the control room, such Newswriter shall receive a producer fee of Twelve Dollars (\$12.00).

In the event a produced program is cut or preempted from the program schedule, the Station shall nonetheless pay the fee at the rate specified herein.

- (b) Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to require that a Producer (i.e., a Newswriter assigned as Producer or any other person assigned as Producer) must be assigned to each program, nor shall anything contained herein be deemed in

any way to confer on members of the Bargaining Unit jurisdiction over producing news programs, or producing elements, portions, segments, inserts, stories or pieces for such programs.

- (c) In no event will a Producer fee be required for producing elements, portions, segments, inserts, stories or pieces for programs.
- (d) If a member of the Unit receives a Producer fee for at least one hundred thirty (130) days during the previous calendar year, the employee shall receive, in addition to regular vacation pay, the applicable Producer fee for each day of their scheduled vacation, but in no event more than five (5) times the applicable Producer fee per week while on vacation; provided that, if the Producer fee which the employee has received for the qualification period of at least one hundred thirty (130) days has varied in amount, the Producer fee which the employee shall receive for each day of their scheduled vacation shall be the average of the Producer fees received during such qualification period.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a member of the Unit assigned as a local TV station weekend program producers for at least eighty (80) days during the previous calendar year shall receive, in addition to their regular vacation pay, their producing fees on a pro rata basis for each week of the employee's scheduled vacation.

- (e) Notwithstanding any practices, grievance settlements, arbitration awards, or any provisions of the Master Agreement, producers of news programs, elements, segments, inserts, stories or pieces of news programs in Los Angeles may perform any and/or all of the duties of NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters in conjunction with the programs, program elements, segments, inserts, stories or pieces which they produce, or for special news programming. With respect to regularly scheduled news programs on KABC-TV, the provisions of the first sentence of this Section shall not apply to more than one (1) producer per program, except that program producers may perform all such duties of NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters with respect to program(s) produced by others, which programs are in a single calendar day in an adjacent news block to the particular program produced by another Program Producer (e.g., the 11:00 P.M. Program Producer could write for the 6:00 P.M. news, or the 4:00 P.M. Program Producer could write for the 6:00 P.M. news but the 11:00 P.M. Program Producer could not write for the 5:00 A.M. news on the following calendar day, nor could the 5:00 A.M. Program Producer write for the 11:00 P.M. news on the previous calendar day), when: (i) in the Company's sole judgment it is necessary to do so; and (ii) the writing of the program producer does not substitute for the hiring or scheduling of a NABET-CWA-represented newswriter. On weekend programs on KABC-TV (weekends shall be Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Sunday), producers not covered by this Agreement may only perform the duties of NABET-CWA-

represented Newswriters as set forth above to cover the absence of a NABET-CWA-represented Newswriter or in a news emergency or special coverage. In addition, at KABC-TV, the first sentence of this sub-section shall not apply to more than three (3) specialty and/or segment producers (but no more than three (3) people in total) in any combination thereof.

#### Section O3.12

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#### Section O3.13

In no case shall a member of the Unit receive both a Desk Person fee and a Producer fee while on vacation. In the event that a member of the Unit is qualified to receive both, the employee shall receive while on vacation either the Desk Person fee or the Producer fee, whichever is greater.

#### Section O3.14

- (a) The Company shall have the right to hire persons on a daily basis at KABC-TV for weekend or overnight shifts, and in all Los Angeles operations in order to cover temporary workload requirements or the absence of an employee(s) covered by this Agreement. No regular staff newswriters employed at KABC-TV as of March 31, 2017 shall be laid off during the term of the successor to the 2017-2021 Master Agreement as a direct result of the Company's employment of daily hire newswriters for regular weekend or overnight shifts.

Employees hired on a daily basis shall be paid for each day worked a daily rate equal to one-fifth (1/5) of the applicable weekly wage scale (at any step of the escalator) which shall be the regular rate of pay for daily hire employees as of that date. Daily hires may be assigned to work at such rate any eight (8) consecutive hours within any twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, provided that for the hours referred to in Article X such persons shall receive additional compensation as provided in that Article. Any work performed by such persons in hours in excess of eight (8) hours in any day or in excess of forty (40) hours in a regular workweek (which shall be defined as beginning at 12:01 AM Saturday and continuing until 12:00 Midnight the following Friday) and any work performed on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Juneteenth (June 19), July Fourth, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day shall be regarded as overtime and compensated at one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay. In addition, any work performed by persons engaged on a daily basis on New Year's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day shall be compensated at a rate equal to two (2) times their straight-time rate of pay for all overtime hours worked on any such holiday. In no case shall overtime accrue on overtime.



The meal period shall not be considered time worked for any purpose including overtime and premium pay on the above-referenced holidays.

(See Sideletters GY and HV.)

In addition, the Company may hire persons on a daily basis to work a minimum of four (4) hours on any day, at a rate of pay equal to one-eighth (1/8) the regular daily rate for each hour worked, which shall be the regular pay rate for such person. In the event such person is required to work in excess of six (6) hours, they shall be paid no less than eight (8) hours of pay at straight time.

Persons hired on a daily basis shall receive a payment of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) a day in lieu of benefits.

Effective April 1, 2022, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per day, with Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$40/\$25/\$15).

Effective April 6, 2024, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per day, with Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$35/\$30/\$15).

(See Sideletters FD, FD-1 and HF.)

Each person hired on a daily basis who has worked seventy (70) days in a calendar year shall receive vacation pay in an amount equal to four percent (4%) of such employee's straight-time rate of pay for all straight-time hours worked in that calendar year, payable by separate check by February 15 of the next succeeding calendar year.

(See Sideletter HO for daily hires who work more than 180 days in a calendar year.)

Except with respect to any daily hire participating in the Signature Plan as provided in Sideletter HF (Daily Hire Signature Benefits), paragraph 5(d), the Company will provide a daily hire employee with Company paid life insurance in the principal amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) on the following basis:

- (i) A daily hire employee who works more than seventy-five (75) days in a calendar year shall qualify for such life insurance policy for a single calendar year as set forth herein.

- (ii) The policy will be in effect for the calendar year immediately following the qualifying year as defined in subparagraph (i) above.
- (iii) Eligibility for this life insurance policy shall lapse and the employee shall have no coverage provided by the Company effective January 1 in any calendar year immediately following a year in which the daily hire employee does not work more than seventy-five (75) days within a calendar year.

In the event the Company engages a person on a daily basis and thereafter cancels such engagement after 1:00 P.M. of the day preceding the assignment, said person shall be paid a sum equal to four (4) or eight (8) hours' pay, whichever is applicable.

In addition, in the event the Company engages a person on a daily basis and thereafter cancels such engagement after 1:00 P.M. of the day preceding the assignment, such person shall receive the appropriate payment in lieu of benefits pursuant to Sideletter FD-1 for the cancelled engagement, and the engagement shall count as a day worked for purposes of calculating all applicable eligibility thresholds.

There shall be a minimum of ten (10) hours between the end of an employee's original schedule or any extension thereof and the start of the next. Assignments during the above turnaround period shall be compensated for, in addition to the regular rate, at Nine Dollars (\$9.00) per hour for the portion of such assignment which encroaches on such turnaround period. The above-referenced provision shall not apply with respect to "travel only" days.

- (b) The following provisions of the Master Agreement shall not apply to persons hired on a daily basis: Sections 3.4, 3.5(a), 3.5(c), 3.6 and 3.7; Articles VIII except Sections 8.1 (the final sentence only), 8.5(e), and 8.11; XI except Section 11.9; XII except Sections 12.3(a) and 12.3(b); XIII except Section 13.3; XIV, XV; Sections 16.4(a), 16.5, 16.6(a), 16.11 and 16.12; Articles XVIII, XIX, XXII except the Company's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy and except with respect to daily hire employees determined to be eligible for Signature Plan benefits pursuant to Sideletter HF; XXIII, Section 26.1 and Articles XXVII through XXIX.

## Section O3.15

This provision shall be applicable to NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters (hereinafter "employees") assigned, at the Company's option, outside the Continental United States, Puerto Rico or Canada (herein called "overseas") to news field assignments using electronic cameras capable of being hand-held and associated equipment. The "Continental United States" for the purpose of this Section only, includes Alaska and Hawaii. Employees so assigned will, upon individual request, be excused from such assignments, provided, however, that the Company, after having made a reasonable effort

to find a qualified replacement from the same office, can find such a qualified replacement. The term “qualified” in this Section O3.15 shall include accreditation, the possession of a valid passport and/or visa, security clearances, etc. In no event shall an employee be so assigned for a period in excess of thirty (30) consecutive days without their consent.

#### ARTICLE O-IV AIR CREDITS

##### Section O4.1

The Company shall give video credit to the Newswriter for each television program they write and audio credit to the Newswriter for each radio program they write of fifteen (15) minutes or longer in duration, except where the special circumstances of the show make it inappropriate to give such credit, or where the Newswriter prefers otherwise. On a program broadcast two (2) or more times a week where written by the same Newswriter, credit need be given only once a week on such programs to said Newswriter. Where such credit is not given in any week, credits must be given twice in the following week. Where the exigencies of time make such credit impractical, failure to give credit shall not be considered a breach of this Agreement. The credit to a Newswriter will in no case be included in a general grouping of persons receiving credit on the program, unless the Newswriter is separately identified as such in the grouping.

#### ARTICLE O-V USE OF MATERIALS

##### Section O5.1

All materials written as part of the Newswriter’s assigned work on programs or auditions produced by the News Department of the Company shall belong to the Company which shall have sole ownership and right and use of all such materials for all purposes for all time. All materials written on the Newswriter’s own time shall belong exclusively to the Newswriter who shall retain full title therein and who shall have the right at any time to use or dispose of such material for their own benefit and advantage, provided, however, that any material which is destined for use on any competing broadcasting station or competing broadcasting network shall not bear the Newswriter’s name or Company connection. In the event the Newswriter submits for the Company’s consideration any material owned by the employee pursuant to the previous sentence, at the time of such submission the Newswriter must advise the Company in writing whether they wish to be assigned as the Producer of any program produced by the Company utilizing the material. Should the Company thereafter choose to acquire the rights to such material, the expressed wishes of the Newswriter regarding their assignment as Producer will be complied with at the time such program is produced by the Company.

P. PLANT MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT  
LOS ANGELES

ARTICLE P-I  
SCOPE OF UNIT

Section P1.1

The term “employee” as used in this Agreement applies to all Electricians, Carpenters, Plumbers, Plant Maintenance employees, General Maintenance Persons, Gardeners, AM Studio Set-up Persons and Building Maintenance Persons employed by the Company in Los Angeles.

(See Sideletter ES.)

ARTICLE P-II  
DUTIES

Section P2.1

Building Maintenance Persons shall perform general utility duties (including minor plumbing) in the buildings and plants of the Company excluding contracted janitorial services.

Section P2.2

Painters shall perform the painting work in connection with maintenance and repair of the buildings and premises other than major repairs and major installations. Employees in this classification may be assigned interchangeably in the event of unscheduled occurrences when members of only one (1) trade are assigned on weekends and on the holidays named in Section 18.1. In the event the Company institutes an overnight shift, the parties agree to discuss the question of interchangeability during such shift.

(See Sideletter DY.)

Section P2.3

Electricians shall perform the electrical and plumbing work in connection with maintenance and repair of the buildings and premises other than major repairs and major installations. In addition, Electricians shall perform the duties of operation and maintenance of air conditioning equipment, as distinguished from installations or major repairs. Employees in this classification may be assigned to the duties set forth in Section P2.2 above and Section P2.7 below in the event of unscheduled occurrences when members of only one (1) trade are assigned on weekends and on the holidays named in Section 18.1.

## Section P2.4

General Maintenance Persons shall perform handyperson electrical, carpentry, painting, plumbing, gardening and related work in the buildings and premises of the Company, excepting at the Television Center, and may also perform the duties of the Building Maintenance Persons hereunder. Such duties need not be performed under the direct supervision of a Plant Maintenance Person. Handyperson work is simple, not requiring the skill of a journeyman.

## Section P2.5

Gardeners shall perform duties in connection with the planting and maintenance (including minor plumbing) of grass, trees, flowers, shrubbery and other vegetation on the Company's premises.

(See Sideletter DY.)

## Section P2.6

Switching air conditioning equipment on and off, or adjusting thermostats as distinguished from repairing and maintaining same, shall not be considered as the operation, repair or maintenance of air conditioning equipment under Section P2.3 above.

## Section P2.7

Carpenters shall perform the carpentry work and plumbing in connection with maintenance and repair of the building premises, other than major repairs and major installations. Employees in this classification may be assigned to the duties set forth in Section P2.2 above in the event of unscheduled occurrences when members of only one (1) trade are assigned on weekends and on the holidays named in Section 18.1.

## Section P2.8

Plumbers shall perform plumbing work in connection with maintenance and repair of the buildings and premises, provided that notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or any provisions in the General Articles, Sideletters, Stipulations or the "P" Agreement to the contrary, the Company may, as is consistent with past practice, in its sole discretion, subcontract for the performance of any plumbing work.

## Section P2.9

As used herein, the terms "buildings," "premises" and "plants" of the Company shall only include those fixed locations owned by the Company or leased by the Company for a term in excess of two (2) months. The Company agrees to notify the Union of the acquisition or lease of such fixed locations.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall have no obligation to assign an employee(s) covered by the “P” Unit to any facility, “buildings,” “premises,” or “plants” leased by the Company where the Company does not have the right to determine who supplies building services (e.g., Andrita Studios). The Company will request, where appropriate, the right to assign “P” Unit employees to perform such work, but failure to obtain this right shall not be considered a violation of any provision of the Master Agreement. No regular employee employed in the “P” Unit as of May 11, 2013 shall be laid off as a direct result of the rights recognized in this paragraph.

Section P2.10

Notwithstanding any provisions of the Master Agreement, the “P” Plant Maintenance Unit Agreement, arbitration awards, grievance settlements or practices, an employee employed under a classification listed in Section P3.1 when assigned to perform their regular job duties, may also be assigned to perform other minor work incidental to and in conjunction with their regular work assignment (e.g., painters may remove and replace existing switch plates or light covers and temporarily reposition furniture to paint a wall, plumbers may make minor electrical connections related to the installation of plumbing fixtures and equipment, carpenters may perform minor painting work or sweep or clean an area as part of finishing carpentry jobs, etc.) which may in the past have required the assignment of an employee from any of the other job classifications. No upgrade in pay shall be required when an employee performs such work.

ARTICLE P-III  
CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE SCALES

Section P3.1

Minimum Wage Scale (Per Week):

Building Maintenance Persons

<u>Years</u>	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2021</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
0-1	\$795.50	\$821.50	\$848.00	\$875.50
1-2	\$882.50	\$911.00	\$940.50	\$971.00
2-3	\$951.00	\$982.00	\$1,014.00	\$1,047.00
3 & Over	\$1082.50	\$1,117.50	\$1,154.00	\$ 1,191.50

Gardeners

<u>Years</u>	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
0-1	\$892.50	\$921.50	\$951.50	\$982.50
1-2	\$998.50	\$1,031.00	\$1,064.50	\$1,099.00
2-3	\$1124.50	\$1,161.00	\$1,198.50	\$1,737.50
3 & Over	1301.00	\$1,343.50	\$1,387.00	\$1,432.00

General Maintenance Persons

<u>Years</u>	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
0-1	\$892.50	\$921.50	\$951.50	\$982.50
1-2	\$998.50	\$1,031.00	\$1,064.50	\$1,099.00
2-3	\$1124.50	\$1,161.00	\$1,198.50	\$1,737.50
3 & Over	\$1301.00	\$1,343.50	\$1,387.00	\$ 1,432.00

Painters

<u>Years</u>	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
0-1	\$1124.50	\$1,161.00	\$1,198.50	\$1,237.50
1-2	\$1265.00	\$1,306.00	\$1,348.50	\$1,392.50
2-3	\$1373.00	\$ 1,417.50	\$1,463.50	\$1,511.00
3 & Over	\$1517.50	\$1,567.00	\$1,618.00	\$1,670.50

Carpenters

<u>Years</u>	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
0-1	\$1146.00	\$1,183.00	\$1,221.50	\$ 1,261.00
1-2	\$1283.00	\$1,324.50	\$1,367.50	\$1,412.00
2-3	\$1396.50	\$1,442.00	\$1,489.00	\$ 1,537.50
3 & Over	\$1595.00	\$1,647.00	\$1,700.50	\$1,756.00

### Electricians

<u>Years</u>	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
0-1	\$1201.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,280.50	\$1,322.00
1-2	\$1345.50	\$1,389.00	\$1,434.00	\$1,480.50
2-3	\$1467.00	\$1,514.50	\$1,563.50	\$1,614.50
3 & Over	\$1637.50	\$1,690.50	\$1,745.50	\$1,802.00

### Plumbers

<u>Years</u>	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
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3 & Over	\$1595.00	\$ 1,647.00	\$1,700.50	\$1,756.00

### Section P3.2

The weekly salary of a Lead Person for any job classification set forth in Section P4.1 hereof shall be fifteen percent (15%) above the highest step of the escalator of such job classification, provided that the Lead Person for the Building Maintenance Persons shall be paid fifteen percent (15%) above the highest step of the escalator of the A.M. Set-up and General Maintenance Persons.

### Section P3.3

- (a) The Company shall have the right to hire persons on a daily basis in order to cover temporary workload requirements or the absence of an employee(s) covered by this Agreement.

Employees hired on a daily basis shall be paid for each day worked a daily rate equal to one-fifth (1/5) of the applicable weekly wage scale (at any step of the escalator) which shall be the regular rate of pay for daily hire employees as of that date. Daily hires may be assigned to work at such rate any eight (8) consecutive hours within any twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, provided that for the hours referred to in Article X such persons shall receive additional compensation as provided in that Article. Any work performed by such persons in hours in excess of eight (8) hours in any day or in excess of forty (40) hours in a regular workweek (which shall be defined as beginning at 12:01 A.M. Saturday and continuing until 12:00 Midnight the following Friday) and any work performed



on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Juneteenth (June 19), July Fourth, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day shall be regarded as overtime and compensated at one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay. In addition, any work performed by persons engaged on a daily basis on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day shall be compensated at a rate equal to two (2) times their straight-time rate of pay for all overtime hours worked on any such holiday. In no case shall overtime accrue on overtime.

The meal period shall not be considered time worked for any purpose including overtime and premium pay on the above-referenced holidays.

(See Sideletters GY and HV.)

Persons hired on a daily basis shall receive a payment of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) a day in lieu of benefits.

Effective April 1, 2022, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per day, with Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$40/\$25/\$15).

Effective April 6, 2024, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per day, with Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$35/\$30/\$15).

(See Sideletters FD, FD-1 and HF.)

Each person hired on a daily basis who has worked seventy (70) days in a calendar year shall receive vacation pay in an amount equal to four percent (4%) of such employee's straight-time rate of pay for all straight-time hours worked in that calendar year, payable by separate check by February 15 of the next succeeding calendar year.

(See Sideletter HO for daily hires who work more than 180 days in a calendar year.)

Except with respect to any daily hire participating in the Signature Plan as provided in Sideletter HF (Daily Hire Signature Benefits), paragraph 5(d), the Company will provide a daily hire employee with Company paid life insurance in the principal amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) on the following basis:

- (i) A daily hire employee who works more than seventy-five (75) days in a calendar year shall qualify for such life insurance policy for a single calendar year as set forth herein.
- (ii) The policy will be in effect for the calendar year immediately following the qualifying year as defined in subparagraph (i) above.
- (iii) Eligibility for this life insurance policy shall lapse and the employee shall have no coverage provided by the Company effective January 1 in any calendar year immediately following a year in which the daily hire employee does not work more than seventy-five (75) days within a calendar year.

In the event the Company engages a person on a daily basis and thereafter cancels such engagement after 1:00 P.M. of the day preceding the assignment, said person shall be paid a sum equal to eight (8) hours' pay.

In addition, in the event the Company engages a person on a daily basis and thereafter cancels such engagement after 1:00 P.M. of the day preceding the assignment, such person shall receive the appropriate payment in lieu of benefits pursuant to Sideletter FD-1 for the cancelled engagement, and the engagement shall count as a day worked for purposes of calculating all applicable eligibility thresholds,

There shall be a minimum of ten (10) hours between the end of an employee's original schedule or any extension thereof and the start of the next. Assignments during the above turnaround period shall be compensated for, in addition to the regular rate, at Nine Dollars (\$9.00) per hour for the portion of such assignment which encroaches on such turnaround period. The above-referenced provision shall not apply with respect to "travel only" days.

- (b) The following provisions of the Master Agreement shall not apply to persons hired on a daily basis: Sections 3.4, 3.5(a), 3.5(c), 3.6 and 3.7; Articles VIII except Sections 8.1 (the final sentence only), 8.5(e), and 8.11; XI except Section 11.9; XII except Sections 12.3(a) and 12.3(b); XIII except Section 13.3; XIV, XV; Sections 16.4(a), 16.5, 16.6(a), 16.11 and 16.12; Articles XVIII, XIX, XXII except the Company's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy and except with respect to daily hire employees determined to be eligible for Signature Plan benefits pursuant to Sideletter HF; XXIII, Section 26.1 and Articles XXVII through XXIX.

ARTICLE P-IV  
LEAD PERSONS

Section P4.1

There shall be a working Lead Person for each of the following groups in which four (4) or more employees covered by this Agreement are employed: (1) Building Maintenance Persons; (2) Carpenters; (3) Plant Maintenance Persons – Painters; (4) Electricians; and (5) Gardeners. Nothing herein shall preclude management supervisors from issuing instructions and/or work assignments to employees hereunder. When a working Lead Person is on vacation or leave of absence, or is absent for a full day due to illness, the employee shall be replaced by one (1) of the employees in their group who shall be upgraded and paid the normal wage rate for such Lead Person.

ARTICLE P-V  
SENIORITY

Section P5.1

Each of the job classifications above shall constitute a separate unit for purposes of layoff, rehiring and other provisions where Unit Seniority is applicable. It is understood that Painters and Plumbers shall be considered separate job classifications and each shall therefore constitute a separate unit for the purposes of this Section.

ARTICLE P-VI  
VACATIONS

Section P6.1

In lieu of Section 19.10, vacation periods for employees covered by Article P will be scheduled to fall within the period from January 1 through December 31. Vacation periods shall be determined and posted by December 1 of the preceding year, and shall not be changed except by mutual consent of the Company and the local committee. Prior to December 1 of each preceding year, the local management and local committee shall confer for the purpose of discussing vacation scheduling. Vacation preferences within the job classification to which the employees are assigned shall be given to employees on the basis of Unit Seniority. No employee covered by these agreements shall be required to give up their free choice of vacation (during the period as shown above) to any person not covered by these agreements.

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Seals

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals on the seventh day of July 2022.

ABC, INC.

By /s/ Marc L. Sandman

Marc L. Sandman

Senior Vice President, Labor Relations

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCAST EMPLOYEES AND TECHNICIANS-  
COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO, CLC

By /s/ Charles Braico

Charles Braico

Sector President

**STATEMENT OF INTERPRETATION  
NABET-CWA-ABC MASTER AGREEMENT  
GENERAL SECTIONS**

GENERAL NOTE: Sections which are not referred to in this Statement of Interpretation shall be deemed to be self-explanatory.

**ARTICLE X**

In accordance with interpretation of the Fair Labor Standards Act by the Wage and Hour Division, the provisions of Section 10.1 relating to the payment of a fifteen percent (15%) night shift differential effective April 15, 2017 shall be construed to require only that the ten percent (10%) night shift differential effective April 15, 2017 shall be included in the regular rate in computing overtime for work in excess of forty (40) hours per week, as required by that Act, and not to require that the fifteen percent (15%) differential effective April 15, 2017 be paid unless required by the Act.

The parties agree that the prevailing practices with respect to the payment of overtime in workweeks which include night differential payments is in conformance both to the Statement of Interpretation and to the Fair Labor Standards Act.

**ARTICLE XII - UPGRADING**

[Deleted.]

(See Sideletter GU.)

**CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES NEWSWRITERS AGREEMENTS**

This will confirm that it is not the intention of Sections K2.3 of the Chicago Newswriters Agreement or O2.2 of the Los Angeles Newswriters Agreement that supervisory personnel be permitted to perform writing services, as opposed to desk functions, other than as permitted under specific circumstances in Sections K1.1 and O1.2, K3.11(e), O3.11(e) and Sideletter CX.

ABC, INC.

By /s/ Marc L. Sandman

Marc L. Sandman

Senior Vice President, Labor Relations

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCAST EMPLOYEES AND TECHNICIANS-  
COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA**

AFL-CIO, CLC

By /s/ Charles Braico

Charles Braico

Sector President

STIPULATION OF AGREEMENT between ABC, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Disney Enterprises, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Walt Disney Company, Inc. (only as the owner of those television and radio stations, television and radio network facilities, and other entities and operations, which were covered by the 1981-1985 NABET-ABC Master Agreement and which formerly were included within the “American Broadcasting Company, a division of American Broadcasting Companies, Inc.”, which stations, facilities, entities, and operations continue to be owned, directly or indirectly, by ABC, Inc. or by a subsidiary or division thereof, and which stations, facilities, entities, and operations shall hereinafter be called the “Company”), and the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians, the Broadcasting and Cable Television Workers Sector of the Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO, CLC (hereinafter referred to as “NABET-CWA”) which, with respect to the matters specifically dealt with herein, shall supplement the Master Agreement between the parties dated July 7, 2022.

The parties herein agree as follows:

(1) Licenses and Certificates

The Company will make all reasonable efforts to assist an employee in the acquisition or renewal of those City, County, State or Federal licenses or certificates which are required by law to be held by an employee in order for them to perform their assigned duties covered by the terms of this Agreement. The Company will reimburse the employee for the fees charged by the City, County, State or Federal governments incidental to applying for or renewing said licenses or certificates, but this provision shall not be deemed to include driver licenses and automobile registrations except for special chauffeur licenses when such licenses are required for the performance of duties assigned by the Company.

(2) TD Assigning Self as LDE

This will confirm that the Company has advised NABET-CWA that the Company does not intend for a Technical Director to assign themselves as a Light Direction Engineer as a general practice. This shall not be construed to mean that the Company intends to assign a Light Direction Engineer in any case where the Company feels that the services of a Light Direction Engineer are not needed.

(3) Extra Holiday Payback Day Off

In connection with Section 18.4 of the NABET-CWA-ABC Master Agreement providing for the extra holiday payback day off to be consecutive with the employee’s regular days off, the regular two (2) consecutive days off in each week provided for under Section 8.2 of the NABET-CWA-ABC Master Agreement may be any two (2) consecutive days off designated by the Company in any week, and may be changed regardless of the Company’s reasons therefore.

(4) [Deleted.]

(5) Last Hour Lunches – New York

All last hour lunches will be granted on a five (5) day across-the-board basis. Upon receipt of a request for a last hour lunch, the Company will advise the employee when it is possible to grant their request. Once a last hour lunch is granted, it shall be irrevocable for the ensuing week. Should it become necessary to discontinue the last hour lunch, the employee shall be notified no later than the posting of the next weekly schedule.

(6) Rotating Watch – New York Television Master Control

In the New York Television Master Control a rotating watch shall remain in effect wherein the employees (exclusive of the Group 7) shall work a shift as scheduled for a period of four (4) weeks, at which time they rotate to the next consecutive shift. As each employee works through the schedule of six (6) shifts, they will be scheduled on shift number two (2) with Saturday, Sunday and Monday off for the first (1<sup>st</sup>) week of the shift. During the last three (3) weeks the employee will have Sunday and Monday as regular days off. From January 1 through June 30, Monday may be designated as a holiday payback day as required. From July 1 through December 31 this Monday will be designated as an extra day off. The Company may utilize this day in the event of illness without incurring penalties or overtime; however, an employee cannot be recalled in the event illness extends beyond the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) day.

(7) Cueing Devices

The operation of the controller of prompting devices (which includes Auto-Q and Teleprompter) may be performed by persons not covered by the Agreement, at the Company's discretion, whether or not the prompting device is affixed to the camera. The "operation of the controller" shall include making changes. Where the prompting device is affixed to the camera, NABET-CWA-represented personnel will affix and remove such device.

(8) Working Rules – Technical Directors

- (a) The Technical Director shall receive a program script and have access to floor plans as soon as they are available together with essential information relative to lighting requirements. The Technical Director shall also be furnished with a copy of the studio floor plan.
- (b) The Technical Director shall attend dry rehearsal and/or program consultation where in the opinion of the Engineering Department this is necessary. Careful consideration shall be given to the recommendation of the Technical Director.
- (c) When a rehearsed program is on the air the Technical Director or the Technical Director's designee within the bargaining unit is the only person authorized to give instructions to the operators of technical equipment.

Where mutually agreed between the Program Director and the Technical Director the instructions to the operators of technical equipment shall be given through the Technical Director during dress rehearsal.

- (d) During all rehearsals and during broadcasts of unrehearsed programs the Program Director shall have the widest possible latitude consistent with the provisions of the NABET-CWA-ABC Agreement in creating the program and the Program Director, or in the Program Director's absence their designee, shall have the right to issue production directions, as distinguished from technical directions, to the operators of technical equipment. The Technical Director shall continue to issue such technical instructions as are necessary in their judgment.
- (e)
  - 1. Network Technical Directors are classified as Group 8.
  - 2. Network Technical Directors need not be assigned in any of the following circumstances:
    - (a) Whenever a Light Direction Engineer who is compensated at the Group 7 rate is on duty;
    - (b) To the "Sports Complex" in New York to perform the duties that the Arbitrator in AN 91-8 required a Technical Director to perform. Such Technical Directors will continue to be classified as Group 7, and will not be incorporated into the "T.D. Seniority List" referred to in AN 72-80. These Technical Directors will be included in a separate "T.D. Seniority List" similar to the list referred to in AN 72-80;
    - (c) To "park and power" a production mobile unit.
    - (d) To any survey unless, at the discretion of the Company, the TD's presence at the survey is desired.
  - 3. Notwithstanding any practice or provision to the contrary in Article A-IV, A-V or Stipulation 8, or elsewhere in the Master Agreement, the "A" Engineering Unit contract, or any sideletters or arbitration decisions, nothing shall preclude members of the Technical Director's crew from working during set up or knock down on remotes or in the studio or during any meal periods, when the Technical Director is not present.



- (f)
1. Owned Television Station Technical Directors (other than those assigned to ENG or EFP) are classified Group 8.
  2. The Company shall have the right to schedule any Owned Television Station Technical Director(s) to a last-hour meal period, notwithstanding the provisions of Section A8.2(a).
  3. Nothing shall preclude the members of an Owned Station Technical Director's crew from working during the Technical Director's meal period. During such meal period, another member of the crew shall be upgraded to Group 7.
  4. The appropriate provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of Stipulation 8(e) shall be applicable at Owned Television Stations.
  5. *The Award in AS 84-34 shall be null and void.*
  6. All claims that have been made, or could be made, concerning the claimed assumption of additional duties by Technical Directors as a result of the discontinuance of the Company's assignment of certain DGA-represented personnel merged into the re-classification to Group 8 that will take place by virtue of the reclassification set forth herein. Any fees, upgrades, or any other monies that the Company has agreed to pay at a Station to settle any such claim, are credited against the differential between Group 7 and Group 8 pay. Consequently, any grievances on the foregoing subject that are presently outstanding, but are unresolved, are withdrawn with prejudice.
  7. Should the Company employ a Program Director or AD who in addition to performing directorial duties, will also switch the program using computer equipment covered by Sideletter DK or CX, such as but not limited to Parkervision, the Company shall not be obligated to assign a Technical Director to such program, including set up or knock down for such program. In such circumstances, no provision of the Master Agreement shall be construed to: (1) prevent the Director or AD, or producer, from communicating directly with the technical crew or giving work instructions; or (2) require the assignment or upgrade of any other individual to a Technical Director position for the duration of the assignment or program.
- (g) A rehearsed program for the purposes of this Agreement shall be a program for which the on-camera rehearsal time exceeds:

<u>Length of Program</u>	<u>Camera Time</u>
15 Minutes or Less	45 Minutes
16 to 30 Minutes	1 ½ Hours
31 to 45 Minutes	2¼ Hours
46 to 60 Minutes	3 Hours

The above shall not apply to sports, special events and other programs which are not conceived, or staged, or the action in which is not planned or directed by the Company. All such programs are unrehearsed programs regardless of the amount of camera time used.

For programs of longer duration the on-camera rehearsal time in the above table shall be proportionately increased.

The Company shall designate on the program schedule the classification into which each program falls. Programs having special characteristics affecting their classification under the foregoing shall be the subject of discussion between the Union and the Company in each case.

Commercial segments of programs shall be handled in the Control Room in the same manner as the rest of the programs unless they originate in another studio in which case, if they have any rehearsal whatever, they shall be considered as rehearsed segments.

On-camera rehearsal time for commercial segments of programs shall not be considered in applying the above table.

- (h) The Company shall identify the Program Director who is responsible for each program or part thereof. There shall be only one (1) Program Director functioning as such at any time.
- (i) In the event the Program Director departs from the script as finally rehearsed the Program Director shall assume all responsibility for any errors or deficiencies in the performance of the technical crew's duties which are directly attributable to such departure.
- (j) The basic lighting requirements shall, in all cases, be observed. In the event the Technical Director or the Light Direction Engineer believes the lighting to be technically unsatisfactory and so advises the Program Director, giving their recommendations for its improvement, the Program Director will be responsible for the technical quality due to lighting if the Program Director does not accept such recommendation.

(See Sideletter BD.)

(9) [Deleted.]

(10) Section F2.2 – San Francisco Newswriters-Producers Agreement

In connection with the reference in Section F2.2 of the San Francisco Newswriters-Producers Agreement to “programs which are produced by a third party, as distinguished from the Company,” it is mutually agreed that no Newswriter-Producer need be assigned to the program where such third-party producer is:

1. an advertising agency or sponsor; or,
2. an individual or corporation with an established reputation as an independent package producer.

(11) [Deleted.]

(12) Jury Duty

A regular employee who is required by law to serve as a juror and who presents satisfactory written evidence of a notice for jury duty, will be given the necessary time off, with pay, from their regular schedule for the period during which the employee serves as a juror. Should the employee’s required jury service go beyond a reasonable period of time (i.e., more than four (4) weeks), payment of full salary to the employee is subject to review. Such employee is expected to report to work on any day their jury duty hours reasonably permit.

Upon the request of an employee who is required to serve on jury duty, the Company will change their days off to Saturday and Sunday during the weeks which include the jury duty service if such request is made in time for the Company to change days off without penalties or premium payments. If the Company has changed an employee’s days off pursuant to the foregoing sentence and, for the week following the employee’s jury service, wishes to change the employee’s days off back to other than Saturday and Sunday, such change may be made without incurring any penalties or premium payments to the aforementioned employee.

It shall be the employee’s obligation to notify the Company of their requirement to serve on jury duty immediately upon the receipt of the notice to appear for such service.

(13) [Deleted.]

(14) [Deleted.]

(15) Layoffs – Severance

All future layoffs in which severance is applicable shall be treated in the following manner:

1. In the event an employee is laid off and has accepted severance pay, and is subsequently recalled, the employee will retain the full amount of their severance pay upon recall and any severance pay to which the employee may be entitled thereafter shall accrue only from the date of their last recall, plus any portion of a year for which no severance pay has previously been received.
2. If an employee declines downgrading to a lower pay classification, the employee will be required to acknowledge such action in writing at the time of layoff and their acceptance of severance pay will preclude the employee returning to the declined pay classification during a period equal to the number of weeks of paid severance.
3. In the event that an employee accepts downgrading and a reduction in rate as an alternative to layoff, and is subsequently laid off before the employee has completed twelve (12) months in the lower classification, the employee shall be given any severance pay to which they are entitled on the basis of the employee's effective rate just prior to the downgrading. In all other cases, severance pay shall be based on the employee's effective rate at the time of layoff.

(16) Notwithstanding any provision of Section A2.2(d), persons not covered by the Engineering Agreement may feed information and/or instructions, the purpose of which is to control any operation to which a Technical Director would otherwise be assigned, into a computer as described in Section A2.2(d) by using input devices located and operated either in technical or non-technical areas at any time prior to broadcast.

If the Company elects to "break" such computer by placing the information or instructions to such computer on a magnetic tape, punch tape or similar device for insertion into the computer instead of feeding such information or instructions to such computer directly through a keyboard or similar input device, then the preceding paragraph shall not be applicable. In such case, however, Section A2.2(d) will not prevent persons not covered by the Engineering Agreement from physically preparing the punch tape, magnetic tape or similar device for use by a Technical Director covered by this Agreement to feed information and instructions into the computer.

Where a "back-up" tape is prepared for use in case the computer fails to operate properly on direct input, this shall not be deemed to be an election to break such computer, but if such back-up tape must be used to feed the instructions or information which runs the computer, a Technical Director covered by the Engineering Agreement will feed or insert such tape into the computer.

When a process control computer is taken out of service for maintenance and is subsequently put back in service, the engineering employee who updates such computer

shall be a Group 7 employee, or an employee temporarily upgraded to Group 7 on the day(s) such updating is performed.

(17)

(See Section A2.2(e) and Sideletter BB.)

(18)

(See Section A2.2(e) and Sideletter BB.)

(19) [Deleted.]

During the course of negotiations for the 2007-2011 Master Agreement, the parties agreed to delete Stipulation 19. It is understood and agreed, however, that no employee who at any point earlier received credit pursuant to Stipulation 19 for purposes of determining the employee's Pay Seniority, Total Company Seniority, Unit Seniority and/or service under the ABC-NABET Retirement Trust Plan shall lose such credit as a result of the deletion of Stipulation 19 from the Master Agreement.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCAST EMPLOYEES AND TECHNICIANS-  
COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO, CLC

By /s/ Charles Braico

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## SIDELETTERS

The following Sideletters have been agreed to by the parties and are part of this Master Agreement. The Sideletters are lettered for identification only.

### Sideletter AA Section 16.2(b)

In reference to continuation of travel from an intermediate stop en route to a remote site, the Company shall not avail itself of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) sentence of Section 16.2(b) if such continuation of travel can be accomplished by Company-furnished automobiles and the employees involved consent to drive the necessary automobiles for such travel.

### Sideletter AB Video Tape Agreement

This letter will confirm our understanding with respect to the operation and staffing of our video tape facilities in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

The following are the minimum requirements and the operating procedure upon which the parties have agreed:

1. There shall be no minimum staffing requirements. Nevertheless, in the application of the preceding sentence to any operation of video tape machines covered by this Sideletter AB in the playback and/or record modes, no employee will be required to take directions from more than one (1) source so close together in time as to cause the employee an unreasonable mental strain.
2. [Deleted.]
3. The duties of video tape librarians may include the loading and unloading of tape cartridge machines.
4. NABET-CWA will supply the Hollywood office with a cut of the NABET-CWA seal which will be printed on the production label. ABC New York will advise the various local operations relative to the use of such labels.
5. [Deleted.]
6. [Deleted.]
7. [Deleted.]
8. Whenever air credits are given on a taped program to personnel covered by the Engineering Agreement other than the Technical Director, an air credit shall also be given to the video tape engineers who edited such program. It is understood

that this requirement shall be satisfied by giving a credit to at least one video tape engineer who edited any portion of the program. (For purposes of this Paragraph 8, a program remains a "taped program" even if it includes live introductory, lead-in, lead-out and/or closing material.) Such credit may be given on the same frame containing credits for other technical personnel or any other placement in the program as the Company may determine. In no case will credit have to be given to the Video Tape Engineer where circumstances make the giving of such credit impractical, e.g., where the credit crawl was completed prior to the assignment of the Video Tape Engineer to the program.

9. [Deleted.]
10. [Deleted.]
11. [Deleted.]

(See Sideletters AB-1 and GK.)

Sideletter AB-1  
Video Tape Agreement

1. This Sideletter shall be an addendum to Sideletter AB and shall be applicable to the video tape facilities otherwise covered by Sideletter AB that are used for the playback, recording, dubbing or editing (or any combination of the foregoing) on video tape machines other than two-inch (2") reel-to-reel quadruplex video tape machines (i.e., VR 2000 and AVR I and II) and two-inch (2") quadruplex video tape cartridge machines (i.e., ACR-25 and TCR-100). The two-inch (2") quadruplex machines described above shall hereinafter be referred to as "AB machines". Other video tape machines shall hereinafter be referred to as "AB-1 machines".
2. There shall be no minimum staffing requirements. Nevertheless, in the application of the preceding sentence to any operation of AB-1 machines in the playback and/or record modes, no employee will be required to take directions from more than one (1) source so close together in time as to cause the employee an unreasonable mental strain.
3. Editing Upgrades Applicable to AB-1 Machines
  - (a) An engineer who edits video tape during a tour shall be upgraded to Group 5 for the entire tour. However, if such an employee edits with three (3) or more AB-1 machines and such machines are operated by a "controller" (such as, but not necessarily limited to, Convergence, RM 400, TRI, BVU, Datatron, etc.) such employee will be upgraded to Group 7 for the entire tour.

- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding Paragraph 3(a), an editor who operates two (2) or more AB-1 machines with a programming time code or frame address editing device, such as EECO, CMX, RA 4000, Datatron, etc., in conjunction with a device capable of audio and video switching (e.g., an “audio-follow-video” switcher) and special effects (e.g., fades, dissolves, venetian blinds, chroma-key, etc.) shall be upgraded to Group 7 for the entire tour.
- (c) A Technical Director need not be assigned in any configuration set forth herein.

4. [Deleted.]

5. [Deleted.]

6. Practices that have developed with respect to AB machines will have no application with respect to AB-1 machines. In any arbitration or other proceeding that takes place concerning AB-1 machines, practices with respect to AB machines will not be citable and the Impartial Umpire who hears and determines any such proceeding will not accept testimony or written evidence concerning practices that have developed with respect to AB machines. Similarly, in cases involving AB machines, practices regarding AB-1 machines will not be cited.

7. [Deleted.]

Sideletter AC

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Sideletter AD

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Sideletter AE

Section 14.3

The following represents the understanding between the Company and the Union regarding Section 14.3 of the Master Agreement:

In the event that the Union alleges that the management of any office of the Company is using Section 14.3 for reasons other than bona fide cases in which the management believed in good faith that suspension was warranted, the Union may refer such allegation to a Joint Committee consisting of the Sector President of the Union, the President of the Local Union involved (or the Local President’s designee), the Vice President for Labor Relations and a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) person designated by the latter Company official. In the event the matter cannot be resolved by such Committee, it may be referred by the Union to any one of the Impartial Umpires listed in Section 20.6 other than the Impartial Umpire for the office involved. After a hearing on the matter, in which both the



Union and the Company are represented, such Impartial Umpire will determine the issue, and if the Impartial Umpire sustains the Union's allegations, the Impartial Umpire will be empowered to award appropriate relief, which may include suspending the application of Section 14.3 to the particular office involved for the duration of the Agreement.

Sideletter AF

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Sideletter AG

Upgrading

This will confirm our understanding that any employee who is upgraded to a higher classification for at least one hundred thirty (130) days during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding December 31 of each year shall be paid the applicable upgraded rate for their scheduled vacation, paid sick leave, payback days and jury duty during the following calendar year. In no event shall any upgrades given for vacation, sick leave, payback days and jury duty in any calendar year count toward the upgrades in any succeeding year.

If an employee is upgraded to more than one (1) grade during the twelve (12) month period in which they earned the above payment, the employee will be paid for each day of vacation, paid sick leave, payback days and jury duty at the rate to which such employee was most frequently upgraded during the twelve (12) month period.

Sideletter AH

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Sideletter AI

Written Stipulations

It is agreed that all written stipulations, sideletters and other written agreements entered into between ABC, Inc, a wholly owned subsidiary of Disney Enterprises, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company, Inc., and the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians, the Broadcasting and Cable Television Workers Sector of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, CLC, during the period from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2021 will be deemed to be in effect for the period of the current contract. This will not apply to stipulations, sideletters and other agreements which the parties have specifically canceled or which are modified by provisions of the current contract.

Sideletter AJ

Special Severance Allowance

The Union recognizes that the broadcasting industry is undergoing significant technological changes and improvements and gives the assurance that it will not prevent or

impede such progress. The Company recognizes that employment of individuals covered under the Engineering Agreement and the Traffic and Communications Agreement who have attained long years of service, may be affected by the new methods of operation. To this end it is agreed that a special severance allowance will be paid to employees covered by the aforesaid Agreements, having three (3) years or more of Unit Seniority, who are laid off due to reduction in force as follows:

Years of Unit Seniority	Amount of Special Severance Allowance
3 – 5 Years	\$ 4,000.00
5 – 10 Years	\$ 8,000.00
10 Years and Over	\$ 10,000.00

Such special severance allowance shall be in addition to the severance pay provided for in Section 15.1 and/or Sideletter HH of the Master Agreement, and shall be disbursed contemporaneous with such severance pay. Payment of special severance allowance, however, is subject to the following qualifications and limitations:

- (1) If the employee at the time of layoff accepts a position in another department of the Company at a rate not more than twenty percent (20%) below the rate of the employee’s last position, they shall not be entitled to the special severance allowance unless the employee is subsequently laid off in the new position before the employee has completed six (6) months of service.
- (2) An employee who is recalled or reemployed shall not be entitled to a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) special severance allowance unless, subsequent to their recall or reemployment, the employee accumulates sufficient years of seniority to qualify the employee for another special severance allowance and is laid off. Service prior to the employee’s reemployment shall in no event be counted for this purpose.

The Company will endeavor to find other positions within its organization for employees having three (3) years or more of Unit Seniority who are scheduled to be laid off and will provide such employees, where possible, time off to be interviewed for positions outside of the Company during their regularly scheduled workday.

(See Sideletter HH.)

Sideletter AK

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Sideletter AL

Washington, D.C. Engineering Agreement

A. Definitions

As used in this Agreement the term:

- (1) “employee” means a person who meets the definition of employee as contained in Section A1.1 of the Engineering Agreement and who is engaged by the Company in its Studio as defined herein;
- (2) “Studio” means the Company’s Washington, D.C. Studio;
- (3) “Owned Station” means an Owned Station covered by the Master Agreement.

**B. Program Origination – Live and Video Tape Television**

The following provisions shall apply to the origination of live programs and of videotaped programs as set forth in Section A2.3(a)(1), (2) and (3):

- (1) Only engineers covered by the Master Agreement shall be assigned to perform duties covered by the Engineering Agreement with respect to programs originating in the Studio.
- (2) Program originations outside the Studio shall be made by engineers covered by the Master Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Sections 7.1 and A2.3(b) of the Master Agreement, with the Studio being considered an Owned Station for the purpose of determining the application thereof, upon the following conditions and exceptions:
  - (a) Program originations outside the Studio but within the geographic limits of the District of Columbia shall be made by engineers covered by the Master Agreement, except for programs originating in the studios of ABC’s Washington, D.C. affiliate.
  - (b) The applicable radius around the Studio, under Sections 7.1(e) and A2.3(b)(1), shall be seventy-five (75) miles.
  - (c) [Deleted.]
  - (d) In the case of major public or news events which involve multi-point pickups, such as, but not limited to, Presidential Inaugurals, celebrations and parades, personnel of Owned Stations and/or affiliated stations may be used as in the past. (This is without prejudice to any position either party may take as to whether certain of those pickups in the past were in violation of the Master Agreement.)

(e) Employees hereunder may be assigned to supplement the crew of any Owned Station affiliate or other station, in the same manner as engineers of Owned Stations.

(f) [Deleted.]

(3) [Deleted.]

C. [Deleted.]

D. Transferees

(1) An engineering employee who transfers to the Studio from an Owned Station covered by the Master Agreement will have a three (3) year period, commencing with the start of the employee's employment at the Studio, during which they may, under the conditions specified below, return at the employee's own expense to their original office of employment if during the three (3) year period either of the following should occur:

(a) the Studio is closed down, or the operation is so curtailed that the transferee is to be laid off from the Studio; or,

(b) the Company and the Union mutually agree that the transferee has been unable to adjust to the Washington operation even though there has been no change in the employee's own skills and abilities.

(2) In the instances specified in (1) above, the employee will have the following rights:

(a) The employee may return to their original office of employment if there is a vacancy at such office and if the transferee has more Unit Seniority than all employees on layoff from such office who have recall rights.

(b) The employee may return to their original office of employment, although there is no vacancy at such office, if the employee has more Unit Seniority than any one (1) employee at such office. In such case, an employee at such office will be laid off in accordance with the layoff provisions of the Master Agreement in order to permit the transferee's return.

(c) The employee may not return to their original office of employment if there is no vacancy and no employee at such office with less Unit Seniority than their own. In such case, the transferee will be laid off from the Studio, and the transferee may elect to be

placed in a layoff status from their original office of employment rather than from the Studio, in which case the transferee will have the recall privileges specified in Section 11.7 of the Master Agreement in reference to vacancies at their original office of employment.

- (3) A transferee's service at the Studio shall be included in the employee's Unit Seniority at the office of employment to which the transferee returns on active or layoff status.

#### E. Relative Seniority

- (1) The employees of the Studio shall be on a separate Unit Seniority list.
- (2) A former WMAL employee who was hired for the Studio before or during the first (1<sup>st</sup>) thirty (30) days of operation of the Studio shall, for purposes of layoff, rehiring and vacation preference, be credited with one (1) week of Unit Seniority for each four (4) weeks of Unit Seniority at WMAL held by the employee at the time of their termination from WMAL (see Attachment A). Such seniority credit will not be given for severance pay or any other purpose not specified above.
- (3) An employee covered by E(2) above shall receive credit for Pay Seniority based on their length of service in the comparable WMAL pay grade.
- (4) Except as provided above, Company, Unit and Pay Seniority of all employees of the Studio will commence with their first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of employment by the Studio.

#### F. Assignments

- (1) Employees will have jurisdiction over the operation of rear screen projection devices, Cell-O-Matic machines, and similar devices and machines when used in connection with the rehearsal and/or broadcast of live or tape television programs.
- (2) Employees will have jurisdiction over sound effects when used in connection with the rehearsal and/or broadcast of live or tape television programs, subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) The handling of sound effects (by disc, tape or any other means) may be assigned to an employee, in addition to any other duties assigned the employee, so long as such assignment is practical under the circumstances and imposes no unreasonable work burden on the employee.

- (b) In cases where the Producer of a program requests a sound effect which requires specialized skills or the operation of specialized equipment beyond the skills of the employees then employed at the Studio, the Company may assign such sound effect to personnel not covered by this Agreement or the Master Agreement.

G. Term and Coverage

This Agreement which shall be co-terminous with the Master Agreement shall, except as specifically modified in Paragraph F hereof, cover those types of duties performed by employees covered by the Engineering Agreement which is contained in the Master Agreement and, except as modified herein, it is the intent of the parties that the terms of the Master Agreement, where applicable, shall apply to employees hereunder.

ABC, INC.

By /s/ Marc L. Sandman

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By /s/ Charles Braico

Charles Braico

Sector President

Sideletter AM

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Sideletter AN

7.1(i), A2.3(b)(7)

The following represents the understanding between the Company and Union regarding Section 7.1(i) and Section A2.3(b)(7) of the Master Agreement:

In the event that the Union alleges that the Company is utilizing the provisions of either or both of the aforesaid Sections in such a manner as to cause the Union to believe that a substantial threat to employment has been created by such utilization of the provisions, the Union may, upon notice to the Company, refer the matter to a Joint Study Committee to be comprised of two (2) Company and two (2) Union representatives and the Impartial Umpire acting as mediator. The Company may designate as one (1) of its representatives a representative of NBC.

Such Committee shall meet for the purpose of discussing and attempting resolution of the alleged problem. Any resolution thereof shall remain in effect and govern the application of such clause during the balance of the term of the Master Agreement.

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Sideletter AS  
Traffic Vacation

This letter will confirm the Company’s statement that with respect to requests by employees in the New York Traffic Department for vacations outside the specified vacation period, in accordance with Section 19.10, the Company will not unreasonably withhold its consent, consistent with operating requirements.

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Sideletter AX  
Accidental Death and Dismemberment

The following is intended as a clarification of the coverage of ABC’s Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy:

Travel accident insurance applies to each covered employee (including all Daily Hire employees) from point of departure (e.g., the principal office to which the employee is assigned, or the employee’s home only in instances where an employee goes directly from their home to cover an assignment) until the employee returns to point of departure. This covers employees not

only when traveling by common carrier, but also when they are on assignment outside of the principal office to which they are assigned.

The application of this Policy under any circumstances will be subject to all terms and conditions of that Insurance Policy.

#### Sideletter AY

##### Fonts

The Company may purchase fonts generally available to the broadcast consumer from any outside source or supplier. Notwithstanding any other provision(s) of the Master Agreement, cues and/or instructions may be given to an operator of such devices by authorized production personnel, provided, however, that cues and/or instructions will not be given to such operators in a manner that will cause confusion, nor impose an unreasonable strain or workload on such operators.

The taking of cues and/or instructions hereunder shall not constitute a precedent or practice and will not be cited in any proceeding between the parties.

#### Sideletter AZ

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#### Sideletter BA

##### Mini Cam Lighting

The following represents the understanding between the Company and the Union regarding Section A2.2(e)4 of the Master Agreement.

The Company will not be obligated to assign NABET-CWA-represented engineering employees to lighting functions when otherwise required by Section A2.2(e)4 in those locations where currently another union has established jurisdiction over the lighting work for electronic camera pickups made by the Company in the field of news pursuant to an NLRB ruling, or by contract language supported by practice.

#### Sideletter BB

##### Stipulations (17) and (18) and Section A2.2(e)

This will confirm our understanding that the deletion of the Company's proposals on Stipulations (17) and (18) in the 1977 negotiations for a new Master Agreement and the incorporation of certain of the provisions thereof in Section A2.2(e) of the Engineering Agreement shall not be deemed to have any substantive effect, nor shall it be deemed to create or diminish rights that either party otherwise has, or does not have, under the Master Agreement.



Sideletter BC  
Video Tape Editing Equipment

During the course of the 1977 negotiations for a new Master Agreement, the Company submitted proposals and counterproposals to the Union that included the expression “including video tape editing equipment” and subsequently deleted that expression from such proposals and counterproposals.

This will confirm our understanding that the submission, and subsequent deletion, of such expression shall not be prejudicial to the rights of the Company and shall not be cited by either party in any arbitration or other proceeding.

Sideletter BD  
TD Work Rules

In recognition of increased production complexity, the Company may designate:

- (a) certain network programs; and
- (b) local thirty (30) minute or longer news programs

as requiring special consideration in application of the TD work rules as those rules limit the issuing of production directions by the Director to the operators of technical equipment. When a program has been so designated by the Company, the following will apply during the rehearsal and broadcast (or taping) of such programs:

1. Notwithstanding any provision of the Master Agreement, production directions, as distinguished from technical instructions, may be given to the operators of technical equipment at any time during the rehearsal and broadcast (or taping) of such programs by the Producer, Program Director(s) and/or Associate Director(s) subject to the operating procedures set forth in Paragraph 2 below. The number of Associate Directors who may issue production directions on any such program will not exceed two (2) times the number of Technical Directors who are assigned to that program.
2. It is recognized that operating procedures on such programs must insure that:
  - (a) the Technical Director is able to maintain their responsibility for the production of a technically acceptable television production, and their responsibility for the technical performance of the entire assigned group of technicians engaged in lighting, video control, audio, camera and all other functions of a technical nature necessary to the production;
  - (b) production directions to the crew, when not given by the Technical Director, are given in a manner that will not cause confusion among

members of the crew, nor impose an unreasonable strain or workload on the crew; and

- (c) the Technical Director is informed in advance of the specific methods and channels of communication by which crew members will be receiving production directions and the sources of such production directions. If the Technical Director believes that a proposed procedure will adversely affect the production, the matter will be referred for immediate discussion by the Director of Engineering at the appropriate Company office and the President of the Local Union (or their designee).

3. At each office of the Company where programs have been designated pursuant to this Sideletter, there will be established a Technical Director Advisory Committee, consisting of two (2) Technical Directors designated by the Union, two (2) management officials of the Engineering Department, the President of the Local Union (or their designee) and the chief Labor Relations official of that office (or their designee), which Committee will meet periodically to review the operation of the new procedures envisioned by this Sideletter and to discuss mutual problems and complaints by Technical Directors on the disposition of matters referred to the Director of Engineering and President of the Local Union under Paragraph 2(c) above. Individual Producers and/or Directors may be invited to participate in such meetings to facilitate a full discussion of the matters involved.

4. With respect to technical surveys for programs to be originated by Network or Owned Station crews within the Continental United States (excluding Alaska), the Technical Director (or one (1) such Technical Director in the case of programs that utilize more than one (1) Technical Director) whom the Company anticipates assigning to the program must be assigned to the survey under the following circumstances:

- (a) such Technical Director is not unavailable due to another assignment on a network program or a local news program of thirty (30) minutes or longer, vacation or illness; and
- (b) the broadcast or taping date is known at the time the survey is made; or, if not precisely known, the Company is firmly committed to tape or broadcast the program, the location is known and the broadcast or taping date is known within a period of two (2) weeks; and
- (c) the site of the pickup is one at which the Company has not previously done a pickup, or the site of the pickup is one at which the Company has previously done a pickup but the program in question requires major technical changes from other pickups at that site, provided, (i) that if such Technical Director, after attending the survey, is for good reason unavailable to act as Technical Director of the program, this shall not

constitute a violation of this provision; and (ii) this provision shall have no application to ENG pickups.

5. In any situation where there is an agreement or a practice of production directions being given by persons other than the Producer, Program Director or Associate Director, the provisions of Paragraph 1 above which limits the category of persons other than the Technical Director who may give production direction to the technical crew, shall not be prejudicial to the position of the Company, nor shall this Sideletter have any effect on current practices with respect to the issuance of production directions by Associate Directors to operators of video tape machines.

Sideletter BE  
"In The Field"

The parties recognize that as a result of the negotiations for the 2003-2007 NABET-CWA-ABC Master Agreement, the following paragraph is no longer applicable and has no substantive relevance any longer under the current Master Agreement as the result of changes in Section A8.2 and A8.7 but the parties have agreed to retain it here for historical purposes only and only for the term of the 2007-2011 Master Agreement.

This will confirm our understanding concerning the interpretation of the term "in the field" as it is used in Section A8.7 of the Master Agreement with respect to video tape editors. The term "in the field" shall not apply to engineers assigned primarily to edit video tape within the city limits of any television office of the Company, as defined in Section 11.4, provided, however, that a Tape Editor shall be "in the field" when assigned to a mobile unit containing editing equipment and the primary purpose of the assignment is to perform editing in such mobile unit.

Sideletter BF

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Sideletter BI  
TV Master Control

Whenever a TV Master Control Engineer is on duty, at least one (1) such Master Control Engineer per shift will be classified Group 7. This will not require any upgradings for meal relief.

Sideletter BJ  
Chicago Agreements No Longer In Effect

It is agreed that the following agreements are no longer in effect in the Company's Chicago office and are deemed by the parties to be null and void:

- (1) the undated "N and H" Agreement originally made effective March 2, 1959; and
- (2) the agreement dated September 15, 1959 with respect to staffing in the Telecine Projection Room; and
- (3) the letter agreement dated November 5, 1968 altering the "N and H" Agreement on Election Night; and
- (4) any other agreement, whether written or oral, relating to or based upon items (1), (2) and (3) above.

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Sideletter BP

News Inserts

The deletion of the predecessor Sideletter BP was occasioned by the changes made in Sections 7.1 and A2.3 of the Master Agreement during the 1989 negotiations. As the result of these changes, it is understood and agreed that the Company may now, without limitation, accept and utilize outside-produced inserts of any length, including material supplied from outside news and other information-gathering subscription services (e.g., AP, CONUS, Potomac Video).

Sideletter BQ

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Sideletter BV

[No provision.]

Sideletter BW

[No provision.]

Sideletter BX

[No provision.]

Sideletter BY

Quarterly Grievance Meetings

In addition to the provisions of Section 20.3, the parties will establish a committee in each office of the Company described in Section 11.4 of this Agreement that will meet for two (2) (or more than two (2) by mutual agreement) consecutive days in January, April, July and October of each year. The committee will consist of no more than two (2) Union representatives and no more than two (2) Company representatives, one (1) of whom shall be a representative of the Labor Relations Department who does not generally meet with the Local Grievance Committee. The Parties may increase the number of persons on the committee by mutual agreement.

The purpose of this committee will be to resolve outstanding grievances (whether referred to arbitration or not). If the Union and Company representatives mutually agree, the meetings of the committee shall take place outside the city limits of the Company office in question. BY grievance resolutions shall be reduced to writing within fourteen (14) days following the meeting.

In lieu of any other payments, the Union representatives shall receive eight (8) hours' pay at their regular straight time rate for each day of attendance at such meetings, except for a representative who is on a leave of absence pursuant to Article XIII, who shall receive no compensation except as provided in Sideletter CS. In no event shall the provisions of Article VII or XVI apply to a Union representative attending such meetings.

The meetings of this committee must take place in the months specified above unless the parties mutually agree to reschedule a meeting.

Sideletter BZ

[No provision.]

Sideletter CA

Radio Combo

1. Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices, or provisions of the Master Agreement or any other agreements to the contrary, the parties agree that the engineering jurisdiction of the Union in radio shall be limited as follows:
  - (a) the operation of technical equipment in radio may, at the discretion of the Company, be assigned to NABET-CWA-represented engineers, NABET-CWA-represented employees covered by the “D”, “F”, “K” and “O” Agreements, or to persons not covered by the NABET-ABC Master Agreement;
  - (b) the maintenance of technical equipment in the Company’s permanent studios and transmitters will apply only to those maintenance positions occupied by NABET-CWA-represented engineering employees as of March 31, 1993, and any additional maintenance positions created during the term of the 1993 Master Agreement. Except as provided for in the preceding sentence, the maintenance and repair of technical equipment in radio may, at the discretion of the Company, be assigned to NABET-CWA-represented engineers or to persons not covered by the Master Agreement. The unanticipated replacement or adjustment of defective equipment or components (e.g., microphones) necessary in order to ensure uninterrupted broadcasting shall not be deemed maintenance or repair within the jurisdiction of the Union.
2. It is understood that under no circumstances shall operation, maintenance and repair of technical equipment in radio by any persons not represented by NABET-CWA result in such persons being covered by the provisions of the Master Agreement, nor shall the operation, maintenance and repair of technical equipment in radio by NABET-CWA-represented employees result in any expansion of NABET-CWA’s jurisdiction as set forth in Paragraph 1 above, or give to any such employees any right to continue to perform such work.
3. It is understood that in the event a NABET-CWA-represented radio engineering employee dies, retires, resigns, voluntarily transfers, is promoted, is discharged for just cause, is ill, is on short or long term disability or other leave of absence or is unable to report for work for any reason, the Company is not required to replace such a NABET-CWA-represented engineer with another NABET-CWA-represented employee and can, if it so elects, employ a non-NABET-CWA-represented employee to perform this same work.

4. In the event the Company at any time relocates its permanent Network Radio operations to a facility outside of 25 miles of the Company's permanent Network Radio facilities in existence on March 31, 1993, the Company will be permitted to layoff all NABET-CWA-represented employees pursuant to the provisions of Sideletter CA-2, and thereafter, NABET-CWA shall have no engineering jurisdiction at any such new network radio facility.

Sideletter CA-1  
Radio Maintenance

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices, or provisions of the Master Agreement or any other agreements to the contrary, at each radio station and radio Network facility at which a NABET-CWA-represented engineer(s) are employed, management engineering supervisors (including but not limited to Chief Engineers, Assistant Chief Engineers, Directors and Assistant Directors of Engineering, etc.) may maintain technical equipment of the radio station or Network facility to which they are regularly assigned.

Sideletter CA-2  
Radio Terminations

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article XI, Article XIV or any other provisions of the Master Agreement or any other agreement to the contrary, the Company shall have the right, in its sole judgment, to terminate certain employees in Network and Local radio under the terms and conditions recited below. In the exercise of its sole judgment, the Company shall give consideration to an employee's seniority, but the Company's evaluation of such employee's skill and ability to perform the work covered by NABET-CWA's jurisdiction in radio shall be the determining factor.

- (i) Each employee whose employment in radio is to be terminated pursuant to the provisions of this Sideletter CA-2 shall be placed on a special leave of absence with full base pay and shall continue to receive all applicable benefits under the same terms and conditions as if they were actively at work, for a period not to exceed six (6) months after their last day of work in radio as determined by the Company.
- (ii) During the period of such leave, each employee shall be free to apply for any available NABET-CWA-represented job with the Company for which such employee believes they may be qualified, either presently or after a period of on-the-job training which the Company may be willing to offer. The Company will give consideration to each such application received.
- (iii) If the Company, in its sole judgment, agrees to employ any such employee in any classification in any non-radio separate seniority group covered by the Master Agreement, the employee's leave of absence shall terminate and they shall return

to work in such new separate seniority group. The Company will provide such employee with whatever training it deems necessary to permit the employee to adjust to their new duties. Such employee shall be credited, for seniority purposes in their new separate seniority group, with all the seniority which they accrued while they were employed in radio, plus the period of such employee's paid leave of absence.

- (iv) Any employee employed by the Company pursuant to (iii) above may be terminated by the Company, in its sole judgment, not earlier than six (6) months, and not later than eight (8) months, after their employment in the new separate seniority group, if the Company determines that the employee's job performance has been unsatisfactory and will not sufficiently improve within a reasonable time even with additional training. Any such termination shall not be subject to arbitration.
- (v) Each employee whose employment in radio is terminated by the Company and who is not employed by the Company within six (6) months after their last day of work in radio, or who is employed and subsequently terminated pursuant to (iv) above, shall receive, upon the execution of a General Release in a form satisfactory to the Company, a special payment equal to two (2) months' base pay for each year of Total Company Seniority, with a minimum of twelve (12) and a maximum of thirty-six (36) months' base pay (minus normal deductions), which shall include the number of months' pay received while such employee was on the paid leave of absence provided for in (i) above. This special payment shall be in lieu of any and all severance pay to which such employee might otherwise be entitled pursuant to the provisions of Article XV. In the event the employee elects not to execute the General Release, the employee shall receive severance pay in accordance with Article XV in lieu of the special payment provided herein.
- (vi) Each employee who receives a special payment pursuant to (v) above shall also be eligible for a special tuition reimbursement for up to two (2) years of vocational study for retraining for a new job, up to a maximum reimbursement of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00). Such study must commence within two (2) years after such employee's last day of employment with the Company. Reimbursement shall be made after providing the Company with evidence of completion of course work on a semester or equivalent basis. In addition, each employee so terminated shall be eligible for Company-provided outplacement counseling for a period of three (3) months after their last day of work.
- (vii) Any employee reemployed by the Company pursuant to (iii) above who is not terminated pursuant to (iv) above, but who may thereafter be terminated or laid off, shall not be entitled to the special payment provided herein.



Sideletter CA-3  
Radio Terminations

This will confirm our agreement and understanding that the Company will not exercise its right to terminate NABET-CWA-represented radio engineering employee(s) employed in network and local radio as of July 20, 1989 in operational positions and as of April 1, 1993 in maintenance positions pursuant to the provisions of Sideletter CA-2 in order to replace these employee(s) with persons not covered by the NABET-CWA-ABC Master Agreement who are employed primarily to perform the engineering work previously done by such terminated NABET-CWA-represented engineers.

In the event a NABET-CWA-represented radio engineer whose employment is subject to termination pursuant to Sideletter CA-2 volunteers and is accepted by the Company to be terminated under Sideletter CA-2, the Company may replace such engineer with a non-NABET-CWA-represented employee to perform the same work.

Sideletter CA-4  
Last Hour Lunch – Radio

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Master Agreement, Sideletters and Stipulations, or in any practices, grievance settlements or arbitration awards, at the Company's local and network radio operations the Company may assign a "last hour lunch" to any NABET-CWA-represented employee, provided that such "last hour" lunches shall not be assigned on an irregular basis to the employees scheduled to work such shifts. In situations when an employee on such a "last hour lunch" schedule is required to work the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) or subsequent hours instead of leaving at the end of the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) hour of work, overtime shall commence for all work performed commencing with the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) hour of work, and the meal period shall nevertheless still be given.

Sideletter CA-5

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Sideletter CA-6  
Sideletter CA-2 Statement of Interpretation

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in the ABC-NABET-CWA Master Agreement, Sideletters, and Stipulations, or any practices, grievance settlements and arbitration awards, this letter will serve to confirm our specific substantive agreements and understandings reached as the result of a series of radio meetings which were held between December 1989 and March 1990 and subsequent discussions held during the 1993 contract negotiations regarding the interpretation of Radio Sideletter CA-2 of the ABC-NABET-CWA Master Agreement that will be applicable to our covered network and local radio operations nationwide. Subject to the provisions herein, the term of this Agreement shall be co-terminus with that of the ABC-NABET-CWA Master Agreement.

In no event is any provision contained herein intended in any way to limit or restrict the Company's jurisdictional rights contained in the 1989-93, the 1993-97, the 1997-2003, the 2003-2007, the 2007-2011 or the 2011-2017 ABC-NABET-CWA Master Agreements.

1. Terminated radio engineers on a special leave of absence with pay pursuant to paragraph (i) of Sideletter CA-2 shall continue to accrue seniority for all purposes while on such paid leave. For example, a radio engineer whose total service would not qualify the employee for the maximum allowable special payment and who commences their special paid leave of absence with 8 years and 8 months of total Company seniority shall, after the expiration of the six-month special leave of absence, and after the execution of a General Release in a form satisfactory to the Company, receive a special payment, pursuant to the termination formula, based upon nine years and two months of total Company seniority as the result of the engineer's accrual of an additional six months of total Company seniority while on the special leave of absence.
2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is understood that any period of time spent working in television following the termination from radio described above shall not be used to enhance the calculation of the special payment (should the employee be under the three year maximum) at the time of the employee's termination from the Company if the employee does not remain in television. Should a terminated radio employee elect to interrupt their special leave of absence to accept a position in television, they shall continue to receive full credit for up to the six-month period of such leave while working in television. In no event, however, can a combination of leave and/or television work provide an employee who is under the maximum with more than six month's additional accrual of service for purposes of the special payment. (In the example given above in paragraph (1), if the employee began a period of television service two months following the commencement of their special paid leave of absence and was terminated seven (7) months thereafter, the amount of the special payment would still be based on nine years and two months of service; (i.e., the remaining four months of special leave of absence that had not yet been taken at the commencement of the television service would run concurrently with the first four months of the seven-month period of television service).
3. It is understood and agreed that no radio engineer on paid leave of absence status shall have or accrue any seniority for any other purpose during any period of employment in television, unless such employment results in a regular position in television at the end of the six (6) to eight (8) month trial period.

If an employee is terminated at the conclusion of a six (6) to eight (8) month trial period in television, they shall not be entitled by virtue of their television

service to any notice of termination or severance pay for the period of service in television.

4. Terminated radio employees on paid leave of absence status or working on the six (6) -eight (8) month trial basis described in CA-2 for a regular (not temporary or VR) position in television shall receive the benefit of contract pay increases and escalator step increases that may become effective during an employee's leave of absence period or period of television service. As an exception to the foregoing sentence, however, April 1, contractual increases and individual escalator step increases shall not count towards enhancing the amount of the special payment due an employee if either, or both, take place on a date subsequent to the date a person's six (6) month paid leave of absence ended, or would have ended, absent any employment in television.
5. Any radio engineer who is on a paid leave of absence pursuant to Sideletter CA-2 and who is offered a regular NABET-CWA-represented position in television, may, for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after starting the new position in television, elect to resign their employment and still be eligible to receive the special payment and special tuition reimbursement, after the execution of a General Release in a form satisfactory to the Company, pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in Sideletter CA-2 in the same total amount the employee would have been eligible to receive, prior to commencing their employment in television. Any radio engineer who elects to resign from a regular NABET-CWA-represented position in television after this forty-five (45) day period shall not be entitled any longer to receive, and shall forfeit, the special payment and special tuition reimbursement pursuant to Sideletter CA-2, any severance pay pursuant to Article XV of the ABC-NABET-CWA Master Agreement or any other payment. It is specifically understood that any radio engineer who accepts a regular NABET-CWA-represented position in television and thereafter resigns either before or after the initial forty-five (45) day period shall not, under any circumstances, be entitled to return to or commence a paid leave of absence pursuant to Sideletter CA-2.
6. The Company agrees to send all regularly published job postings to the homes of any NABET-CWA-represented engineer while on a paid leave of absence pursuant to Sideletter CA-2.
7. (a) NABET-CWA-represented operations and maintenance engineers may be laid off pursuant to Section 11.6 without being offered the special payment and special conditions contained in Sideletter CA-2, provided that any non-NABET-CWA-represented maintenance engineers employed must be laid off prior to any layoff of NABET-CWA-represented maintenance engineers.

- (b) If there is a layoff of NABET-CWA-represented operations and maintenance engineers in Radio Network, such engineers may be laid off pursuant to Section 11.6 of the Master Agreement, provided that any non-NABET-CWA-represented maintenance engineers employed must be laid off prior to any layoff of NABET-CWA-represented maintenance engineers.
- (c) In the event the Radio Network's permanent studios and facilities are relocated outside a twenty-five (25) miles radius and NABET-CWA-represented engineers are not laid off but are offered and accept non-NABET-CWA covered positions at any new or other Company location, such employees shall not be entitled to severance payments of any kind under any provision of the Master Agreement.

Sideletter CA-7

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Sideletter CB

[No provision.]

Sideletter CC

Temporary Maintenance Assignments

This will confirm our understanding that Group 2 or 5 employees may continue to perform maintenance functions on a temporary basis without being upgraded to Group 7. In the event an employee is regularly assigned to maintenance, including vacation relief employees, such employee shall be paid pursuant to the wage schedules set forth under Group 7.

(See Section A7.7.)

Sideletter CD

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Sideletter CD-1

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Sideletter CD-2

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Sideletter CD-3

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Sideletter CD-4

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Sideletter CE  
San Francisco News Sideletter

This letter will confirm our understanding and agreement as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Award of Arbitrator Herbert Blumer, dated August 10, 1967, persons anchoring or co-anchoring television newscasts originated over the facilities of KGO-TV who do not fall under the exclusion set forth in Section F2.2 of the NABET-CWA-ABC Master Agreement may write, in the aggregate, twenty-five percent (25%) of the scripted material voiced by them in the programs on which they appear.
2. It is understood and agreed that compliance with the standards set forth in Paragraph 1 hereof is to be evaluated over a period of time not to exceed six (6) months, and not as to specific individual programs.
3. During the term hereof, three (3) members of the San Francisco NABET-CWA Newswriters-Producers Unit shall be designated as Assignment Editors in the KGO-TV News Department and shall perform "desk functions" as designated by management. The Company, in its discretion, may designate more than three (3) members of the Unit as Assignment Editors and may change any designated Assignment Editor. The Assignment Editor may perform, in addition to their desk functions, the duties specified in Sections F1.1 and F2.1 of the Master Agreement. Except for illness in excess of one (1) week and vacations, the absence of a designated Assignment Editor shall not require the assignment of another designated Assignment Editor, even though desk functions are being performed. Nothing shall preclude department heads, assistant department heads, assignment managers, producers not covered by the Master Agreement pursuant to Sideletter FG or other supervisory employees with the authority to hire and fire employees from performing any assignment editor or desk functions.
4. For each day that a member of the San Francisco NABET-CWA Newswriters-Producers Unit serves as a designated Desk Person pursuant to Paragraph 3 hereof, they shall receive in addition to their regular compensation, the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00).

If a member of the Unit receives the Desk Person fee for at least one hundred thirty (130) days during the previous calendar year, they shall receive in addition to their regular vacation pay, the daily Desk Person fee for each day of their scheduled vacation, but in no event more than five (5) times the daily Desk Person fee per week while on vacation.

5. The classification of Desk Assistant set forth in Section F3.10 shall be deemed to apply only to KGO-TV.

6. A waiver by either party of any of the terms and conditions of this agreement in any instance shall not be deemed or construed to constitute a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other term or condition.
7. Except as expressly provided herein to the contrary, this agreement is subject to the terms and conditions of the NABET-CWA-ABC Master Agreement and specifically to the terms and conditions of Article F thereof.
8. This Sideletter shall continue in effect until terminated as follows:
  - (i) Either party shall have the right to terminate this Sideletter at the end of any full year of the term of the NABET-CWA-ABC Master Agreement upon two (2) weeks' prior written notice to the other.
  - (ii) In the event the Company is found by an arbitrator or Impartial Umpire to be in breach of the standards set forth in Paragraph 1 hereof and/or in the event of a layoff involving NABET-CWA Newswriters at KGO-TV which shall have the result of reducing the Unit below the number of employees employed at KGO-TV as of June 1, 1974, NABET-CWA shall have the right to terminate this Sideletter upon two (2) weeks' prior written notice to the Company.
9. All pending grievances and arbitration cases on the matters covered herein will be closed as moot. The closing of any grievance hereunder shall be without prejudice to the position of either party, and practice following the date any such grievance was filed may not be cited in any future case.

Sideletter CF

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Sideletter CG

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Sideletter CH

[No provision.]

Sideletter CI

Traffic Coordinator 6A – Supervisory Functions

In addition to the duties of the Traffic Coordinator set forth in Section B2.2, the Company in its discretion shall have the right to assign to a Supervisory Traffic Coordinator “supervisory” functions of the type performed by upgraded employees in units covered by the Master Agreement other than the “B” Unit.

Sideletter CJ  
Traffic Coordinator Remote Assignments

This is to confirm our agreement and understanding that prior to the commencement of any of the remote pickups referred to in Section B2.4, the Company and the Union will meet to discuss the terms, conditions and duration of the required assignment of a Traffic Coordinator to such pickups.

Sideletter CK

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Sideletter CL

[No provision.]

Sideletter CM  
New York Graphic Artists

This will confirm our agreement as to the employment of persons as New York Graphic Artists:

1. The term “employee” as used herein applies to all employees of the Company employed as Graphic Artists in the News Graphic Arts Department and the Production Services Graphic Arts Department in the New York City metropolitan area, excluding all other employees, guards and supervisors as defined in the National Labor Relations Act, as amended.
2. The duties of employees covered hereunder shall include the execution of all graphic arts work done by the employees of the Company in the New York City metropolitan area for TV broadcasting consistent with past practice and shall also include the execution of non-broadcasting graphic arts work consistent with past practice. It is also understood that the Company may subcontract work covered by the preceding sentence consistent with past practice. However, it is further understood that nothing contained in either of the foregoing sentences shall be deemed to confer rights upon either the Company or the Union that neither had prior to the effective date of this Agreement, nor shall anything contained therein be deemed to diminish rights that either the Company or the Union had prior to such effective date.

Nothing herein shall prejudice the position of either party with respect to its position to its rights on scope or subcontracting prior to such effective date. Subcontracting may not be utilized for the purpose of reducing the staff. Where there may be a question as to the propriety of subcontracting, the matter may be grieved pursuant to the provisions of Section 20.10. The employees described above, except for daily hires, may be upgraded to perform duties that are performed exclusively by NABET-CWA-represented engineers within the other classifications and

at the other minimum wage scales set forth in Article A-III of the Engineering Agreement.

3. [Deleted.]

4. (a) If a written work-related complaint about an employee is made a part of the employee's record, such employee will be given the particulars of such complaint in writing. Any written response by the affected employee will likewise be made a part of such record.
- (b) It is the intention of the Company that air credit will be given on at least one (1) evening program per day, if feasible (otherwise, or if so requested by the Union, a daytime program) to an artist named by the Company actually doing graphic art work on such specific program, provided the Company has the sole and free discretion to give such credit. In addition to the above, if a Graphic Artist has been regularly assigned to execute and prepare graphics work for a Company-produced program and the entire staff of that program receives visual credit on an anniversary program, or a Christmas program of that program series, the Company shall use its best efforts to ensure that such Graphic Artist(s) will receive credit along with the rest of the staff.
- (c) Prior to the operational use of new equipment, the Company will notify NABET-CWA of its decision to use the equipment in order that any operational problems involved may be discussed.

Sideletter CM-1

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Sideletter CM-2

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Sideletters CN through CR

[No provisions.]

Sideletter CS

Short-term Union Leave of Absence

This will confirm our agreement that the following shall be applicable to a NABET-CWA-represented employee who is a participant in the Company's Savings and Investment Plan and who is placed on a short-term leave of absence for Union activity of ten (10) or less working days, and for whom it is reasonably anticipated that such employee will not be on leaves of absence for Union activity for more than a total of thirty (30) working days in any calendar year:



1. Up to a maximum of thirty (30) days in any calendar year, such employee will remain on the Company payroll at their base salary during the period of such leave.
2. NABET-CWA will promptly reimburse the Company for the following payments made by the Company during each period of leave while the employee remains on the Company's payroll pursuant to Paragraph 1 above:
  - (a) the employee's base salary;
  - (b) the Company's contribution to the Savings and Investment Plan on behalf of such employee; and
  - (c) other amounts, including but not limited to payroll taxes, which will be paid by the Company as the result of such employee remaining on the Company's payroll during the period of such leave.

The parties agree that nothing in this Sideletter CS shall be deemed to augment, expand or diminish the provisions of Section 13.3, which shall continue to be the only provision in the Master Agreement which grants a right to a leave of absence for Union activity.

(See Parties' Letter Agreement Regarding Short Term Union Leave Reimbursement dated July 27, 2023.)

Sideletter CT

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Sideletter CU

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Sideletter CV

New York Desk Assistants

This will confirm our understandings on the following matters concerning New York Desk Assistants:

1. The Company agrees that it will not, for the purpose of defeating or evading this Agreement, transfer responsibility to any third party for any part thereof, nor change its operations, nor transfer its operations, in whole or in part to other places.
2. The Company agrees to provide bulletin boards suitably placed for the use of the Union.

3. The Company recognizes that during the first (1<sup>st</sup>) week of employment, a new employee may require familiarization with the area of the Company's operations to which they are assigned and, subject to reasonable operating priorities, the Company will provide such familiarization. The Company shall make reasonable arrangements to provide the familiarization without creating an excessive amount of overtime for any other employee. This provision is not applicable to temporary employees.
4. In an attempt to resolve the problem of locked space for personal items, it is agreed that each area (e.g., WABC-TV News) in which the Desk Assistants work will be surveyed and every effort will be made to provide lockable storage areas.
5. Desk Assistant duties do not include the performance of personal errands.
6. Scheduling practices in each area shall continue as heretofore; however, the Company agrees to give seniority prime consideration if any employee who has had an "overnight" assignment for more than six (6) consecutive months requests rotation.
7. The word-change in the last sentence of the first paragraph in Article D-II (Duties) from "general duties" to "general clerical duties" is not substantive, and does not change the general duties performed by the Desk Assistants as heretofore.

Sideletter CW  
Editorial Standards

The Company and the Union agree that an attempt should be made to standardize punctuation, capitalization and spelling throughout the Agreement, as well as to cure obvious grammatical and typographical errors which have found their way into the text during past years and which have been inadvertently preserved each time the Agreement has been reprinted.

The following "conventions," have been used in standardizing the text of the Master Agreement:

No Capitalization:

- "local committee"
- "employee"
- "staff newswriters"

Initial Capitalization:

- "Initiation Fee"
- "Network"
- Holidays specifically named ("Christmas Day")

- “Owned Station”
- Capitalization required by dictionary
- Money numbers (“One Hundred Dollars”)
- “Unit,” “Unit Seniority” and “Bargaining Unit”
- Specific sections, paragraphs, subparagraphs
- Titles of positions
- “ENG” and other acronyms
- “Local”
- “A.M.” and “P.M.”

#### Words:

- “videotape” should be “video tape,” except when used as a verb
- “re-create,” “re-classify,” and “re-record,” should be “recreate,” “reclassify,” and “rerecord”
- a “News Writer” should be “Newswriter”
- “re-engage” should be “reengage”
- “pay check” should be “paycheck”
- “sub-contract” should be “subcontract”
- “push to talk” should be “push-to-talk”
- “work load,” “work day” and “work week” should be “workload,” “workday” and “workweek”
- “pick-up” should be “pickup”
- “lay-off” should be “layoff”
- “make-up” should be “makeup”
- gender neutralize all pronouns

#### Other Conventions:

- repeat all numbers (not just dollar amounts), but not “once”
- use semicolons in sentences with (i) and (ii), etc.
- numbers of Stipulations always in parenthesis

In addition, questions of grammar and punctuation were resolved in accordance with the rules set forth in A Dictionary of Modern English Usage (2d. edition) by H. W. Fowler and The Elements of Style by William Strunk, Jr. and E. B. White.

None of the changes made in preparing the text of the Master Agreement for printing is intended to have any substantive effect whatsoever. In the unlikely event a dispute arises because either party believes that any such change has inadvertently altered the substantive meaning of a provision of the 1985-1989 NABET-ABC Master Agreement, it is agreed that in the resolution of such dispute, whether by arbitration or by other means, the grammar and punctuation in the predecessor 1981-1985 Master Agreement shall be deemed controlling.

Sideletter CX  
Electronic Newsroom

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or any provisions to the contrary in either the General Articles, Sideletters, Stipulations or any of the Individual Articles contained in the Master Agreement:

- (1) Persons other than NABET-CWA-represented engineering employees, including but not limited to employees covered by the “F”, “K” and “O” Agreements, may operate keyboards and other input devices which are part of an “electronic newsroom” computer system (e.g., “NewStar”) or similar computer or computer system, whether used in conjunction with news or non-news material or programs. This operation may include, without limitation, (a) entering material into the memory or storage of electronic character generators and/or recalling such material to air; and (b) entering instructions into the computer system which may control the operation of technical equipment (e.g., for editing, for sequencing and/or triggering the playback of carts directly to air, to direct the movement of cameras, to operate switchers, etc.); and (c) encoding scripts and other material for use in “closed captioning”; and (d) entering and electronically transferring material to electronic prompting devices for any use including during rehearsal and/or broadcast; and (e) loading and unloading disc-packs or any other storage medium used in connection with such computer system;
- (2) With respect to the performance of the duties covered by the “F”, “K” and “O” Agreements, in addition to employees covered by the “F”, “K” and “O” agreements, the following persons may operate such keyboards and other input devices for the purposes indicated:
  - (a) Persons employed in the News Department at any office of the Company primarily to perform managerial and or supervisory duties, in order to edit or rewrite copy or to prepare a script for broadcast. The News Director, Assistant News Director, Managing Editor or Executive Producer(s) may also write material for broadcast when such writing is not a substantial part of, and is incidental to, their overall managerial or supervisory duties or because of time constraints where NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters are not readily available in sufficient numbers. It is understood that the performance of the work described in subparagraph (a)  
  
above is to supplement the assignment of NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters (Newswriter-Producers in San Francisco), and no Newswriter (or Newswriter-Producers in San Francisco) shall be laid off as a direct result of the Company’s use of the aforementioned managers to write or edit or rewrite copy under this Sideletter.

- (b) Persons who, under individual contract with the Company, at any office of the Company, write and broadcast their own material, in order to write, rewrite, edit or otherwise treat or process news material.
- (c) Persons employed to write or otherwise prepare news material, in order to write, rewrite, edit or otherwise treat or process news material intended for primary use by other than the Owned Station(s) or Network facility in San Francisco, Chicago or Los Angeles at which such material may also be utilized.

In addition, persons covered by (a), (b) and (c) above may also remove, distribute and otherwise handle any printed output produced.

- (3) The computers and computer systems referred to herein are not technical equipment under this Agreement. Further, nothing in this provision shall alter or affect the rights presently enjoyed by the Company with respect to the operation of an “electronic newsroom” computer system or any similar system by persons other than NABET-CWA-represented employees.

(See Sideletter FE.)

Sideletter CY  
Scheduling

Notwithstanding the Award of Impartial Umpire Benjamin Roberts in Case No. AN 69-89, which is hereby deemed null and void, and notwithstanding any other arbitration awards, grievance settlements, past practices, or provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, persons not covered by the Master Agreement may perform any scheduling function in any office or location of the Company.

Sideletter CZ  
NewsOne

Notwithstanding the Award of the Impartial Umpire in AWA 86-1 or any other arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices, or provisions of the Master Agreement to the contrary, any work or functions required to be performed in connection with the Company’s television affiliate news cooperative service(s) (presently called “NewsOne”) may be assigned, at the discretion of the Company, either to NABET-CWA-represented employees or to persons not covered by the Master Agreement.

However, in any Company facility in which NABET-CWA-represented engineers are otherwise assigned, which facility is located in an office of the Company as defined in Section 11.4, any engineering work for the television affiliate news cooperative to be performed in such facility will be assigned to NABET-CWA-represented engineers.

Sideletter DA  
Host Broadcaster

When ABC Sports produces Network television coverage of an event originating within the Continental United States that is likewise covered by another producer who is providing international coverage of the same event, or coverage in a medium other than Network television, and is designated or considered the “host” broadcaster of the event, the Company may augment its own coverage of the event by accepting a feed(s) of such coverage from the “host.”

Such a feed(s) may be received as an input(s) to the ABC switcher and/or audio console, or on video and/or audio tape, whichever may be more practicable under the circumstances.

Sideletter DB  
Program Origination

As the result of changes made in Sections 7.1 and A2.3 of the Master Agreement during the 1989 negotiations, it is understood and agreed that the Company may now accept for broadcast live and/or taped outside-produced program material, portions of programs (i.e., inserts or segments of any length) or entire programs, which are neither Company television programs as defined in Section 7.1, nor programs produced by the Company or programs produced by others for the Company where the Company has the basic underlying property rights as defined in Section A2.3.

For example, in addition to entire outside-produced programs, the Company may broadcast within a program produced by the Company outside-produced inserts or segments or other outside-produced material, or vice versa.

Sideletter DC  
Semi-annual Meetings

During the 1989 negotiations, both the Company and the Union expressed their desire to improve the communication opportunities between themselves regarding important matters of mutual concern and, therefore, to create a non-adversary forum which would enable them to engage in an ongoing dialogue during the period between negotiations in order not only to exchange information, but also to identify and discuss significant matters.

To this end, the parties have agreed to meet semi-annually at a mutually-agreed location (e.g., the site of the annual NAB Convention) in order to discuss such items as new developments in broadcasting technology and the industry in general, major engineering construction or renovation projects to be undertaken by the Company, training opportunities for NABET-CWA-represented employees, health and safety issues, benefits, competitive developments and any other matters of general interest which the Company and the Union

desire to place on the agenda. The parties expressly understand that, unless otherwise mutually agreed to, specific grievances are not to be the subject of these meetings.

The Company representatives at each such meeting will consist of senior executives from all interested operating areas of the Company and senior members of the Labor Relations Department. The Union representatives will consist of the Presidents of each Local Union or their designees and the Sector President of the Union, or their designee. Where the President of the Local Union is not an employee of the Company, a designee who is an employee will be sent in their place.

Finally, in order to foster a free and frank exchange of views at these meetings, and particularly in view of the fact that matters proprietary to the Company may be discussed, it is agreed that all discussions held will be deemed "off-the-record," will not be cited in any subsequent grievance meeting, arbitration or other legal proceeding, and will be kept confidential when appropriate.

#### Sideletter DD Health and Safety

During the 1989 negotiations, both the Company and the Union expressed their continuing mutual concern over the health and safety of employees covered by the Master Agreement. To this end, the parties have agreed that Article XXI of the current Agreement will be continued, and that a NABET-CWA representative will continue to be a part of all existing Safety Committees, and will join those Safety Committees formed in the future.

Moreover, because of the Company's commitment to issues of health and safety, the Company shall undertake, commencing May 1, 1989, a complete evaluation of its internal processes, guidelines and procedures with regard to health and safety, and engage whatever internal or external professional assistance it deems necessary in pursuit of these objectives. When this evaluation process is complete, the Company will meet with Union officials at each location in order to discuss the results. Appropriate training of employees in the area of safety at all facilities will, in particular, be reviewed as part of this process.

It is understood and agreed between the parties that the broadcasting industry in general and the Company in particular have legal and moral responsibilities for safety of all employees which should not be taken lightly. In this regard, the Company agrees that, where feasible, any operations manual developed by the Company for all pieces of equipment to which NABET-CWA-represented employees are assigned will, when applicable, contain a section on matters related to safety. The Company further agrees that any such manuals developed will be submitted, upon request, to the Safety Committees convened under Article XXI.

The Company further agrees that it will endeavor to schedule, on an annual basis, a CPR (or comparable) training course which will be made available free of charge to NABET-CWA-represented employees, subject to operational and scheduling requirements

at each location. Further, should a NABET-CWA-represented employee complete a Red Cross (or other comparable first aid agency) life-sustaining course of training off-premises on their own time, the Company, upon receipt of proof of course completion, will reimburse that employee for the cost of such course, up to a one-time maximum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

The Company agrees to provide upon request an anti-glare screen and/or hood, and/or a wrist support where appropriate, for any video display terminal (VDT) used by any employee covered by this Agreement. In addition, the Company shall endeavor to arrange work stations so that each employee using either a VDT or graphics equipment incorporating a video display (e.g., paintbox), is seated no less than three (3) feet away from the sides and backs of other such equipment in use.

Further, the Company will, upon request, test VDT's and graphics equipment incorporating a video display, used by employees covered hereunder, for non-ionizing radiation. The results of such tests will be made available to NABET-CWA.

Sideletter DE  
Telecommunications

After extensive discussions during the course of the 1989 negotiations with respect to the ordering of transmission facilities for television network news material by non-NABET-CWA-represented satellite desk coordinators assigned to the satellite desk (hereinafter called the News Traffic Desk), it was determined that it would be in the best interests of both the Company and the Union if, in the future, persons assigned to such News Traffic Desk were covered by the terms of the Traffic and Communications ("B") Agreement for the purpose of enabling them to order such transmission facilities. Consequently, it was agreed that:

1. As soon as practicable after the effective date of the new Agreement, the position of satellite desk coordinator on the News Traffic Desk shall be eliminated and shall be replaced by the position Traffic Coordinator covered by the terms of the "B" Agreement.
2. The Company will consider the application of any Traffic Coordinator with a Unit Seniority date of July 20, 1989 or earlier who requests to be assigned to the News Traffic Desk, but the decision whether or not to grant such request shall rest solely with the Company.
3. Traffic Coordinators assigned to the News Traffic Desk shall constitute a separate seniority group from Traffic Coordinators assigned to all other traffic operations for purposes of layoff, rehiring and other provisions where Unit Seniority is applicable.



However, any Traffic Coordinator with a Unit Seniority date of July 20, 1989 or earlier, whether assigned to the News Traffic Desk or any other traffic operation, shall be placed in a Master Traffic Seniority Group, while the News Traffic Desk Seniority Group shall consist of regular Traffic Coordinators hired after July 20, 1989 to work on the news Traffic Desk, and the Network Traffic Seniority Group shall consist of regular Traffic Coordinators hired after July 20, 1989 to work in all other traffic operations. When layoffs of regular Traffic Coordinators in the New York office of the Company are to be made, the following shall apply:

- (a) If the number of Coordinators to be laid off from either the News Seniority Group or the Network Seniority Group is equal to or less than the number of Coordinators in the News or Network Seniority Group, whichever is applicable, the Coordinators in such group will be laid off in inverse order of seniority.
- (b) If the number of Coordinators to be laid off from either Group exceeds the number of Coordinators in the News or the Network Seniority Group, whichever is applicable, after first laying off all Coordinators in the applicable group, the excess shall be laid off in inverse order of seniority from the Coordinators in the other group. If after all Coordinators in both the News and the Network Seniority Groups have been laid off, the number of Coordinators to be laid off still has not been reached, employees in the Master Traffic Seniority Group will then be laid off in inverse order of seniority.

In addition, no Coordinator may be compelled to accept a transfer from one separate seniority group to another. In the event a Coordinator, with the employee's consent, elects to accept a transfer, all Unit Seniority accrued prior to the transfer shall be retained and their Total Company Seniority and Pay Seniority will remain unaffected by such transfer. Nothing herein shall prohibit the Company from temporarily assigning Coordinators to perform work in a seniority group other than the one in which they accrue Unit Seniority.

- 4. With respect to duties previously performed by satellite desk coordinators assigned to the News Traffic Desk, which duties are not encompassed by the provisions of the "B" Agreement (e.g., ABSAT satellite access coordination, international pool satellite coordination, surveys, etc.), it is specifically understood and agreed that any performance of such duties in the future by Traffic Coordinators assigned to such Desk shall not, under any circumstances, constitute an expansion of existing jurisdiction pursuant to any provision of the Master Agreement, nor shall the performance of such assignments by Coordinators hereunder entitle any such employees to continue to be given such assignments. It is agreed that no claim or dispute involving an assignment made pursuant to this Paragraph, or the failure to make such an assignment, shall be subject to arbitration.

5. Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, letter agreements, grievance settlements or provisions of the Master Agreement or any other agreements to the contrary, with respect to television network news coverage of fast-breaking news stories, when, in the reasonable judgment of the Company, time is of the essence in order to secure the facilities necessary for the origination of the story, news managers not covered by this Agreement may institute the preliminary steps of the ordering process including commitment to initial transmission facilities (but excluding transponders and downlinks, except when packaged with uplink services). It is understood that the continuation and finalization of this ordering process and the coordination of any such transmission facilities, as well as the ordering of additional facilities required for coverage of the story, will be performed by Traffic Coordinators in accordance with the provisions of the “B” Agreement.

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Sports Production

In the course of the 1993-97 Master Agreement negotiations there was extensive discussion concerning the involvement of ABC production personnel, such as Directors, Producers, talent, etc., in the production of outside-produced sports events that originate at remote locations.

The programs discussed have not been produced by the Company nor has the Company had the underlying property rights in such programs as the result of the participation of the foregoing personnel in the production of such events in the manner described.

Based upon the foregoing and the discussions we have had, the Union will not assert during the term of the 2021-2025 Master Agreement that the participation of ABC production personnel in outside-produced events in the manner we have discussed establishes the Company as the “producer” of such programs.

Sideletter DJ

News Producer Assignments

At the discretion of the Company, in Washington and New York, an employee covered by this Agreement may, with their consent, be assigned as a producer of news

material. Such assignment shall be outside the Union's jurisdiction and/or outside the jurisdiction of the particular Unit in which they are employed. Any individual assigned to produce as set forth above shall be paid a producing fee of no less than Forty Dollars (\$40.00) a day for each such day of assignment, except that, employees working under the "A" Agreement shall be paid no less than Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) a day for each such day of assignment. The Company and the Union agree that any such assignments shall not, under any circumstances, constitute an expansion of existing jurisdiction pursuant to any provisions of the Master Agreement, nor shall the performance of such assignments by employees hereunder entitle any such employees to continue to be given such assignments. Except as provided below, it is agreed that no claim or dispute involving an assignment made pursuant to this provision, or the failure to make such an assignment, shall be subject to arbitration.

It is further agreed that an employee assigned as a producer pursuant to this Sideletter will be held to the same standard of conduct and performance as other Company employees employed to perform the same or similar functions, including but not limited to those standards applicable to employees covered within the "F","K" and "O" units. In the event a NABET-CWA-represented employee assigned to functions under this Sideletter exercises due care and sound judgment in order to meet such standards, the failure to meet such standards shall not be used for the purpose of imposing disciplinary action on such employee.

However, if such employee is responsible for knowingly violating ethical principles, and News Division policy as conveyed to the employee, the Company shall have the right to take all appropriate action, including discipline up to and including discharge. Any such disciplinary action imposed upon a NABET-CWA-represented employee shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure.

Sideletter DK  
Computer Systems

1. Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or any provisions to the contrary in either the General Articles, Sideletters, Stipulations or any of the Individual Articles contained in the Master Agreement, persons other than NABET-CWA-represented engineering employees may operate keyboards and other input devices of any kind and any and all equipment which is capable of serving as a channel, source or receiver, whether or not such equipment would otherwise be considered technical equipment under the Master Agreement, which are part of, attached to, or otherwise utilized by or capable of being utilized by a computer system for any purpose, including but not limited to:
  - (a) to playback or record or to order, sequence, process and/or "edit" material (whether such material is in digital or analog form, and whether the ordering, sequencing processing and/or editing is linear or non-linear);

- (b) to enter and recall alpha-numeric information, such as “lower thirds”, supers and graphics in any form and to enter material into and extract material from library systems and to modify information contained in such systems;
- (c) to direct and/or sequence camera movements;
- (d) to operate switchers, etc.;
- (e) to connect via “network” to other computer systems covered hereunder;
- (f) to connect to and/or utilize digitizing and/or other format conversion systems and/or equipment; and
- (g) to perform any function or process referenced or described in Sideletter CX and not repeated in this Sideletter, whether or not such computer system controls the operation of technical equipment, or substitutes therefor.

2. Computer systems referred to in this Sideletter DK, shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- (a) any and all present and future components, parts, sections, information sources or channels, processors, receivers, microprocessors, terminals, modems, keyboards and other input devices, telephone lines and other fiber optic and other related communications and data transmission equipment, printers, memory and storage devices and other peripheral equipment (including, but not limited to, audio consoles, monitors, microphones, switches, tape machines, CD players and recorders, patch cords, etc.) regardless of whether or not any of the above is considered to be technical equipment when operated independently of a computer system;
- (b) Any device, system or component of such system, or network or component of such network (e.g., WAN, LAN, Enterprise Network, etc.) including but not limited to those enumerated in (i) above, or any other transmission, switching, routing or diagnostic equipment used in conjunction with the equipment described in sub-paragraph (1) above, regardless of the topology or method of transport (e.g., ISDN, ATM, Frame Relay, T1, T3, OC-12, FDDI, SONET, etc.). Computer systems, as defined above, shall not be considered technical equipment under the Master Agreement, nor shall they be subject to the provisions of the Master Agreement because they are connected to technical equipment, or because they are used to collect, input and/or process data which controls the operation of technical equipment for the purpose and in the manner described above.

3. The Company may assign NABET-CWA-represented employees to perform duties in connection with computer systems which are not covered by the Engineering Agreement. In no event shall the performance of such duties on such system(s) confer jurisdiction over any work performed on such computer systems.
4. It is expressly understood that nothing in this Sideletter shall prejudice the Company's rights to apply any of the provisions in Section A2.2(b), A2.2(c), A2.2(d) or any other provision of the Master Agreement, including Sideletter CX, in any circumstance where such provisions might otherwise be applicable.
5. The parties recognize that computer technology is a rapidly evolving science in which new and/or different equipment and technology is added to or substituted for equipment now or previously in use. It is the intent of the parties that the definition of computer systems in this Sideletter DK be construed to encompass all such future technological developments.
6. The provisions of this Sideletter and practices which may develop hereunder shall have no precedential or prejudicial effect on situations not involving the use of such equipment and systems for the purpose described herein.

(See Sideletters DV, EU and FE.)

Sideletter DL  
Teleconferencing

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Master Agreement, arbitration awards, grievance resolutions or practices to the contrary, equipment of the type generally used by businesses and/or consumers when used for teleconferencing which is located and operated in facilities of the Company such as conference rooms, offices, or similar non-studio areas whether on or off permanent Company premises, shall not be subject to Section A2.1 of the Engineering Agreement, nor shall the operation of such equipment in such offices, rooms and areas be subject to Section 6.1, provided that such material shall not be broadcast.

Sideletter DM  
New York "Library" Agreement

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or provisions to the contrary in the Master Agreement, the Company may assign persons other than NABET-CWA-represented employees to perform any "librarying" duty in any office or facility of the Company including, but not limited to, cataloging, storing, retrieving, archiving, checking in or out, receiving delivery of, identifying or maintaining lists of tapes or other video or audio material regardless of how or on what medium such material is stored, or to any labeling function (whether or not such labeling function is associated with a library).

At the discretion of the Company, employees covered by the Master Agreement may be assigned to perform library/labeling functions in any area, including the “main library” located in the basement of 47 West 66<sup>th</sup> Street. However, the Company and the Union agree that any such assignments or the performance of such duties, shall not, under any circumstances, confer jurisdiction or constitute an expansion of jurisdiction pursuant to any provision of the Master Agreement with respect to any such assignments or duties, nor shall the performance of such assignments by employees hereunder entitle any such employees to continue to be assigned. It is agreed that no claim or dispute involving an assignment made under this Sideletter, or any failure to make such an assignment, shall be subject to arbitration.

In the event it is decided during the term of the 2007-2011 ABC-NABET-CWA Master Agreement that there should be a layoff of NABET-CWA-represented regular employees in the Los Angeles, Prospect library, the Company agrees that any such layoff will not occur prior to April 1, 2009. Should any such layoff occur on or after April 1, 2009, severance shall be paid pursuant to Section 15.1 or Sideletter HH, paragraph 6 or 7, whichever is applicable.

In the event it is decided during the term of the 2007-2011 ABC-NABET-CWA Master Agreement that there should be a layoff of regular NABET-CWA-represented employees regularly assigned to the “main” library located in the basement of 47 West 66<sup>th</sup> Street in New York, the Company agrees that any such layoff will not occur prior to March 30, 2011. Should any such layoff occur on or after March 30, 2011, severance shall be paid pursuant to Section 15.1 or Sideletter HH, paragraph 6 or 7, whichever is applicable.

The parties acknowledge that the above-referenced provisions protecting certain regular employees from layoff shall extend only to the employee(s) specifically covered by such provision and shall not act as a bar to laying off other, more senior employees pursuant to Sections 11.3 and 11.6(a) and (b). With respect to employees not covered by the layoff protections set forth in this Sideletter, the parties reserve their respective positions as to whether the agreed upon principle stated in the immediately preceding sentence applies equally with respect to other specific layoff protections set forth in the Master Agreement (e.g., Sideletter DN, paragraph 8).

[The Decision and Award of the Impartial Umpire in AH-00-61 relating to the library at KABC-TV and the parties’ subsequent Settlement Agreement as a result thereof shall be null and void.]

#### Sideletter DN

#### Digital Cameras and Related Equipment

The Company recognizes and values the unique contributions made by its NABET-CWA-represented ENG and EFP crews in the past and is committed to continuing to use them in the future for such work. However, the parties recognize that due to the technological advances relating to ENG and EFP camera equipment, the Company may in

certain situations have individuals other than NABET-CWA-represented employees gather material on assignments in the field or within any Company facility, other than a broadcast studio within such facilities, in the following cases.

Therefore, notwithstanding any other provisions of the Master Agreement, arbitration awards, grievance resolutions or practices to the contrary, it is agreed as follows:

Any person(s) described below may operate digital camera equipment (*e.g.*, Sony: DVX 1000, Alpha7 series, PXW-FS5, FS7, 100, 200, 300, X70, Z90, Z150, Z190 and Z280; Panasonic: AG-CX350, AG-HMC40, AG-HPX170, AG-HPX250, AG-AC30, AG-UX90, AG-UX180, AG-DVX200, AG-CX10, AJ-PX230, AG-HPX255, AJ-PX270, HC-V770, HC-WX970 and HC-VX870; Canon: EOS 5D, EOS C100, EOS C200, EOS C300, EOS C300 Mark III and XA40; JVC: GY-HM200, GY-HM170U, GY-HM180U, GY-HM250U, GY-HC500/550U and GY-HM620U; or other substantially similar camera equipment), and including video phones (or similar devices), whether HD or SD, in the situations listed below. The parties agree to convene a committee consisting of four (4) Union representatives and three (3) Company representatives to meet at least every six (6) months to discuss any concerns regarding the digital camera equipment used pursuant to this Sideletter.

1. As long as camera operation is not such person's overall primary job function, such persons (except interns) may operate such camera equipment on assignments when its use is combined (whether or not simultaneous) with other work or functions such person(s) normally performs (*i.e.*, announcing, reporting, producing, newswriting, directing). Persons covered by the foregoing paragraph will not shoot for others on a regular basis and only in unforeseen circumstances.
2. In addition to the foregoing, any person may operate such camera equipment on any occasion where one or more of the following may be applicable:
  - a. the assignment is an "undercover" news assignment or one that requires the use of a "hidden" or "discreet" camera; -
  - b. there is limited access to an event provided, however, that an intern is not so assigned;
  - c. the person(s) has special access to a location or event due to such person's identity or particular involvement in an event, or relationship to a news story or to persons related to such story;
  - d. the person(s) possess(es) specialized knowledge of a particular subject;
  - e. the assignment involves coverage of a sensitive or private event;

- f. the assignment essentially consists of the maintenance of a video diary;
  - g. the event itself, or the person(s) included in the event, requires that secrecy be maintained or sources protected.
- 3. It is understood that operation of the equipment referred to herein includes: the operation and attachment of necessary associated equipment, such as, but not limited to, tripods and microphones, and the performance of minor maintenance functions such as, but not limited to, changing batteries.
- 4. The parties acknowledge that personal communication devices (e.g., cell phones, iPhones) available to the general public do not constitute technical equipment under the Master Agreement.

During the negotiations for the successor to the 2011-2017 Master Agreement, the Company stated that services like Stringr, may gather news or other programming material on iPhones, iPads, Samsung phones, and other personal communication devices. In those instances where such devices are used to gather material, the parties agreed the Company can request specific video be provided to the Company by outside services like Stringr, and such material may be used on broadcast, without violating any provision of the Master Agreement.

During the negotiations for the successor to the 2017-2021 Master Agreement, the parties again discussed the use of outside services (e.g., Stringr) and agreed that, on a quarterly basis, the Company shall provide to the Sector a report containing the date and subject matter of material utilized for broadcast from such outside service(s).

- 5. Material obtained by such person pursuant to this Sideletter may be transmitted by such person by any means available to such person in the field, utilizing portable transmitting equipment, and internet protocol (IP) transmission devices. The foregoing sentence is not intended to affect either parties' rights with respect to traditional microwave or satellite equipment installed in an ENG or SNG vehicle.
- 6. The parties recognize that the Company may, at its discretion, also assign NABET-CWA-represented engineering employees to perform some or all of the operation of such camera equipment for programs or productions in the circumstances permitted in (1) or (2) above in addition to or in conjunction with other persons also operating such camera equipment on all or some of the same assignment or same program.



7. NABET-CWA-represented engineers may be assigned to perform news production duties pursuant to Sideletter DJ, whether or not in combination with their normal work functions.
8. No ENG or EFP field engineer (i.e., member of one or two person camera crew) on regular staff as of July 7, 2022, shall be laid off during the term of the 2021-2025 Master Agreement as a direct result of the use of such cameras by other persons in accordance with the terms of this Sideletter.
9. The rights negotiated in this Sideletter shall apply to news (including sports news), sports, entertainment and other programs.
10. The term “broadcast studio” in the first paragraph of this Sideletter includes only those studio floor areas within ABC’s technical facilities from which broadcasts regularly originate (e.g., TSS, TV-1, TV-2, TV-3, TV-13 and TV-14 in New York; TV-A and TV-B in Washington; and TV-1, TV-2 and TV-3 in Chicago). With respect to newsrooms from which programs or portions of programs originate, nothing herein shall be construed to permit the Company to utilize cameras covered by this Sideletter to substitute for shots that regularly originate from flash-cams or other camera equipment situated in the broadcast part of such newsrooms. In all other respects, the Company may utilize cameras covered by this Sideletter in such newsrooms.

The Company’s right to have persons permitted by Sideletter DN operate digital cameras to gather material “within any Company facility, other than a broadcast studio within such facilities,” shall not be construed to prohibit such persons from gathering material where the subject is an interviewee, guest or talent entering or exiting a broadcast studio in connection with an interview or appearance in such broadcast studio, and the person does not rely upon the studio’s audio or video equipment.

11. The terms of this Sideletter are without prejudice to the contractual positions of the parties regarding the utilization of digital cameras to gather material and the application of Sideletters CX and DK thereto. The provisions of this Sideletter are applicable only to the equipment, personnel and operations described and any assignments involving the use of such equipment shall not create a precedent or a practice. Moreover, the inclusion of any provisions herein shall not be construed as implying that it sets forth rights or obligations which either party does not otherwise have under the Master Agreement or that it limits or restricts such rights.
12. Nothing in this Sideletter shall be construed to limit the Union’s right to file a unit clarification petition, representation petition, unfair labor

practice charge or grievance concerning persons permitted to operate digital camera equipment under this Sideletter.

Sideletter DO

Outside Crews and Facilities Rental

This will confirm our understanding that any Arbitration awards and practices that have developed at any office of the Company of assigning persons covered by the Engineering Agreement to perform engineering duties on behalf of others who gained access to Company studios to record video tape material, for promotional opportunities, on behalf of those others, are no longer of any effect and will no longer be a precedent that will require any such assignment in the future. In addition, the deletion of Section A2.4(b) shall not enable the Company to lease or rent its facilities to others for the production of Company-owned programs, or of a program produced in a Company studio where the Company, while not owning the basic underlying property rights, is the Producer of such program (e.g., "Loving"), without the assignment of NABET-CWA-represented personnel pursuant to the terms of the Master Agreement.

Sideletter DP

"Retrofit" and "Modular Exchange"

No arbitration award, grievance resolution, practice or provision of the Master Agreement shall preclude the Company from participating in arrangements with manufacturers to refurbish, modify and/or retrofit technical equipment. In addition, the Company may "trade in" defective or non-functioning component parts, which includes parts the Company determines in its discretion need to be repaired, (such as modules, boards, etc.) with manufacturers in exchange for new or re-conditioned parts, provided that in all cases, the technical equipment subject to this understanding shall be removed and replaced by NABET-CWA-represented employees, except as may be provided for in Sideletter EI.

The term "manufacturers" shall include, for purposes of this Sideletter, other organizations that act on behalf of the manufacturer to fulfill its service requirements.

The Agreement between the Parties dated December 3, 1958 (video tape equipment) is null and void, and any practices that have developed since that date and the present time are of no further effect and may not be considered by any arbitrator in any case that arises under Section 6.1 of the Master Agreement in which the arbitrator may determine what work or functions have been performed inside or outside the bargaining unit as heretofore.

### Sideletter DQ

#### Effects of Arbitration Award or Grievance or Arbitration Settlement

When an arbitration award or a grievance or arbitration settlement is rendered void by subsequent contract language and negates the arbitrator's determination or holding or the grievance or arbitration settlement, any practices that have developed in connection with the above in the intervening period shall be of no further force and effect and may not be considered by any arbitrator in any subsequent case for any purpose.

### Sideletter DR

#### Poindexter Award

*The parties agree that the Decision and Award of Impartial Umpire Wollett in the Poindexter case (San Francisco, March 25, 1992) shall not be precedent and shall not be cited by either the NABET Sector (or any local union) or the Company in any future proceeding of any kind.*

### Sideletter DS

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### Sideletter DT

#### Daily Hire Benefits

This will confirm our understanding concerning those Sections of the Master Agreement providing for a payment in lieu of benefits for daily hires.

In the event the Company is required by law suit, arbitral determination, government regulation, order, et al., or other compulsory process to make contributions on behalf of daily hire employees or to cover such employees in a plan or program for medical, pension and/or other benefit coverage (including any law, rule or regulation requiring any form of paid time off, including but not limited to sick leave, etc.), or if the parties agree to such a program or contribution for daily hires during the term of this Agreement, the costs to the Company of providing such coverage or making such contributions shall, in either case, be offset on a dollar-for-dollar basis against the payment in lieu of benefits to the daily hires as provided in Contracts "A", "B", "F", "K", "O", and "P".

The amount of the individual offset shall be the same as the cost to the Company for providing the additional benefits or making such contribution. In the event the amount of the offset is not precisely calculable, the amount to be offset to provide such coverage shall be determined jointly by the Company's Vice President, Labor Relations and the Sector President of the Union, or their designees. If they should fail to agree, the matter may be submitted to an Impartial Umpire by either party for determination of the appropriate amount to be offset, which is the same as the cost to the Company for providing the additional benefits or making the additional contributions.

(See Sideletters FO and HF.)

Sideletter DU  
Stewards/Officers – WABC-TV

Notwithstanding and in substitution for the provisions of Section 2.2 of the Master Agreement, the following shall apply to WABC-TV only:

Section 2.2

- (a) The Company will not transfer or reassign any Shop Steward or any Officer of the Union without prior discussion with the Union and without a bona fide reason.
- (b) The Union agrees to furnish a list of all the respective Local Stewards and Officers to each office of the Company, and to notify the office promptly in writing of any change in the list.

Sideletter DV  
Implementation of Sideletter DK

During the negotiations leading to the 1997, 2003, 2007 and 2011 Master Agreements, the parties discussed in detail the technological changes taking place at the Company's Network and Station operations, as well as future technological advances, which will change the manner and degree to which the Company will continue to employ and utilize employees in the Engineering Agreement Unit. Many of such current and future changes are represented by the language negotiated by the parties in Sideletter DK.

The Union has expressed its concern that in light of the anticipated operational changes, NABET-CWA-represented employees covered by the Engineering Agreement be given opportunities to continue to participate in Company operations, and the Company recognizes the value of providing such employees these opportunities. To that end, the parties have agreed as follows:

1. Sideletter DK gives the Company full discretion in making assignments to non-linear computer editing systems including, but not limited to, AVID, ImMIX, Lightworks and Quantel Editbox which, it is agreed, are included in the definition of computer systems as set forth in that Sideletter. To encourage the Company to assign NABET-CWA-represented engineers to operate such non-linear computer editing systems, the parties agree that the Company will provide training in the operation of computer systems covered by Sideletter DK to NABET-CWA-represented employees who are currently assigned to perform the work for which such systems will be utilized in order to afford them opportunities to participate in these new technologies. Other employees who are not currently assigned to perform the work for which such systems will be utilized may request the training opportunities described in this Paragraph 1. The Company will give good faith consideration to such requests.

2. At the Network in the New York office of the Company, persons whose full-time exclusive duty is to create sophisticated electronic graphic art utilizing a device covered by Sideletter DK will be employed under the Engineering Agreement.

During the negotiations for the 2011-2017 Master Agreement, the parties discussed the application of this paragraph 2, and the parties agree that it is not intended to apply to persons such as staff or freelance art directors or producers who are responsible for the direction of other graphic artists (including creative oversight of the process), or the original conception and design of graphic art, in addition to operating devices that make sophisticated electronic graphic art, as long as they perform these functions contemporaneously.

3. The Company will not take the position that a particular device is covered by Sideletter DK solely because the device incorporates a microprocessor.
4. The Company shall not assign pursuant to Sideletter DK persons not covered by the Master Agreement to perform any of the following functions in subparagraphs (a) – (e) (subparagraphs (a), (c), (d) and (e) of which were heretofore performed exclusively by NABET-CWA-represented employees), except that nothing in this Sideletter DV shall be construed to amend or limit the Company's rights in Sideletter GD (i.e., New Technology and Consolidation):
  - (a) operate Network Master Control except to the extent provided in (g) below;
  - (b) perform Network and Station program production control switching except that nothing in this Sideletter DV shall be construed to amend or limit the Company's rights in Sideletter FX (i.e., "Ignite, Ross Overdrive," etc.);
  - (c) Network and Station Camera Technical set-up (excluding "shading" controls or other normal operation adjustments);
  - (d) edit utilizing non-PC-based linear editing systems (e.g., CMX, ISC, HPE, etc.);
  - (e) Program Network studio intercom systems except persons not covered by the Master Agreement may program and operate the intercom station utilizing the keypad. Persons not covered by the Master Agreement may also make alpha changes utilizing the intercom console, provided a NABET-represented audio engineer is assigned. In addition, persons not covered by the Master Agreement may configure, interrogate and test the intercom console/systems for the sole purpose of software revisions/updates, and/or correcting software security issues, or preventing potential security intrusions (e.g., ransomware attacks, malware). In any

case, any material changes made will be timely communicated to the audio operator. Nothing herein shall be construed to amend or limit the Company's rights in Sideletter FX.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Sideletters CX and DK, any employee whose overall primary job function for the Company is singly or in combination to perform the following duties set forth in (f)-(j) below, shall be employed pursuant to the Master Agreement.

- (f) Operate Central Switching in Washington;
- (g) perform any ABC Television Network or Television Station Master Control or break studio job functions within a "hubbing" or "central casting" facility for the ABC Television Network or a television station covered by the Master Agreement, which hubbing or central casting facility is located within a seventy-five (75) mile radius of an office of the Company as defined in Section 11.4. (Outside of such seventy-five (75) mile radius, the restrictions imposed by Sideletter DV or any other provision of the Master Agreement on Sideletter DK shall not apply to a hubbing or central casting facility.);
- (h) TV Station satellite earth station uplink control;
- (i) operate Network and Station ENG transmission facilities;
- (j) program the station studio intercom system.

However, nothing herein shall be construed to limit the Company's rights under Sideletters CX or DK, or elsewhere in the Master Agreement, which permit a person to perform any or all of the (f)-(j) job functions provided that the performance of such job functions, singly or in combination, is not such person's overall primary job function.

Except as permitted in subsection (g) above, the Company shall not assign pursuant to Sideletter DK persons not covered by the Master Agreement to operate Network break studios and Station Master Control/break studios, except to provide meal or other break relief, and for any unforeseen circumstance, but as to such circumstance only for the period of time reasonably necessary for an otherwise available qualified NABET-CWA-represented engineer to be assigned to such operation.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, persons not covered by the Master Agreement may perform duties covered by Sideletters HN, paragraph 1 and DV(4)(g) in a consolidated program preparation/release to air facility, in which persons not covered by the Master Agreement have in the past and currently perform such or similar duties for any entity affiliated with the Company (e.g.,

The Disney Channel, Disney XD, Disney Junior or Freeform), regardless of whether such consolidation occurs within the seventy-five (75) mile radius of the Los Angeles office of the Company. The radius limitation on such consolidations set forth in sub-paragraph DV(4)(g) shall continue to apply at other offices of the Company. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit the Company to relocate the New York program preparation/release to air facility, to any such consolidated operation inside a seventy-five (75) mile radius of Los Angeles, except in case of disaster recovery.

Provided the parties reach an early agreement, there will be no layoff of any regular employee on the payroll as of March 31, 2017, prior to April 1, 2020, as a direct result of the provisions of the immediately preceding paragraph.

In the case of the separation of a daily hire employee as a direct result of the rights set forth in the above referenced paragraph relating to consolidation with affiliated entities (as opposed to a voluntary separation, cessation of engagements for performance or misconduct reasons, etc.), instead of the amount provided in Sideletter HR, the Company agrees to provide severance pay to the full-time daily hire employees in an amount equal to two (2) weeks' pay for each year of full-time daily hire service, with a maximum of twenty-four (24) weeks, in exchange for an Agreement and General Release prepared by and satisfactory to the Company. Provided, however, that in no event shall a full-time daily hire employee receive less than two (2) weeks' severance pay. Any determination to layoff pursuant to this paragraph shall be in the Company's sole discretion and not arbitrable. Computation of a full-time daily hire employee's service for purposes of this paragraph shall be based on the employee's start date as a five (5) day per week daily hire employee. A weeks' severance pay shall equal the employee's daily group scale wage rate for five (5) eight (8) hour calls.

Except as permitted in subsection (g) and the foregoing paragraph relating to consolidation with affiliated entities, the Company shall not assign pursuant to Sideletter DK persons not covered by the Master Agreement to operate Network break studios and Station Master Control/break studios, except to provide meal or other break relief, and for any unforeseen circumstance, but as to such circumstance only for the period of time reasonably necessary for an otherwise available qualified NABET-CWA-represented engineer to be assigned to such operation.

5. During negotiations for the 2011-2017 Master Agreement, the parties agreed, for work flow efficiency reasons, to move the job functions "operate Central Switching in Washington" to the "overall primary job function" section of Sideletter DV, paragraph 4. In addition, the parties added an exception to the job function in DV, paragraph 4(e) ("program Network Studio intercom systems.") No regular "A" Unit Engineering employee on the payroll as of March 31, 2017 shall be laid off

as a direct result of the above-referenced changes made in the 2011-2017 Master Agreement.

6. Notwithstanding any obligation to assign a NABET-CWA-represented employee pursuant to the Engineering Agreement, if as a result of automation, the functions performed by such employee are rendered redundant, i.e., the job performed by such an employee becomes a function of the equipment and/or no longer requires the assignment of such an employee for the task to be accomplished, the assignment of such employee will no longer be required.
7. Persons other than NABET-CWA-represented employees may be assigned to operate equipment pursuant to Sideletter DK which may interface with equipment utilized in areas to which only NABET-CWA-represented employees are assigned to operate technical equipment. Nothing shall require the assignment of NABET-CWA-represented employees to operate equipment covered by Sideletter DK merely because of an interface between such equipment covered by DK and technical equipment in the above-referenced areas, nor shall any such interface confer NABET-CWA jurisdiction over any such equipment covered by Sideletter DK by virtue of the assignment of NABET-CWA-represented employees in those areas.
8. A Special Committee consisting of no more than five (5) representatives of the Company and no more than five (5) representatives of NABET-CWA will meet to discuss changes in technology covered by Sideletter DK as they may apply to the operations of ABC, Inc. covered by the Master Agreement. The Committee will meet at regular intervals, but not less than every six (6) months, and will discuss technological developments as they are introduced to the industry, as well as their application and effect on the bargaining unit's members. The primary purpose of the Committee will be to exchange information and to avoid disputes where it is possible to do so. The Committee's deliberations will be "off-the-record", but any findings, conclusions and recommendations it may choose to make will be recorded and forwarded to the Company's senior management and the Sector Office of the Union for their information and consideration.
9. Any dispute that may arise with respect to the implementation of Sideletter DK will be referred to the Special Committee for consideration. If not resolved by the Committee, the dispute may be processed under the provisions of Section 20.1 as a National Grievance.

(See Sideletters FE and GL.)



Sideletter DW

Section 14.1

This will confirm our understanding that the Company's proposals in the 1993 negotiations to amend Section 14.1, the discussions on those proposals and the Company's withdrawal of any such proposals shall not be considered a precedent by either party, shall not be cited by either party in any arbitration or other proceeding that may arise hereafter, nor shall any of the foregoing prejudice the position of either party in any issue concerning Section 14.1 that may arise in the future.

Sideletter DX

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Sideletter DY

Painters/Gardeners – Los Angeles

This will reflect our understanding concerning the Company's desire to subcontract work in the Painter and Gardener classifications, the conditions under which such subcontracting may take place and the effect such subcontracting shall have on the employees in the unit.

1. If fifty percent (50%) of the employees in either the Gardener or Painter classifications\* elect(s) to resign or retire from the Company or leaves such classification voluntarily, or dies, at any time during the term of the 1993 Master Agreement, the Company will have the right to subcontract the work in the classification(s) in which 50% of the employees so employed have elected to resign or retire.
2. The Company will pay to any such Painter or Gardener who elects to resign or retire a special payment consisting of:
  - (a) twenty-six (26) weeks' base pay in the case of employees with less than five (5) years of Company seniority, or;
  - (b) fifty-two (52) weeks' base pay in the case of employees with five (5) or more years of Company seniority. Employees will be required to execute a General release in a form acceptable to the Company as a condition of obtaining the special payment provided for in this paragraph 2.

\*This understanding covers two (2) Gardeners, two (2) "regular" Painters and two (2) employees who, as of January 15, 1993, were upgraded to Painter on a regular basis.

3. If the Company, upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth above, subcontracts the work in either the Gardener or Painter classification, or both, the Company

shall have the right to reassign the remaining employee(s) (if any) to perform duties in the Building Maintenance classification at the following rates of pay:

- (a) If the remaining employee(s) is a regular Painter or Gardener, they will be “red circled” at their current rate in the Painter or Gardener classification.
- (b) If the remaining employee(s) is an employee temporarily upgraded to Painter, they shall be classified at the “3 and over” General Maintenance Persons rate.

4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the special payment provided for in paragraph 2 shall be based upon the rate the employee is receiving at the time of resignation or retirement.

Sideletter DZ

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Sideletter DZ-2

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Sideletter EA

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Sideletter EB

Satellite or Microwave Transmission

The parties acknowledge that consistent with past practice, NABET-CWA’s Engineering jurisdiction under the Master Agreement does not include the operation of equipment used to transmit a signal from a pickup which originates outside the Company’s studios, except when the Company elects to send a Company-owned or Company-operated leased satellite or microwave truck(s) to transmit the signal.

The foregoing is not meant to eliminate the utilization of transmission engineers or other NABET-CWA-represented engineers (e.g., ENG) in accordance with past practice.

[This sideletter is agreed to be a full settlement of grievance AH 94-30.]

Sideletter EC

Recordkeeping Technologies

Notwithstanding any provisions of the Master Agreement, arbitration awards, grievance settlements or practices, nothing shall restrict the Company from taking advantage of new technologies in order to utilize such devices as, for example, electronic

identification/swipe card, code or password entry devices and/or computer programs, for any recordkeeping, payroll, safety or other business purpose. In the event the Company intends to utilize any such device, it will give the Local Union at the office affected by such utilization thirty (30) days advance notice.

Sideletter ED  
Pre-Audition Rooms

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or any provisions to the contrary in either the General Articles, Sideletters, Stipulations or any of the Individual Articles contained in the Master Agreement, persons not covered by the Master Agreement may operate and maintain non-studio non-ENG consumer-type cameras and associated equipment (including videotape equipment) to conduct (record and/or playback) single-camera talent pre-auditions in non-studio, non-technical areas.

The Company shall maintain and provide the Union with a current list of the areas where any such talent pre-auditions are held.

Sideletter EE  
Aerial or Fixed Remote Cameras

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Master Agreement, arbitration awards, grievance resolutions, practices or any other agreement to the contrary, at a local television station(s), the Company may make arrangements with vendor(s) to supply audio and video material obtained through the use of any type of aircraft (including but not limited to helicopters, planes and blimps) for broadcast. Persons not covered by the Master Agreement may install, remove, operate and maintain all technical equipment which is not owned or leased by the Company and which is located in or affixed to the aircraft and used in connection with the transmission of the audio and video material.

In addition, with respect to cameras mounted on buildings, bridges, tunnels or other fixed locations, any person may install, remove, operate and maintain technical equipment in connection with the transmission of video and audio material from such fixed locations. The foregoing shall apply if such camera(s) is not owned nor leased by the Company.

Sideletter EF  
Company Benefits Plans and Programs

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or any provisions to the contrary in either the General Articles, Sideletters, Stipulations or any of the Individual Articles contained in the Master Agreement:

- I. Participation for regular full-time employees in each of the plan(s) that is part of the "Signature" Program as of March 31, 2011 (Medical, Dental, Long Term Disability Insurance, Employee Life Insurance, Vision, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, Dependent Life Insurance and Health Care and

Dependent Care Spending Account Plans) and other plans or programs referenced in the Master Agreement (e.g., Tuition Contribution, SIP and Business Travel Accident Insurance) or which as of March 31, 2011, NABET-CWA-represented employees have been, or thereafter, are made eligible to participate in, will be subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the plans, including without limitations, eligibility requirements, coverages available and employee/family costs for participation.

- II. The claim of an employee or of the Union concerning rights under the terms of each of the benefit plans(s) and/or program(s) in which NABET-CWA-represented employees are eligible to participate may be processed in accordance with the grievance procedure in Article XX of the Master Agreement, but shall not be subject to arbitration except by mutual agreement of the Company and the Union. A grievance can be filed under the Master Agreement only after the claims and appeal procedure of the applicable benefit plan(s) and/or program(s) has first been followed.
- III. The parties recognize and agree that the names of some of the plan(s) and/or program(s) referenced in the 1993-1997 Master Agreement were changed as the result of the overall April 1, 1998 revision of benefits, and are conformed in those articles and elsewhere in the successor Master Agreement where cited to reflect the correct names of the plan(s) and/or program(s). In all instances where a conflict might exist between the substantive provisions of any articles of the Master Agreement and the provisions of this Sideletter EF, this Sideletter EF shall prevail.
- IV. The parties acknowledge that as in the past, NABET-CWA-represented part time, per diem, daily hire and temporary employees are not eligible and cannot participate in any of the benefit plan(s) and/or program(s) applicable to NABET-CWA-represented regular full time employees. The only exceptions to the foregoing sentence shall be: (1) the Signature Medical Plan(s) coverage for temporary employees engaged for fixed periods of ninety (90) days or more; (2) the benefits described in Sideletter HB for vacation relief employees at WLS-TV; and (3) the benefits described in Sideletter HF for the daily hire employees who meet the eligibility requirements set forth therein.
- V. (1) The parties agree that any and all changes which may be made in each of the Company provided benefit plan(s) and/or program(s) in which as of March 31, 2011 NABET-CWA-represented employees are eligible to participate, as specifically enumerated in the Master Agreement and any sideletters attached thereto, or otherwise as of such date have been, or thereafter, are made eligible to participate in, which changes are applicable to other employees of the Company eligible to participate in such plan(s) and/or program(s), will apply automatically to eligible NABET-CWA-

represented employees, on the same basis and subject to the same terms and conditions as are applicable to other Company employees eligible to participate. It is understood by the parties that there shall be no obligation on the part of the Company to bargain with the Union over the decision to make, or the effects of such changes.

- (2) By way of illustration, but not limitation, changes in such plan(s) and/or program(s) may include: modifications in the terms of the plan(s) and/or program(s), including the increasing or the reducing of benefit coverage and/or costs for participation; changes in insurance carriers, HMO's or any service providers; changes in investment procedures, investment options or investment managers; changes in enrollment forms or procedures or any other administrative matters; changes in eligibility requirements; changes in the funding or sponsoring arrangements; termination or discontinuance of the plan(s) and/or program(s) or a part(s) thereof; substitution or replacement of the plan and/or program or merger with another plan and/or program; or creation of a new plan(s) or program(s) which substitute in whole or in part for a previous plan(s) and/or program(s), etc.
- (3) The parties agree that if a new basic and/or optional plan(s) and/or program(s) is introduced in the "Signature" Program for eligible Company participants, NABET-CWA-represented regular full time employees will be allowed to participate in such new basic or optional plan(s) and/or program(s), on the same basis and subject to the same terms and conditions as other employees of the Company eligible to participate in such plan(s) and/or program(s). Conversely, if a basic or optional plan(s) and/or program(s) within the "Signature" Program is modified or deleted, such modification or deletion will also apply to NABET-CWA-represented employees on the same basis as described in the foregoing sentence.
- (4) It is agreed, however, that creation or introduction of a new, separate benefit plan and/or program for other employees of the Company, which plan or program is not included for participants within the "Signature" Program or is not a part, subpart, option or supplement to any other existing plan and/or program in which NABET-CWA- represented employees were prior to such date eligible to participate, shall not apply to any employees covered by the Master Agreement, unless and only to the extent the Company is required by applicable law to provide such coverage, or the Company elects in its sole discretion to offer such plan and/or program to the Union, subject to all of the foregoing provisions of this Sideletter.

(See Sideletters HB and HF.)

### Sideletter EG

#### Microphones And Other Audio Devices

Notwithstanding any provisions of the Master Agreement or any other agreements, grievance settlements, arbitration awards or practices to the contrary, any person may attach a microphone(s), IFB(s) or any other audio device(s) of a type generally worn on the body or clothing of talent, guests, interviewees and other persons who are part of the program involved, as well as turn on or off (utilizing a switch on the device), activate (other than by remote control), adjust and remove such devices. In addition, any person may perform minor maintenance (e.g., changing batteries) on such devices when no NABET-CWA-represented personnel are immediately available to perform such maintenance.

### Sideletter EH

#### Vendor Employees

Notwithstanding any provision of the Master Agreement or any other agreements, grievance settlements, arbitration awards or past practice to the contrary:

1. On any remote assignment, not more than a total of four (4) persons (and in the event an aircraft is utilized, up to three (3) additional persons for each such aircraft) employed by a vendor(s) may be assigned by the Company to operate technical and lighting equipment provided to the Company by such vendor. Further on such remote assignment any person employed by a vendor may set up, knock down, maintain or repair technical and lighting equipment leased from a vendor. On news assignments the preceding two sentences shall not be applicable to the operation of electronic cameras being hand-held or on tripods and associated equipment where such cameras are not tied into central electronics.

Major events (including but not limited to the Super Bowl, award shows, political conventions, etc.) are multiple-assignment events which involve multiple remote sites at the event, or events which require multiple mobile facilities which multiple facilities are used for separate feeds, such as international and network feeds, (e.g., World Figure Skating Championships, Little League World Series, NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs, etc.). In such instances the Company is limited to no more than the number of such persons employed by a vendor computed in accordance with the first paragraph of this section 1, except that for persons employed by a vendor and assigned by the Company to operate technical equipment there shall be a maximum of sixteen (16) such persons employed by a vendor(s). For example, at the Super Bowl there may be multiple remote sites such as a pre-game show, the game itself, the post-game show, and additional remote location(s) such as an aircraft carrier in the San Diego Harbor, all of which will constitute separate remote sites. In this example, there may be a total of not more than sixteen (16) such persons employed by a vendor(s). The Company shall have the discretion to allocate the persons employed by a vendor to operate equipment leased from a

vendor at such major events at its sole discretion, provided that the total number of vendor employees does not exceed sixteen (16) employees.

Such multiple assignment event shall be distinguished by listing each assigned crew on a separate spreadsheet and/or by assigning any such crew to a separate mobile unit where there is more than one (1) mobile unit on site.

2. On any non-remote assignment, when the Company rents or leases specialized equipment (e.g., virtual studios, cranes, video walls, turntables, jibs, etc.) from a vendor, where, as part of the rental or lease, the vendor requires its employees to operate, maintain and/or repair the equipment, or where the vendor's employees possess specialized skill or expertise in the operation, maintenance or repair of such equipment, not more than a total of four (4) persons employed by a vendor(s) may be assigned by the Company to operate, maintain and/or repair such equipment.

#### Sideletter EI

##### Management Engineering Supervisors

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements or practices or provisions of the Master Agreement or any other agreement to the contrary, including but not limited to Sideletter DP, management engineering supervisors may operate technical equipment for the purposes of testing, and/or diagnostic troubleshooting by such supervisors, which may include the removal and/or replacement of modules and/or boards by management engineering supervisors.

Further, management engineering supervisors may perform transmitter maintenance or transmitter site operation functions when such maintenance or operation is not a substantial part of, and is incidental to, their overall management duties, or because of time constraints when qualified NABET-CWA engineer employees are not readily available to perform urgently needed maintenance or on site operations. No employee on the Company's regular maintenance staff at each local television operation as of March 31, 2003 shall be laid off from the Company's employ as a direct result of the Company's utilization of the immediately preceding sentence at that particular local television operation.

#### Sideletter EJ

##### Subcontracted Production

Should the Company enter into any arrangement with another company or other organization, the parties agree that the term "subcontracts the production of the program(s) to others" as used in Sections 7.1 and A2.3(a)(2) shall not be interpreted to include situations in which the Company does not have the right to determine which organization will provide the technical crew. The Company has no obligation to attempt to obtain such right.

The Union hereby withdraws with prejudice Grievance Nos. AN 04-16 and AN 04-19, as well as any other similar pending grievances relating to the Indianapolis 500, and agrees not to refile any such grievances.

Sideletter EK  
Setup/Knockdown

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices, or provisions of the Master Agreement to the contrary, persons other than NABET-CWA-represented engineers who are employed by another entity or organization may, at a remote location, “set-up” and/or “knock-down” technical equipment utilized in the pickup of a Company program and perform any and all technical work involved in the “set-up” and “knock-down” of such equipment if such set-up and/or knock-down is performed by such other persons in conjunction with, and reasonably contiguous in time to, a pickup for such other entity or organization, or such equipment is part of a permanent installation at any remote location.

*The Award in AN 69-17, et al. is null and void.*

Sideletter EL  
Talent Recording

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Master Agreement, arbitration awards, grievance resolutions or practices to the contrary, persons employed by the Company as television announcers, reporters, or performers may operate technical equipment in connection with the recording for broadcast and playback for rehearsal and/or review of the audio material voiced by them.

Sideletter EM  
Change of Names

Throughout the Master Agreement, the name “Capital Cities/ABC, Inc.” shall be changed to “ABC, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Disney Enterprises, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company, Inc.”

The name “National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians” shall be changed to “The National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians, the Broadcasting and Cable Television Workers Sector of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO (NABET-CWA)”.

Sideletter EN  
San Francisco Conditions

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or any provisions to the contrary in either the General Articles, Sideletters, Stipulations or any of the Individual Articles contained in the Master Agreement, the following provisions



of the Master Agreement shall be modified as they apply to employees employed at the Company's owned television stations in San Francisco:

I. In lieu of Section 8.1 of the Master Agreement, the following shall apply:

Section 8.1 A regular workday is defined as consisting of not less than eight (8) hours in any workday, which shall be computed by totaling the number of hours between the time an employee reports for work and the time of completion of the employee's duties for such workday, excluding the meal periods where applicable. A tour of duty starting in any day and continuing into the following day shall be considered as one (1) tour of duty and attributed to the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day.

In lieu of Section 8.4 (Long Tours) of the Master Agreement, the following shall apply:

Section 8.4 (a) If an employee works more than eight (8) hours in any single tour, excluding the meal periods, they shall be paid for all the hours of work in excess of eight (8) at time and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay. Compensation for this excess time shall be in addition to any base pay to which such employee may be entitled regardless of the length of the tour in question. For example, an employee, who in any regular workweek works four (4) nine (9) hour tours and one twelve (12) hour tour will be compensated at the employee's base pay for such workweek plus three (3) hours at one and one-half (1 ½) times the employee's regular rate of pay.

[Subsection 8.4(b) remains unchanged.]

II. In lieu of Section 10.1 of the Master Agreement, the following shall apply:

Section 10.1 Effective July 7, 2022, an employee who works at any time between the hours of 12:00 Midnight and 5:00 A.M. shall be paid a night shift differential of ten percent (10%) of their straight-time rate of pay for each such straight-time hour worked, and a differential of fifteen percent (15%) of their straight-time rate of pay for all overtime worked between such hours.

(See Statement of Interpretation.)

III. [Deleted.]

IV. In lieu of the current Article A-III, substitute the following for NABET-CWA represented employees employed at KGO-TV.

Section A3.1

1. Effective August 9, 2003, preceding Paragraphs 1 and 2 of its Sideletter EN shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

Groups for purposes of classification and minimum wage scales for regular employees shall be as follows:

Group 1A – Television

Audio Operator (2)  
Utility  
Technical Clerk

Minimum Wage Scale (Per Week):

<u>10/9/2021 -</u> <u>3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 -</u> <u>3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 -</u> <u>4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 -</u> <u>3/31/2025</u>
\$1,655.00	\$1,709.00	\$1,764.50	\$1,822.00

Group 5 – Television

Camera Operator  
Audio Operator  
Video Operator  
Editor  
VTR Operator  
ENG/EFP Field Technician/Editor  
ENG/EFP Field Technician  
Media Preparations Operator  
Robotics Operator/Video Shading Engineer  
LDE  
Specialty Camera Operator

Minimum Wage Scale (Per Week):

<u>10/9/2021 -</u> <u>3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 -</u> <u>3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 -</u> <u>4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 -</u> <u>3/31/2025</u>
\$1,826.50	\$1,886.00	\$1,947.50	\$2,011.00

(See Sideletter CC.)

Group 7 – Television

ENG-EFP Camera Operator/Editor  
Maintenance Engineer  
SNG Operator  
Transmission Engineer

Minimum Wage Scale (Per Week):

<u>10/9/2021 -</u> <u>3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 -</u> <u>3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 -</u> <u>4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 -</u> <u>3/31/2025</u>
\$1,920.00	\$1,982.50	\$2,047.00	\$2,113.50

Group 8 – Television Technical Director (8)

Minimum Wage Scale (Per Week):

<u>10/9/2021 -</u> <u>3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 -</u> <u>3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 -</u> <u>4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/5/2024 -</u> <u>3/31/2025</u>
\$2,057.50	\$2,124.50	\$2,193.50	\$2,265.00

No regular employee on the payroll as of May 12, 2003, will be downgraded from their regular classification as of that date as a direct result of the simplification of the job titles contained herein in the negotiations for the successor to the 1997-2003 Master Agreement.

2. The following shall set forth the groups for purposes of classification and minimum wage scales for persons engaged on a daily basis:

Group 1A

Audio Operator (2)  
Utility  
Technical Clerk

Minimum Wage Scale:

	<u>10/9/2021 -</u> <u>3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 -</u> <u>3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 -</u> <u>4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 -</u> <u>3/31/2025</u>
Four Hour	\$165.00	\$170.50	\$176.00	\$181.50
Six Hour	\$248.00	\$256.00	\$264.50	\$273.00
Eight Hour	\$330.50	\$341.00	\$352.00	\$363.50

Group 5

Camera Operator  
Audio Operator  
Video Operator  
Editor  
VTR Operator  
ENG/EFP Field Technician/Editor  
ENG/EFP Field Technician  
Media Preparations Operator  
Robotics Operator  
LDE  
Specialty Camera Operator

(See Sideletter CC.)

Minimum Wage Scale:

	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
Four Hour	\$181.00	\$187.00	\$193.00	\$199.50
Six Hour	\$274.50	\$283.50	\$292.50	\$302.00
Eight Hour	\$363.50	\$375.50	\$387.50	\$400.00

Group 7

ENG-EFP Camera Operator/Editor  
Maintenance Engineer  
SNG Operator  
Transmission Engineer

Minimum Wage Scale:

	<u>10/9/2021 - 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
Four Hour	\$192.50	\$199.00	\$205.50	\$212.00
Six Hour	\$288.50	\$298.00	\$307.50	\$317.50
Eight Hour	\$383.50	\$396.00	\$409.00	\$422.50

Group 8 – Technical Director (8)

Minimum Wage Scale:

	10/9/2021 - <u>3/31/2022</u>	4/1/2022 - <u>3/31/2023</u>	4/1/2023 - <u>4/5/2024</u>	4/6/2024 - <u>3/31/2025</u>
Four Hour	\$204.50	\$211.00	\$218.00	\$225.00
Six Hour	\$309.50	\$319.50	\$330.00	\$340.50
Eight Hour	\$411.50	\$425.00	\$439.00	\$453.50

V. In lieu of the current Section A9.1, the following shall apply:

Section A9.1 It is the intention of the Company to continue the practice of granting a reasonable rest period during television program rehearsals or a reasonable relief period for each job function during an extended television broadcast, such as a football game, whenever possible to do so. Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or provisions of the Master Agreement to the contrary, nothing shall require the scheduling of, or the payment for, the failure to give any breaks of a fixed duration or frequency.

Sideletter EN-1

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Sideletter EO

Outside Post-Production – Los Angeles

This will confirm that in the Los Angeles office the Company may utilize “outside” post-production facility(s) when it does not have immediately available either the equipment, or, in the Company’s sole judgment, engineer(s) with the requisite skill and ability to perform the work required by the Company. Under such circumstances, the Company will not be obligated to assign engineers to such facility for any period of such utilization.

The resolution of grievance AH 82-94 dated April 23, 1983, regarding outside editing is null and void.

Sideletter EP

Non-Covered Businesses

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, persons other than NABET-CWA-represented employees may operate equipment, regardless where located, including, but not limited to,

equipment otherwise covered by the provisions of Section A2.1, for any purpose which is not within the scope of the exclusive jurisdiction granted in Sections 7.1 and A2.3.

It is understood and agreed that included among the operations and entities excluded from NABET-CWA's exclusive work jurisdiction are (i) any direct broadcast satellite operation or business; (ii) any Videotext or similar operation or business; (iii) any form of cable or other non-over-the-air operation or business, including but not limited to operations similar to CNBC, Cablevision and regional cable news operations; (iv) any subscription or home video business or operation; (v) any computer-based consumer products, operations or businesses, including, but not limited to, CD-ROM, on-line services and the Internet; (vi) products made for initial release on videodisc, videocassette or any successor distribution system to either; or (vii) any technology, operation or business which does not utilize an over-the-air free television delivery system covered under the Preamble to the Agreement.

#### Sideletter EP-1

##### ABC Productions for Basic Cable

Notwithstanding Sideletter EP, the provisions of the Master Agreement shall apply to the assignment of "A" Agreement engineers to the production of any scripted dramatic programs produced for initial release on basic cable by American Broadcasting Companies, Inc. (i.e., the ABC Television Network) in Company studios and any related remote program production within seventy-five (75) miles of its New York or Los Angeles offices. This Sideletter shall apply to the second and subsequent orders of Night Shift episodes produced in Los Angeles, as well as any other daytime serial produced for basic cable in New York or Los Angeles by American Broadcasting Companies, Inc. as provided for in the preceding sentence.

The terms and conditions of the Master Agreement shall apply to all staff and daily hire employees for such scripted dramatic programs as provided herein, except as modified below:

1. The maximum meal penalty for either delaying and/or "blowing" a meal(s) shall be a single payment of Twenty Dollars (\$20) per each day of production.
2. The first meal period of no less than thirty minutes (30) shall be unpaid time and the workday, the workweek and entitlement to overtime shall be adjusted accordingly.
3. The maximum overtime premium shall be one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay.
4. Employees shall be paid only through wrap, but not beyond wrap, notwithstanding any practice, grievance resolution or arbitration decision or provision of the Master Agreement to the contrary.

5. Reasonable breaks shall be provided as needed in the discretion of management, but under no circumstances shall time be added to any employee's shift because of missed break(s) on any given day.
6. Article X, Night Shift Differential, shall be inapplicable to assignments on any productions covered by this Sideletter.
7. The payment in lieu of benefits in section A14.2(e) for daily hires shall be Forty Dollars (\$40) per day, with Fifteen Dollars (\$15) a day of such payment in lieu paid directly to the Entertainment Industry Flex Plan pursuant to Sideletter FD-1.
8. Sideletter FO shall apply except to the extent the penalty amounts are modified herein.
9. Article 24 shall not apply to any promotional, behind the scenes or other similar on-camera appearances of NABET-CWA-represented employees on any production covered by this Sideletter.
10. In addition, the following provisions of Article VIII applicable only to regular employees shall be modified as follows:
  - a. Section 8.5(b): This Section is modified so that an employee's shift(s) may be extended in fifteen (15) minute increments without the limitations in Section 8.5(b).
  - b. Section 8.3: This Section is modified to the extent that the turnaround period for a regular employee is the (10) hours between the end of one workday and the start of the next; thirty-four (34) hours for a day off and fifty-eight (58) hours for two days off. This turnaround period shall apply for: (i) periods between the conclusion of a day on a program produced for broadcast leading into a day of production covered by this Sideletter; (ii) between days of production for basic cable covered by this Sideletter; and (iii) for a day of production for basic cable leading into a day of production for broadcast.
  - c. Section 8.6(c): This section is modified to the extent that notice of daily schedule changes affecting starting time shall be given ten (10) hours in advance of the changed starting time, but not later than 7:00 P.M. of the workday prior to the day in question, except that in the event an employee is notified after 7:00 P.M. of a starting time schedule change or is given less than ten (10) hours' advance notice a penalty of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) shall be paid. Starting time referred to above means either the original posted time or the new in-time, whichever is earlier.

This Sideletter shall apply solely to American Broadcasting Companies, Inc. (i.e., ABC Television Network) productions, and shall not be construed to apply to productions

by any other companies, entities or operations not covered by the Preamble to the Master Agreement, or otherwise excluded by any other provision or Sideletter of the Master Agreement including without limitation Sideletters EJ or EP.

Sideletter EP-2

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Sideletter EP-3

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Sideletter EP-4

Production for New Media

During the course of the negotiations for a successor to the 2011-2017 Master Agreement, the parties discussed situations in which the Company may be willing to extend coverage of the Master Agreement to non-dramatic productions made for new media. The parties acknowledge that this business is still an emerging, nascent and evolving business and therefore any assignments must be on a non-mandatory basis.

To that end, the Company may assign “A” Unit employees covered by the Master Agreement to non-dramatic productions made for new media, pursuant to the terms and conditions of such Agreement, including any applicable jurisdictional easements (e.g., Sideletter EH) set forth therein, except as modified below.

The following special conditions shall apply with respect to any tour where a daily hire employee is engaged for a production covered by this Sideletter:

1. In lieu of Section 3.1(b), employees hired on a daily basis shall, after twenty-five (25) days of employment within a calendar year or thirty-five (35) days in two (2) consecutive calendar years, become members of the Union and remain members in good standing in the Union during the term of each Agreement.
2. The first meal period of no less than thirty minutes (30) shall be unpaid time and the workday, the workweek and entitlement to overtime shall be adjusted accordingly.
3. The maximum overtime premium shall be one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay.
4. The Company shall pay Forty Dollars (\$40.00) per day to the Entertainment Industry Flex Plan, subject to the conditions set forth in Sideletter FD-1.
5. The maximum meal penalty for either delaying and/or “blowing” a meal(s) shall be a single payment of Twenty-Five Dollars (25.00) per each day of production.



6. Article X, Night Shift Differential, shall be inapplicable.
7. Days worked pursuant to this Sideletter will not count towards the fifty percent (50%) daily hire utilization allowance provided in Section A14.1(a) of the 2011-2017 Master Agreement or any successor agreement.
8. There will be no strike, picketing or other interference with any production covered by this Sideletter and Section 5.1 of the Master Agreement shall apply in all respects.
9. Section 5.2 (except the first sentence) shall not apply to any production covered by this Sideletter and the Company may cease engaging any daily hire for refusal to cross a picket line established by any labor organization, with respect to any production covered by this Sideletter.
10. Article 24 shall not apply to any promotional, behind the scenes or other similar on-camera appearances.
11. Sections 3.2 and Article 20 shall survive the expiration of the Master Agreement for employees assigned to any production covered by this Sideletter.
12. Wage rates for productions covered by this Sideletter shall be freely negotiable.
13. In light of the evolving nature of production of non-dramatic programs for new media, the parties agree that if circumstances warrant, the parties will discuss additional changes to the terms of the Master Agreement, as may be appropriate for the particular production. Nothing herein shall be construed to apply to the Sports Event Agreement relating to Sports events and wrap shows originating from the site of the event.

(See Article A-XV.)

Sideletter EP-5

Washington DC Studio Shows Agreement

The Company agrees to assign “A” Unit Engineering employees to perform studio and/or control room work at the Washington News Bureau in connection with “Around the Horn” (“ATH”), “Pardon the Interruption” (“PTI”), “Greeny”, “Fitz and Harry”, “Carlin vs. Joe”, and “Debatable”, pursuant to the provisions of the 2021-2025 Master Agreement or any successor thereto (“Master Agreement”), with the further modifications provided below:

1. With respect to staff and daily hire employees assigned pursuant to this Sideletter:

- a. The maximum meal penalty for either delaying and/or “blowing” a meal(s) shall be a single payment of Twenty Dollars (\$20) per each day of production.
- b. Article X, Night Shift Differential, shall be inapplicable.
- c. Article XXIV shall not apply to any promotional, behind the scenes or other similar on camera appearances of NABET-CWA-represented employees assigned pursuant to this Agreement.

2. With respect to daily hire employees assigned pursuant to this Sideletter:

- a. The first meal period of no less than thirty (30) minutes shall be unpaid time, and the workday, workweek and entitlement to overtime shall be adjusted accordingly.
- b. The maximum overtime premium shall be one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay.
- c. The payment in lieu of benefits in Section A14.2(e) for daily hires shall be as outlined below regarding Washington DC ESPN Daytime Studio Shows.

Effective April 1, 2022, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) per day, with Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$30/\$25/\$15).

Effective April 6, 2024, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) per day, with Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$25/\$35/\$15).

- 3. Daily hire employees engaged pursuant to this Sideletter will not count towards the fifty percent (50%) daily hire utilization allowance provided in the 2021-2025 Master Agreement or any successor Master Agreement.
- 4. Daily hire employees engaged pursuant to this Sideletter will count towards the minimum under Section A15.2(b) of the parties’ Sports Event Agreement.

5. The Union acknowledges that the Editor(s) and Graphics Designer(s) shall not be subject to the terms of this Sideletter.
6. NABET-CWA employees engaged pursuant to this Sideletter may be assigned to perform teleprompter operator work on a non-exclusive basis pursuant to the terms of this Sideletter.
7. The Company may in its discretion assign NABET-represented employees to perform some studio construction and build out work, remote camera maintenance, and operation of robotic cameras on a non-exclusive basis pursuant to the terms of this Sideletter.
8. It is specifically understood and agreed that any assignment set forth in paragraph 6 or 7 shall not, under any circumstances, constitute an expansion of jurisdiction pursuant to any provision of the Master Agreement, nor shall the performance of such assignments entitle such employees to continue to be given such assignments. It is agreed that no claim or dispute involving an assignment made pursuant to paragraph 6 or 7, or the failure to make such an assignment, shall be subject to arbitration. In addition, in the case of any such non-jurisdictional assignment, such assignment shall be made in accordance with the terms of this Sideletter.
9. This Sideletter shall not apply to inserts, segments or other material produced by ESPN or any other outside producer for any of the shows named in this Sideletter.
10. For any shift where a Graphics Operator spends significant time substituting stills for uncleared material, such employee shall be paid the Group 2 rate of pay and an additional Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per day.
11. The parties agree that Sections 3.1, 3.2 and Article V of the Master Agreement, with the exception of the second sentence of Section 5.2, shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the Company's business arrangement(s) with the producer(s) of the shows named in this Sideletter, regardless of the expiration date of the parties' Master Agreement. With regard to the second sentence of Section 5.2, the parties agree this shall not apply and the Company may discipline any employee assigned pursuant to this Sideletter for their refusal to cross any picket line for the duration of the Company's business arrangement with the shows named in this Sideletter. In addition to any other remedies available, the Company shall have the right to terminate this Sideletter for any violation of this paragraph, including any strike or interference with operations by employees covered by the Sideletter whether or not acting at the direction of the Union.
12. This Sideletter shall expire upon the termination of the producer(s) of the shows named in this Sideletter's business arrangement(s) with the Company, and the Company will provide notice to NABET-CWA and Local 31 as soon as practicable of such business arrangement termination. The Union acknowledges and agrees

that in the event such arrangement is still in effect at the time of the expiration of the Master Agreement, that the terms of this Sideletter shall continue to remain in full force and effect and the expiration of the Master Agreement shall have no impact on this Sideletter.

13. The terms and conditions set forth in this Sideletter and any practices that may develop under it shall not be precedential or cited by either party regarding broadcast operations or negotiations concerning the terms of the Master Agreement itself and covered programs, or in any other collective bargaining context, nor cited in any dispute between the parties, except as necessary to apply or interpret this Sideletter.

Sideletter EP-6

ABC Providing Below The Line Production Services/  
SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt

This will confirm our agreement with regard to *Sports Center with Scott Van Pelt* (“SVP”) for which the Company will provide certain below the line production services at our Washington D.C. News Bureau to outside producer, ESPN. During the last several years, NABET-CWA has been a good partner with the existing operations at the Bureau and has sought additional work opportunities to replace work opportunities that have diminished due to technological and workflow changes, as well as the discontinuance of certain productions at the Bureau. To that end, the parties have reached the agreement set forth below.

The Company agrees to assign “A” Unit Engineering employees to perform studio work at the Washington D.C. News Bureau in connection with SVP, pursuant to the provisions of the 2021-2025 Master Agreement or any successor thereto (“Master Agreement”), with the further modifications provided below.

1. With respect to staff and daily hire employees assigned pursuant to this Sideletter:
  - a. The maximum meal penalty for either delaying and/or “blowing” a meal(s) shall be a single payment of Twenty Dollars (\$20) per each day of production.
  - b. An employee’s shift(s) may be extended in fifteen (15) minute increments without the limitations in Section 8.5(b).
  - c. Article X, Night Shift Differential, shall be inapplicable.
  - d. Article XXIV shall not apply to any promotional, behind the scenes or other similar on camera appearances of NABET-CWA-represented employees assigned to SVP.

2. With respect to daily hire employees assigned pursuant to this Sideletter:
  - a. The first meal period of no less than thirty minutes (30) shall be unpaid time and the workday, the workweek and entitlement to overtime shall be adjusted accordingly,
  - b. The maximum overtime premium shall be one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay.
  - c. The payment in lieu of benefits in Section A14.2(e) for daily hires shall be pursuant to the terms of Sideletter FD-1.

Effective April 1, 2022, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per day, with Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$40/\$25/\$15).

Effective April 6, 2024, the Company will make a payment in lieu of benefits of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per day, with Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to Sideletter FD-1. (\$35/\$30/\$15).

3. Daily hire employees engaged pursuant to this Sideletter will not count towards the fifty percent (50%) daily hire utilization allowance provided in the 2021-2025 Master Agreement or any successor Master Agreement.
4. Daily hire employees engaged pursuant to this Sideletter will count towards the minimum under Section A15.2(b) of the Parties Sports Event Agreement.
5. The Union acknowledges that the Editors and Graphics Designer(s) shall not be subject to the terms of this Sideletter.
6. There shall be no requirement to assign a Lighting Director. Any work relating to the operation and maintenance of lights may be performed by a Utility and/or Camera Operator. Nothing herein shall be construed as a minimum staffing requirement. In addition, the parties understand that the control room work for *SVP* will be performed at an ESPN facility other than its premises at the DC Bureau, and the provisions of the Sports Agreement relating to work at ESPN facilities shall apply. (See Section A15.2(c)(ii).)

7. NABET-CWA employees working on *SVP* may be assigned to perform teleprompter operator work for *SVP* on a non-exclusive basis pursuant to the terms of this Sideletter.
8. The Company may in its discretion assign NABET-represented employees to perform some studio construction and build out work, remote camera maintenance, and operation of robotic cameras on a non-exclusive basis pursuant to the terms of this Sideletter.
9. It is specifically understood and agreed that any assignment set forth in paragraph 7 or 8, shall not, under any circumstances, constitute an expansion of jurisdiction pursuant to any provision of the Master Agreement, nor shall the performance of such assignments entitle such employees to continue to be given such assignments. It is agreed that no claim or dispute involving an assignment made pursuant to paragraph 7 or 8, or the failure to make such an assignment, shall be subject to arbitration. In addition, in the case of any such non-jurisdictional assignment, such assignment shall be made in accordance with the terms of this Sideletter.
10. This Sideletter shall not apply to inserts, segments or other material produced by ESPN or any other outside producer for *SVP*.
11. The parties agree that Sections 3.1, 3.2 and Article V of the Master Agreement, with the exception of the second sentence of Section 5.2, shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the Company's business arrangement with the producer of *SVP*, regardless of the expiration date of the parties' Master Agreement. With regard to the second sentence of Section 5.2, the parties agree this shall not apply and the Company may discipline any employee assigned pursuant to this Sideletter for their refusal to cross any picket line for the duration of the Company's business arrangement with *SVP*. In addition to any other remedies available, the Company shall have the right to terminate this Sideletter for any violation of this paragraph, including any strike or interference with operations by employees covered by the Sideletter whether or not acting at the direction of the Union.
12. This Sideletter shall expire upon the termination of the producer of *SVP*'s business arrangement with the Company, and the Company will provide notice to NABET-CWA as soon as practicable of such business arrangement termination. The Union acknowledges and agrees that in the event such arrangement is still in effect at the time of the expiration of the Master Agreement, that the terms of this Sideletter shall continue to remain in full force and effect and the expiration of the Master Agreement shall have no impact on this Sideletter.

13. The terms and condition set forth in this Sideletter and any practices that may develop under it shall not be precedential or cited by either party regarding broadcast operations or negotiations concerning the terms of the Master Agreement itself and covered programs, or in any other collective bargaining context, nor cited in any dispute between the parties, except as necessary to apply or interpret this Sideletter.

Sideletter EQ

Promo Review

Notwithstanding any provision of the Master Agreement or any other Agreements, grievance settlements, arbitration awards or practices to the contrary, nothing herein shall prevent any person not covered by the Master Agreement from operating any equipment used to send and/or receive promotional or related program material (including credits) for the purpose of review by Company executives.

Sideletter ER

Brittain/Hering Award

*The parties agree that the Decision and Award of the Impartial Umpire in the Brittain/Hering case (AS 95-18 and AS 95-19, February 29, 1996) shall not be precedential and that both the award and the practices referred to in the Award and relied on by the Arbitrator or Union shall not be cited by the NABET-CWA Sector (or any local union) or the Company in any future proceeding of any kind.*

Sideletter ES

KABC-TV – New Facility

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or any provisions to the contrary in either the General Articles, Sideletters, Stipulations or the “P” Agreement, KABC-TV shall be free to assign any person to perform the duties set forth in the “P” Agreement at any new location and at the existing or any future transmitter site including, but not limited to, subcontracting any or all of these duties.

No regular employee employed in the “P” unit as of March 31, 2007 shall be laid off as a direct result of the Company’s right to assign any person to perform any duties, including the subcontracting of such duties, set forth in the “P” Agreement at any existing or future transmitter site for KABC-TV.

Sideletter ES-1

Network News – New Facility in Los Angeles

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or any provisions to the contrary in either the General Articles, Sideletters, Stipulations or the “P” Agreement, the Network News Bureau in Los Angeles shall be free to assign any person

to perform the duties set forth in the “P” Agreement at its new location when it relocates to the same facility as KABC-TV including, but not limited to, subcontracting any or all of these duties.

No regular employee employed in the “P” unit as of March 31, 2011 shall be laid off as a direct result of the Company’s right to assign any person to perform any duties, including the subcontracting of such duties, set forth in the “P” Agreement pursuant to this Sideletter.

Sideletter ET  
Training

The Company recognizes the value of a well-trained work force. The technologies utilized in the Company’s operations are undergoing vast change. These changes will, in many cases, require employees to improve and upgrade their skills. The Company and NABET-CWA encourage employees under the Engineering Agreement to improve their skills and knowledge by applying their initiative and using all available training resources as described in this Sideletter.

1.     (a)     The Company will provide those employees who wish to improve their skills and abilities on their own time with the opportunity to use its equipment and facilities consistent with operational considerations. The Company will also give consideration to releasing such employees for training during their working time, provided that operational requirements permit such release. Any release for training during working time shall be in the Company’s sole discretion.
- (b)     NABET-CWA-represented Engineering employees assigned to train two (2) or more other NABET-CWA-represented employees will be paid at the Group 7 rate for each tour so assigned by the Company. Any other NABET-CWA-represented employee assigned to train another NABET-CWA-represented employee will be paid at their normal rate of pay for each tour so assigned by the Company. It is expressly understood, however, that the Company’s assignment of a NABET-CWA-represented employee to train other NABET-CWA-represented employees shall not provide the Union with the basis for any claim that it has established or acquired any jurisdiction by virtue of any NABET-CWA-represented employee being assigned to perform or performing any training duties.
2.     During the term of the 2007-2011 Master Agreement, the Company will continue to operate the New York BO&E Learning Center and will continue to maintain training facilities and opportunities in other offices of the Company, as defined in Section 11.4, modeled on the BO&E Learning Center where such training facilities and opportunities existed as of January 11, 2008.



3. (a) Engineering employees whose prior job function (i.e., editing) has been combined into the duties of newswriters will be offered the opportunity to learn basic newswriting functions.
- (b) Employees covered under the “F”, “K” and “O” Agreements whose prior job functions have been combined with editing functions will be offered the opportunity to learn basic editing functions.
4. If an employee is interested in participating in a training program, they may contact their immediate supervisor and request the opportunity to participate in such program. If there are openings in the program, the Company will make an effort to grant the employee’s request to participate, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 1.
5. The support of training shall not constitute any commitment to upgrade or transfer any employee, or to give any employee rights to employment opportunities greater than those expressly set forth in any provision of the Master Agreement.

Sideletter EU  
Non-Represented AVID Editors

Persons employed by the Company who are assigned to operate such non-linear computer editing systems solely to “edit” material covered by the Master Agreement, but who at no time are responsible for the editorial content of the material which they are “editing” (hereinafter “editorial responsibility”), shall be covered by the Engineering Agreement. It is understood that dubbing (including digitizing, copying, cloning and transfers), screening and/or other non-editing functions are not covered by the above, but nothing herein precludes NABET-CWA-represented engineers from being assigned such functions or given some editorial responsibility.

Editorial responsibility is the duty to make a decision(s) and/or a judgment(s) (which decision(s) and/or judgment(s) may include elements of an artistic or creative nature) with respect to the content of material during the process of assembling or producing a program, or any segment thereof, or other material covered by the Master Agreement. The failure to perform, or to properly perform, such duty may result in discipline. The Company’s designation of editorial responsibility shall be conclusive for the purpose of determining coverage by the Engineering Agreement. It is agreed that any assignment of NABET-CWA-represented employees to such non-linear editing systems shall not create a precedent or a practice. In addition, any such assignment of NABET-CWA-represented engineers shall not, in and of itself, make the area in which such assignment is performed a technical area, or an area in which NABET-CWA-represented engineers are deemed to be regularly or normally assigned.

The Company agrees that those non-NABET-CWA-represented employees employed by the Company in Los Angeles as of the effective date of the 1997 Master

Agreement solely to edit as set forth in the first sentence of the first paragraph in this Sideletter EU will, following ratification of the 1997 Master Agreement, be covered under the Master Agreement. The Union agrees that, in Los Angeles, it will waive any initiation fees which may otherwise be assessed in order for these individuals to join the Union.

Sideletter EV

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Sideletter EW

New York Technical Director Upgrades

Consistent with the practices at offices of the Company other than the TV Network at the New York office and the Grievance Resolution in AN-01-25, nothing shall restrict the Company's ability to upgrade an engineer to technical director on a daily basis in the New York office of the Company at the TV Network.

Sideletter EX

Retiree Medical Benefits

In the 1989 negotiations for a new Master Agreement, the parties recognized that because of the rapidly escalating costs of retiree medical coverage, contractual changes needed to be made reflecting the changes that the Company had made generally in retiree medical coverage for all of its employees. The parties agreed at that time that NABET-CWA-represented employees would thereafter receive retiree medical benefits on the same basis as the non-represented employees of the Company and that only those employees who met the eligibility requirements then applicable to non-represented employees would thereafter be eligible to participate. Section 22.4 thereupon became part of the Master Agreement.

During negotiations for the 1997-2003 NABET-CWA-ABC Master Agreement, as well as the renegotiation of the 2003-2007 and the 2007-2011 Master Agreements, the parties again discussed the subject of retiree medical coverage. As a result of those discussions the parties are in agreement that Section 22.4 of the 1993-1997 Master Agreement shall be continued.

1. Certain NABET-CWA-represented employees employed by the Company as of March 31, 1989, who had reached age 55 and attained at least ten (10) years of service by such date, shall continue to be eligible to receive, upon retirement, medical coverage under the terms of the "ABC Comprehensive Medical Expense Plan" in effect on March 31, 1989, (with Medicare offset). The Company agrees that such coverage for these employees shall continue to apply during the term of the 2011-2017 Master Agreement, notwithstanding any provision or Sideletter to the contrary in the Master Agreement or in any existing, new or modified Company plan, program or policy, except changes required by law.

2. Certain other NABET-CWA-represented employees employed by the Company as of March 31, 1989, who had reached age 45 or whose age and service equaled at least 55 by such date, and retire at age 55 or older under the retirement plan applicable to NABET-CWA-represented employees shall continue to be eligible to receive medical coverage under an arrangement different from the one described in paragraph 1 above. The terms of the retiree medical coverage applicable to this group of employees will continue to be the same as that provided for the non-represented employees of the Company who are eligible to participate.

The Company agrees to continue retiree medical coverage for this specific group of NABET-CWA-represented employees who achieved age 45, or whose age and service equaled at least 55 as of March 31, 1989, during the term of the 2011-2017 Master Agreement, notwithstanding any provision or Sideletter to the contrary in the Master Agreement, or in any existing, new or modified Company plan, program or policy.

It is understood, however, that the Company may, in its sole discretion, without any obligation to bargain with NABET-CWA, continue to make whatever modifications it deems necessary in the retiree medical coverage provided for in this Paragraph 2. Such possible modifications may include, but not be limited to, deductibles, co-payments and benefits coverage, but may not include any modifying of the age or service eligibility requirements or any termination of retiree medical coverage itself, except as required by law. Any modifications made for NABET-CWA-represented individuals in this retiree medical coverage can only be made on the same basis as for the non-represented individuals eligible for such coverage.

3. Except for the two groups of NABET-CWA-represented employees referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above who are eligible for this coverage, all other NABET-CWA-represented employees shall continue to be ineligible for any form of Company provided medical coverage upon retirement from the Company.

Sideletter EY

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Sideletter EZ

“A” Engineering, “B” Traffic Coordinator, “F” Newswriters-Producers, and “K” and “O”  
Newswriters Units Voluntary Separation Program

Within ninety (90) days of ratification of the 2011-2017 Master Agreement, the Company will solicit the interest of employees in the “A” Engineering, “B” Traffic Coordinator, “F” Newswriters-Producers, and “K” and “O” Newswriters Units in the following Voluntary Separation Program:

### Separation Formula

- (i) Employees with at least six (6) months, but less than four (4) years of Total Company Seniority will receive eight (8) weeks' base pay.
  - (ii) Employees with four (4) but less than ten (10) years of Total Company Seniority will receive eight (8) weeks' base pay, plus one week of base pay for each completed year of Total Company Seniority.
  - (iii) Employees with ten (10) or more years of Total Company Seniority will receive twenty-five (25) weeks' base pay, plus one week of base pay for each completed year of Total Company Seniority.
  - (iv) In addition employees will receive the applicable payment provided in Sideletter AJ.
1. Acceptance into the Program – The Company reserves the sole right to determine the number and select from among the applicants those employees who will be accepted into this Program based upon its evaluation of its own operational needs.
  2. Agreement and General Release – Employees accepted into the Program will be required to sign an Agreement and General Release prepared by and satisfactory to the Company.
  3. Employees accepted into this Voluntary Separation Program shall be permitted during the term of the 2011-2017 Master Agreement to apply for future employment opportunities at the Company in either Daily Hire or Vacation Relief positions.
  4. The Voluntary Separation Program solicitation process will begin during the three (3) month period subsequent to ratification in the “A” Engineering, “B” Traffic Coordinator, “F” Newswriters-Producers, and “K” and “O” Newswriters Units. Thereafter, the Company and Union retain the right to negotiate any subsequent or other Voluntary Separation Program in accordance with the terms of Section 11.10 of the Master Agreement.

(See Sideletters AJ and HM.)

Sideletter EZ-2  
Voluntary Separation Program

The Company agrees that it will not layoff any staff NABET-CWA-represented employees in Network or Local Television in the “A”, “B”, “F”, “K” or “O” Units pursuant to Section 11.6 without first soliciting the interest of the Network or Local television staff employees at the office of the Company in the same specific Unit and on the same seniority list so affected in the following Voluntary Separation Program:

Separation Formula

- (i) Employees with at least six (6) months, but less than four (4) years of Total Company Seniority will receive eight (8) weeks’ base pay.
  - (ii) Employees with four (4) but less than ten (10) years of Total Company Seniority will receive eight (8) weeks’ base pay, plus one week of base pay for each completed year of Total Company Seniority.
  - (iii) Employees with ten (10) or more years of Total Company Seniority will receive twenty-five (25) weeks’ base pay, plus one week of base pay for each completed year of Total Company Seniority.
  - (iv) In addition employees will receive the applicable payment provided in Sideletter AJ.
1. Acceptance into the Program – The Company reserves the sole right to determine the number and select from among the applicants those employees who will be accepted into this Program based upon its evaluation of its own operational needs.
  2. Agreement and General Release – Employees accepted into the Program will be required to sign an Agreement and General Release prepared by and satisfactory to the Company.
  3. Employees accepted into this Voluntary Separation Program shall be permitted during the term of the 2011-2017 Master Agreement to apply for future employment opportunities at the Company in either Daily Hire or Vacation Relief positions.

This Sideletter shall not apply to any layoff pursuant to the alternative procedure set forth in Sideletter HH applicable to regular “A” Unit engineering employees in Network and Local Television.

(See Sideletters HH and HM.)

Sideletter EZ-3

“A” Engineering, “B” Traffic Coordinator, “F” Newswriters-Producers, “K” Newswriters and “O” Newswriters Units – Voluntary Separation Program

Within ninety (90) days of ratification of the 2017-2021 Master Agreement, the Company will solicit the interest of employees in the “A” Engineering, “B” Traffic Coordinator, “F” Newswriters-Producers, “K” Newswriters and “O” Newswriters Units in the following Voluntary Separation Program:

Separation Formula

- (i) Employees with at least six (6) months, but less than four (4) years of Total Company Seniority will receive eight (8) weeks’ base pay.
  - (ii) Employees with four (4) but less than ten (10) years of Total Company Seniority will receive eight (8) weeks’ base pay, plus one week of base pay for each completed year of Total Company Seniority.
  - (iii) Employees with ten (10) or more years of Total Company Seniority will receive twenty-five (25) weeks’ base pay, plus one week of base pay for each completed year of Total Company Seniority.
  - (iv) In addition employees will receive the applicable payment provided in Sideletter AJ.
1. Acceptance into the Program - The Company reserves the sole right to determine the number and select from among the applicants those employees who will be accepted into this Program based upon its evaluation of its own operational needs.
  2. Agreement and General Release - Employees accepted into the Program will be required to sign an Agreement and General Release prepared by and satisfactory to the Company.
  3. Employees accepted into this Voluntary Separation Program shall be permitted during the term of the successor agreement to the 2011-2017 Master Agreement to apply for future employment opportunities at the Company in either Daily Hire or Vacation Relief positions.
  4. The Voluntary Separation Program solicitation process will begin during the three (3) month period subsequent to ratification in the “A” Engineering, “B”

Traffic Coordinator, “F” Newswriters-Producers, “K” Newswriters and “O” Newswriters Units. Thereafter, the Company and Union retain the right to negotiate any subsequent or other Voluntary Separation Program in accordance with the terms of Section 11.10 of the Master Agreement.

(See Sideletters AJ and HM.)

Sideletter FA

Interpretation of Section 8.6(c)

*The parties agree that the Decision and Award of Arbitrator Arnold Zack (New York, August 26, 1998) is hereby deemed null and void and shall not be cited by either the NABET-CWA Sector of the Union (or any local Union) or the Company in any further proceeding of any kind.* Consistent with prior practice the parties agree that in the event of any schedule change covered by Section 8.6(c), the first eight (8) scheduled hours of work shall be compensated at straight time which shall not be increased as a result of Section 8.6(c).

Sideletter FB

Daily Hire Defined Contribution Plan

The Company will pay on behalf of each daily hire employee employed under the “A”, “B”, “F”, “K”, “O” or “P” Agreements who has worked more than twenty (20) days in a calendar year, four percent (4%) (increasing to five percent (5%) effective January 1, 2024) of the employee’s straight time hours worked in that same calendar year, to the Communications Workers of America Savings and Retirement Trust (“SRT”), The Entertainment Industry 401(k) Plan or other qualified plan, pursuant to an individual employee’s one-time election, provided that all the following requirements are met by such plan: (1) Plan is qualified under applicable Internal Revenue Code provisions; (2) Plan complies with all other applicable provisions of law; (3) Plan is self-supporting as to any administrative or other costs; and (4) Plan permits all contributions to be fully tax deductible to the Company. The Union must provide the Company adequate time to reasonably examine an equivalent plan and must be given a minimum of six (6) months to administratively transfer payments to the Plan. The contributions will be payable by separate check to the Plan by February 15 of the next succeeding calendar year provided all of the above conditions are satisfied.

In addition, there shall be a one-time election made by the employee by September 30, 2022, to change their election from the originally elected plan to another plan that meets the qualifications of the immediately preceding paragraph. Such election shall be effective beginning January 1, 2023.

Sideletter FC  
News Assignment Managers

During the negotiations for a successor to the 1993-1997 Master Agreement the parties discussed the functions of the Assignment Manager(s) in Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco. The parties agreed that the Company could continue, as it has in the past, having Assignment Manager(s) perform any desk functions in each office (e.g., dispatching and talking to crews). It is acknowledged that proposals made by the Company concerning Assignment Managers affecting the “F”, “K” and “O” Units during these negotiations were withdrawn by the Company based upon the understanding set forth in this Sideletter.

Sideletter FD  
Flex Plan/401(k) Plan

The Company agrees to make contributions on behalf of daily hire employees to the Entertainment Industry Flex Plan for medical and other benefits, to the CWA Savings and Retirement Trust (SRT), The Entertainment Industry 401(k) Plan (“401(k) Plan”) and/or another qualified plan (on the condition that the Plans are and remain “Qualified Plans” as defined by the Internal Revenue Code or other applicable laws, rules and regulations). Such contributions will be deducted from each individual “daily hire” or “per diem” employee’s payment in lieu of benefits as is provided for in the “A”, “B”, “F”, “K”, “O”, and “P” contracts.

Sideletter FD-1  
Flex Plan/401(k) Plan

During the negotiations for the 2017-2021 Master Agreement, as specified in modified Articles A14.2(e), B3.4(a), F3.11(a), K3.14(a), O3.14(a) and P3.3(a), the parties agreed that the Company will pay daily hire employees a payment in lieu of benefits (“PILB”). The parties further agreed that the PILB was intended to pay or defray the cost of benefits of the type provided under the Entertainment Industry Flex Plan (“Flex Medical Plan”), and the Communications Workers of America Savings and Retirement Trust (“SRT”) or the Entertainment Industry 401(k) Plan (“Flex 401(k) Plan”), pursuant to a one-time employee election as to the SRT or the Flex 401(k) Plan.

The parties understand and contemplate that daily hire employees may elect, through payroll deduction, to have further monies (including amounts in excess of the payment in lieu of benefits) allocated and paid by the Company on their behalf to the Flex Medical Plan, and the SRT or the Flex 401(k) Plan, subject to any limits set forth in the terms of the Plans and/or any applicable laws, rules or regulations.

The PILB shall be allocated and increased as follows:

Effective April 1, 2022, the Company will make a PILB of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per day, with Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory



contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to this Sideletter FD-1, subject to any minimum contributions required for participation in the Flex Medical Plan (\$40/\$25/\$15).

Effective April 6, 2024, the Company will make a PILB of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per day, with Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) of that benefit payment allocated as a mandatory contribution to the Flex Medical Plan, and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of that benefit payment so allocated to the retirement savings plan (SRT or Flex 401(k) Plan) designated by the employee pursuant to this Sideletter FD-1, subject to any minimum contributions required for participation in the Flex Medical Plan (\$35/\$30/\$15).

Effective Date	Flex Medical Plan Company Contribution	SRT/Flex 401(k) Plan Company Contribution	Direct Payment in Lieu of Benefits
April 1, 2022	\$25	\$15	\$40
April 6, 2024	\$30	\$15	\$35

The PILB payable under the Sports Event Amendment to the Master Agreement shall be as set forth in that Amendment, and not the foregoing.

At the time of initial engagement, on a form provided by the Company, the employee shall designate whether the Company shall contribute the monies pursuant to Sideletter FB (4%/effective January 1, 2024, 5%), and the Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per day, referenced above, shall be paid to either the SRT or the Flex 401(k) Plan in accordance with that election. Where the employee makes no such election for a retirement plan, the contribution required by Sideletter FB, as well as the Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per day, shall be mandatorily allocated to the SRT on the employee’s behalf.

During the course of the negotiations for the 2017-2021 Master Agreement, the parties discussed their mutual desire that employees prudently use the payments made pursuant to this Sideletter for the purpose of providing health benefits and retirement security through the Flex Medical Plan, the SRT, Flex 401(k) or other qualified plan. To that end, each August, the parties will issue a joint communication reminding employees of the purpose of the payment in lieu of benefits, and encouraging them to direct the Company to make contributions on their behalf in amounts they specify of all or a portion of the PILB.

If, during the term of the 2017–2021 Master Agreement, the application or claim under any law, rule or regulation would in the good faith view of either party potentially operate to defeat the purpose of the payment in lieu of benefits in this Sideletter FD-1, either party may give thirty (30) days written notice to the other party to reopen the Master Agreement to negotiate over matters involving Sideletter FD-1. The parties agree to commence negotiations forthwith upon receipt of such notice.

### Sideletter FE

#### Interpretation of Sideletters CX, DK, DV

Nothing in the Master Agreement, nor any practice, shall require the assignment or reassignment of employees covered by the Master Agreement to operate equipment covered by Sideletters CX or DK, notwithstanding that at other or prior times the same employees have been or will be employed to operate technical equipment, or CX or DK equipment, while working as NABET-CWA-represented employees covered by the Master Agreement.

### Sideletter FF

#### Personal Services Agreements

The Union agrees that the terms of each individual Agreement in the Master Agreement are minimums. In the event the Company provides terms and conditions to any employee better than those set forth in the Master Agreement through an overscale arrangement, the Company shall have the right to cancel, withdraw and cease, in whole or in part, such better terms and conditions, in its sole discretion. Employees with whom such overscale arrangements have been made shall continue to be informed, in writing, at the time such arrangement is made, of the Company's right to modify, cancel, withdraw and cease such terms and conditions.

The Company and the Union further agree that nothing contained in the Master Agreement shall prevent an employee from entering into an overscale arrangement or from negotiating a personal services agreement directly with the Company without Union involvement, which personal services agreement shall contain better terms than the minimums provided in the Master Agreement.

The Company shall notify the Local Union, in writing, of any overscale arrangements or personal services agreements entered into with any NABET-CWA-represented employee. Written documentation of any overscale arrangements and any personal services agreements entered into will be made available to the Local Union upon request. The Local Union will restrict persons who will have access to such written arrangements and agreements to a "need to know" basis and will keep the identity of the individual and overscale amount confidential. Prior to the inspection by the Union or the release to the union of any written documentation of any overscale arrangement or personal services agreement covered hereunder, the parties will sign a confidentiality agreement to this effect.

The parties agree that performance bonus awards shall be considered an overscale arrangement within the meaning of this Sideletter, although neither the award(s) nor the basis for granting them need be in writing. The Union notice provisions set forth above shall apply, and the Company's decision to issue or not issue a performance bonus award and the amount of such award shall not be subject to arbitration. In addition, the parties

agree that the granting of such an award shall not obligate the Company to continue making such award(s) in the future.

Except for overscale arrangements already incorporated in a written Sideletter FF arrangement in effect as of April 14, 2017, no overscale arrangement including, by way of example, upgrades or additional hours, shall be permitted or enforceable unless a Senior Vice-President of the Company or their designee so authorizes in writing. Any overscale arrangement not in compliance with the foregoing sentence shall be considered null and void.

#### Sideletter FG

##### News Producers – San Francisco

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices, or provisions to the contrary in the General Articles, Sideletters, Stipulations or the “F” Agreement, including, without limitation, F1.1, F2.1 or F3.8, persons employed as producers not covered by the Master Agreement who produce news programs may perform any and/or all of the duties of NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters-Producers in conjunction with the programs, program elements, segments, inserts, stories or pieces of news programs which they produce, or for special news programming. With respect to regularly scheduled Monday through Friday news programs on KGO-TV, the provisions of the first sentence of this Sideletter shall not apply to more than one (1) producer per program, except that any program producer may perform all duties of NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters with respect to programs produced by others, which programs are in a single calendar day in an adjacent news block to the particular program produced by another Program Producer (e.g., the 11:00 P.M. Program Producer could write for the 6:00 P.M. news, or the 5:00 P.M. Program Producer could write for the 6:00 P.M. news but the 11:00 P.M. Program Producer could not write for the 5:00 A.M. news on the following calendar day, nor could the 5:00 A.M. Program Producer write for the 11:00 P.M. news on the previous calendar day), when: (i) in the Company’s sole judgment it is necessary to do so; and (ii) the writing of the program producer does not substitute for the hiring or scheduling of a NABET-CWA-represented newswriter. On weekend programs on KGO-TV (weekends shall be Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Sunday) producers not covered by the Master Agreement may only perform the duties of NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters-Producers as set forth above to cover the absence of a NABET-CWA-represented NewsWriter-Producer or in a news emergency or special coverage. In addition, at KGO-TV, the first sentence of this Sideletter shall not apply to more than three (3) specialty and/or segment producers (but no more than three (3) people in total) in any combination thereof.

Sideletter FH

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Sideletter FI

Desk Assistant Duties – Los Angeles

Notwithstanding any provision of the Master Agreement or any other agreements, grievance settlements, arbitration awards or past practice to the contrary, with respect to KABC-TV, any person may perform any Desk Assistant duties.

Sideletter FJ

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Sideletter FK

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Sideletter FL

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Sideletter FM

Local On-Camera Appearance Rates

The rates for on-camera appearances in local television programs as set forth in Section 24.3 are as follows:

<u>Program Length</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Los Angeles</u>	<u>San Francisco</u>
Less Than 30 min	\$58.00	\$47.50	\$55.00
31 to 60 min	\$74.00	\$62.00	\$76.50
61 to 90 min	\$90.00	\$76.50	\$191.00
91 to 120 min	\$106.00	\$91.00	\$224.00

<u>Program Length</u>	<u>New York</u>
Less Than 15 min	\$42.00
16 to 45 min	\$77.00
46 to 60 min	\$87.00
61 to 90 min	\$99.00
91 to 120 min	\$138.00

The Company agrees to notify NABET-CWA of any increases in the foregoing rates.

#### Sideletter FN

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#### Sideletter FO

##### Legal Effects

To the extent permitted by federal, state and/or local laws or orders, the parties hereby expressly waive wage, hour and other labor laws or orders, such as but not limited to the California state law requiring one day's rest in seven days, and any law, rule or regulation requiring any form of paid time off, including but not limited to sick leave, etc. Moreover, and in any event, any premiums, penalties or other payments required by the terms of the Master Agreement are intended to be in lieu of, rather than in addition to, any premiums, penalties or other payments required pursuant to federal state and/or local labor laws or orders.

In any circumstance where federal, state and/or local law would require a monetary penalty for a missed, limited or delayed meal, e.g., California wage orders relating to meal breaks, and the Master Agreement provides no such penalty or other payment (e.g., Article IX of the Master Agreement in San Francisco where the meal period is unpaid), the parties clearly and unequivocally agree that the collectively bargained penalty shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for all such missed, limited or delayed meals within a day. This shall be in lieu of any other legal penalty or payment to the extent permissible under applicable law.

#### Sideletter FP

##### SNG Assignment – Scheduling Meals

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or provisions to the contrary elsewhere in the Master Agreement, employees who are assigned to operate satellite trucks in connection with television news pickups shall be considered employees assigned to "ENG" for purposes of determining scheduling and meal requirements under the Master Agreement.

#### Sideletter FQ

##### Regis Promo Settlement

The parties agree that the Agreement between NABET-CWA Local 16 and the Company dated September 27, 1989 (Regis and Kathie Lee promo settlement) and all practices that may have arisen out of that Agreement shall be null and void and of no further force and effect.

#### Sideletter FR

##### Microwave Receive Site Maintenance

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or any provision to the contrary in the Master Agreement, any person may perform maintenance work at ENG receive sites and maintenance of related equipment (e.g., receive dish,

controller, microwave receiver and transmitters, switchers to route video between receive sites, etc.) previously performed by employees covered by the Master Agreement.

No employee on the Company's regular maintenance staff at each local or Network operation as of March 31, 2003 shall be laid off from the Company's employ as a direct result of the Company's utilization of this provision at that particular network or local television operation.

Sideletter FS  
Sale, Merger or Consolidation

In the event of a sale, merger or consolidation of all or a part of an entity or operation covered under the Preamble of the 2011-2017 Master Agreement, the Company will give the Union written notice thereof as soon as practicable. Upon request of the Union, the parties will meet as soon as practicable thereafter to discuss and bargain over the effect on the bargaining unit(s) impacted by such sale, merger or consolidation.

Sideletter FT  
Workweek Change

In the event the Company decides to change the regular workweek from that set forth in Article 8.2, including 12:01 A.M. Sunday to Midnight the following Saturday, the Company may do so on three (3) weeks' notice to the Local Union(s) involved, and the Company's posting and scheduling requirements set forth in Article A8.2, as well as any other affected contract provisions, shall be changed accordingly.

Sideletter FU  
DK or CX Equipment

The parties agree to a clarification that no provision of the Master Agreement, any Stipulation or Sideletter (e.g., AB, AB-1, AY) thereto, or any of the separate Unit contracts, imposes any staffing or upgrade requirements in connection with the operation of equipment covered by Sideletters DK or CX.

Sideletter FV  
Sick and Disability Leave

1. Evidence of Disability or Illness

The Company shall be entitled to require an employee to provide evidence of disability for any period of illness or disability to the extent permitted by applicable law.

2. Sick or Disability Leave and Other Laws

Any paid leave, whether sick leave or short term disability or illness leave, taken under the Master Agreement, or any Company Policy incorporated by reference therein,

shall also run concurrently with any other leave to which the employee may be entitled, including a leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act, or other state or local laws that might entitle an employee to leave for any illness, child or family care, pregnancy, etc. issues.

3. Use of Sick Leave for Medical or Dental Care

During the negotiations for the successor to the 1997-2003 Master Agreement, the parties discussed the use of sick leave by employees for medical or dental care. The parties agreed that sick leave may not be used for routine medical, dental care or other non-urgent health care matters. An employee shall make a good faith effort to notify their management supervisor of routine doctor, dentist, etc. visits promptly after they are scheduled so that the Company may make reasonable scheduling adjustments, if it so desires, to minimize the operational impact that might be related to the employee's absence for such visits.

*[The grievance settlement in AH 93-33 and AH 93-34 is null and void, shall be of no further precedential effect and may not be cited or accepted into evidence in any subsequent grievance or arbitration proceeding].*

Sideletter FW  
Transmitters

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Master Agreement or any practices, grievance settlements, or arbitration awards, in cases where the Station's transmitter feeds into a common antenna complex with other television or radio stations, and the primary antenna is off-line (e.g., for maintenance, inspection, or diagnostics), the Station may pool any switch out/back and related assignments with persons assigned by the other stations. The stations will rotate such switch out/back assignments on a basis that will assure that the Company's engineering employees will handle a fair proportion of the pool assignments covered by this paragraph.

The Station will keep a record of the pool assignments made pursuant to the immediately preceding paragraph and will show which assignments were handled by persons assigned by other stations.

The parties recognize that in connection with the above-described pool, it is possible that persons engaged by pool participants (whether or not Company employees) may be required to perform recovery work with respect to transmitters and related equipment (whether or not the Company's) utilized by other stations and take direction or give direction to other stations' personnel.

Sideletter FX  
Production Control Automation

- I. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices, or provisions in Article A-IV or elsewhere in the General

Articles, Sideletters, Stipulations or any of the Individual Articles in the Master Agreement, the following shall apply where the Company utilizes computer equipment covered by Sideletters DK or CX (e.g., Parkervision) to restructure television control room functions and responsibilities so that directorial duties and technical production duties (e.g., production control switching, graphics, camera operations and audio functions, etc.) are or may be combined:

- A. Any person(s) may be assigned to perform the new combined duties described in I. above.
  - B. The Company's collective bargaining agreements as of May 12, 2003 with the Director's Guild of America covering its local television station operations in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago, permit the assignment of Directors and Associate Directors to "Parkervision"-type production switching duties referred to in I. above.
  - C. Where the Company does not assign a Technical Director to perform the combined duties described in I. above, and another person(s) is assigned pursuant to I. A. above, (e.g., Director or Associate Director), no Technical Director need be present or assigned for any reason to the program or production concerned, including, but not limited to, set up, knock down, giving work instructions or assignments to NABET-CWA or other union-represented employees working on the production, etc. Further, such person(s) will have all of the operational authority and rights of a Technical Director to the same degree as if a Technical Director had been assigned. Nor shall any engineer need to be upgraded for any reason relating to the absence of a Technical Director for such program or production.
  - D. A person assigned to perform the new combined duties described in I. above may trigger a pre-programmed commercial break that is inserted by a break studio that is under the active control of a hubbing or central casting facility.
- II. The Company recognizes the high degree of skills, ability and experience of its production Technical Directors and the important role they have played in our operations. For that reason, the Company is committed to attempt to find ways to include Technical Directors in the opportunities to perform such new combined directorial and production switching duties utilizing Sideletter DK or CX technology in the "Parkervision"-type operations described herein.
- III. Since at the Company's network and station operations covered by the Master Agreement the Directors Guild of America has exclusive jurisdiction over the exercise of directorial judgment, control and duties, any such "Parkervision" type combined assignments to a Technical Director at the network or stations will



necessarily require that person to perform duties partially within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Director's Guild of America. Such a hyphenated arrangement raises difficult and complicated issues concerning membership, rates of pay, scheduling, benefits and other terms and conditions of employment since the Technical Director would be working simultaneously under two different collective bargaining agreements. Such issues need to be addressed before assignments to Technical Directors can be made under such a hyphenated arrangement.

- IV. In an effort to resolve the challenges presented so that the Company's Technical Directors can be offered these opportunities, in addition to Directors and Associate Directors, it is agreed as follows:
- A. The parties agree to establish a Production Control Automation Committee consisting of an equal number of representatives from both NABET-CWA and the Company.
  - B. Within ninety (90) days following the ratification of the successor to the 1997-2003 Master Agreement the Company will use its good offices to facilitate a meeting with the Director's Guild of America. The Company's goal in that meeting shall be to obtain agreement among the DGA, NABET-CWA and the Company on a single set of terms and conditions of employment (i.e., minimum scale, scheduling rules, vacation pay, benefits, seniority, union security, etc.) that would afford Technical Directors the opportunity on those occasions when assigned by the Company to perform "Parkervision"-type duties.
  - C. If all issues are not resolved in a single meeting, the Company agrees to call additional meeting(s) among the DGA, Union and the Company as may be useful and productive in resolving the challenges presented in assigning Technical Directors to the combined-hyphenated work described herein. The Company agrees that it will make all reasonable efforts to resolve difficult matters such that Technical Directors may be assigned to this work.
  - D. Any such resulting assignments to Technical Directors that may materialize from an accord among NABET, the Director's Guild and the company will be non-jurisdictional in accordance with paragraph 3 of Sideletter DK.
- V. Where "Parkervision"-type technology will be used at any ABC Network News broadcast operations in New York or Washington during the term of the 2003-2007 Master Agreement, in a traditional control/room configuration of a Director and another person to do the production switching, if such other person has as their overall primary job function for the Company the responsibilities of production control switching, the other person assigned will be a NABET-CWA-represented

Technical Director. Such assignment, however, shall be on a non-jurisdictional basis in accordance with Paragraph 3 of Sideletter DK.

- VI. Whenever training begins within each of ABC's television operations for "Parkervision"-type equipment, Technical Directors will be included.

Sideletter FY

Wash Up Pay

In conformance with the practices elsewhere in the Company, it is agreed that in Los Angeles employees are not entitled to "wash up" pay nor pay for checking their schedules at the completion of their shift.

*[The grievance in AH 99-13 is hereby withdrawn with prejudice and the same shall not be refiled.]*

Sideletter FZ

"P" Unit

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or any provisions to the contrary in either the General Articles, Sideletters, Stipulations or the "P" Agreement, the Company shall be free to assign any person or company any duties that are performed by persons employed under the "P" Agreement in connection with any major or substantial repair, renovation, restoration, upgrading, etc. The Company's right to assign such work pursuant to this Sideletter shall be deemed to include any work where the regular employees employed under the "P" Agreement do not have, in the good faith judgment of the Company, the skills or ability to complete the work in a timely manner, e.g., tenant improvements, janitorial duties.

No regular employee employed in the "P" Unit as of March 31, 2007 shall be laid off from the Company's employ as a direct result of the Company's utilization of this Sideletter FZ.

Sideletter GA

Segment and Specialty News Producers – San Francisco

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Master Agreement or any other agreements grievance settlements, arbitration awards or practices to the contrary, the following shall apply to NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters-Producers employed under the F Agreement at KGO-TV as Segment or Specialty Producers as of May 12, 2003.

1. At the Company's sole discretion, such Newswriters-Producers may be offered the opportunity to continue being employed by the Company as a Segment or Specialty Producer not employed pursuant to the Master Agreement.

2. If the Newswriter-Producer declines such an offer, then the Company may continue to assign such employee to perform Segment or Specialty Producer duties pursuant to the Master Agreement, or may elect, at its sole discretion, to reassign such Newswriter-Producer to newswriting duties pursuant to the Master Agreement.
3. No regular Newswriter or Producer employed under the F Agreement at KGO-TV on the Company's active payroll as of May 12, 2003 shall be laid off from the Company's employ during the term of the 2003-2007 Master Agreement as the direct result of the Company's rights to assign specialty or segment producing duties as provided in Sideletter FG and this Sideletter GA to producers not employed under the Master Agreement.

Sideletter GB

Segment and Specialty News Producers – Chicago and Los Angeles

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Master Agreement or any other agreements grievance settlements, arbitration awards or practices to the contrary, the following shall apply to NABET-CWA-represented Newswriters-Producers employed at WLS-TV or KABC-TV under the K or O Agreements (as applicable) as Segment or Specialty Producers as of May 12, 2003.

1. At the Company's sole discretion, such Newswriters may be offered the opportunity to continue being employed by the Company as a Segment or Specialty Producer not employed pursuant to the Master Agreement.
2. If the Newswriter-Producer declines such an offer, then the Company, may continue to assign such employee to perform Segment or Specialty Producer duties pursuant to the Master Agreement, or may elect, at its sole discretion, to reassign such Newswriter-Producer to Newswriting duties pursuant to the Master Agreement.
3. No regular Newswriter (including Newswriters assigned to producing duties) employed under the K or O Agreements at WLS-TV or KABC-TV, as applicable on the Company's active payroll as of May 12, 2003 shall be laid off from the Company's employ during the term of the 2003-2007 Master Agreement as the direct result of the Company's rights at WLS-TV or KABC-TV (as may be applicable) as provided in K3.11(e) or O3.11(e) (as may be applicable) and this Sideletter GB to assign specialty or segment producing duties to producers not employed under the Master Agreement.

Sideletter GC  
Repair and/or Calibration of Equipment

The parties agree that the Decision and Award of the Impartial Umpire in AS83-2 and AS83-9 (November 17, 1986) shall not be precedential and that both the award and the practices referred to in the Award and relied on by the Arbitrator or Union shall not be cited by the NABET-CWA Sector (or any local union) or the Company in any future proceeding of any kind.

Sideletter GD  
New Technology and Consolidation

During the 2003 negotiations for a new Master Agreement, the parties discussed in detail the Company's plans to consolidate the ABC Television Network "News Acquisition" and "Network Distribution" job functions and operations in New York, as defined below, through state-of-the art technological advances and more efficient job combination/work flow configurations. The Company recognizes and values the contributions made by its NABET-CWA-represented "B" Unit Traffic Coordinators and "A" Unit Engineers, who may be affected by such new combined operations, and is committed to continuing to use them, to the extent consistent with the foregoing, under the conditions set forth below:

1. News Acquisition

(a) Non-jurisdictional operation/work preservation

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices, or any provisions to the contrary in either the General Articles, Sideletters, Stipulations or any of the Individual Articles contained in the Master Agreement, persons other than NABET-CWA-represented employees may perform any function within the new combined News Acquisition operation, including but not limited to: (i) planning, scheduling and ordering facilities (including satellite, fiber optic and transmission facilities); (ii) operating any equipment for the purpose of taking in, distributing or transmitting NewsOne, network return feeds, or fast-breaking news material (including but not limited to uplinking, downlinking and internal distribution), except the uplinking of ABC Television Network News programs directly to Network affiliates; and (iii) any work functions which, as of May 12, 2003, were performed by "B" Unit Traffic Coordinators at the News Traffic Desk or in ABSAT. Any employee, however, whose overall primary job function is to issue orders to procure facilities (including satellite, fiber optic and other transmission facilities), from existing inventory or otherwise, for the acquisition of material for ABC Television Network News programs (as distinguished from NewsOne), including live remote originations, elements for stories (bulk video, tracks and sound on tape for editing

spots) and complete taped packages, shall be employed under the terms of the “B” Traffic Agreement. In recognition of the parties’ mutual desire that all employees in the News Acquisition operation are expected to meet client needs, the parties agree that nothing herein shall be construed to preclude the continued non-jurisdictional assignment of such NABET-CWA-represented employees to interface with various news venues (bureaus, remotes, etc.), production staff, show personnel and newsroom staff, or resell KU satellite space to ABC affiliates, NewsOne clients and ABSAT members, on the basis of whichever employee (represented or non-represented) is available.

- (b) Involuntary Transfers: Without prejudice to either parties’ existing contractual rights, the parties agree that involuntary transfers out of the News Acquisition operation shall be permitted up to ninety (90) days after implementation of the News Acquisition Operation. All Unit Seniority prior to the transfer shall be retained.

## 2. Network Distribution

- (a) Non-jurisdictional operation/work preservation:

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or any provisions to the contrary in either the General Articles, Sideletters, Stipulations or any of the Individual Articles contained in the Master Agreement, persons other than NABET-CWA-represented employees may perform any function in connection with the new combined ABC Television Network Distribution operation, including but not limited to: (i) the planning and control of downlink facilities at affiliates and owned stations; (ii) the scheduling and ensuring of the appropriate use and availability of satellite and other facilities; (iii) the operation of equipment necessary to distribute content to such facilities; (iv) performing release to air functions; (v) any monitoring, system failure and/or recovery functions associated with the foregoing; and (vi) any ABC Television Network distribution functions performed as of May 12, 2003 by “A” Unit employees assigned to Network Master Control and release to air facilities, and “B” Unit Traffic Coordinators assigned to Network Traffic. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, any employee whose overall primary job function for the ABC Television Network is singly or in combination to: (i) monitor the play list from a release to air facility that has a Master Control switcher; (ii) route the output of a channel switcher to the appropriate uplink; (iii) perform satellite network control functions; or (iv) perform the remaining central switching functions, in connection with such ABC Television Network Distribution operation, shall be employed under the terms of the “A” Engineering Agreement. Nothing

herein or any operational practice that may develop hereunder shall give rise to any jurisdictional claim over content streams combined with ABC Television Network material (e.g., “multiplexed” streams).

(b) Temporary Traffic Coordinator Assignments:

The provisions of the “B” Agreement shall continue to apply to any “B” Unit Traffic Coordinator temporarily assigned to the Network Distribution operation.

3. Upon implementation of the Network Distribution operation, Stipulation (6) (Rotating Watch – New York Master Control) shall no longer apply. Prior to the elimination of the rotating watch, the Company and Union will meet for the Company to explain scheduling arrangements related to the Network Distribution operation. Nothing in the foregoing sentence shall preclude the Company from exercising its right to schedule.
4. The Union shall and hereby does withdraw grievance No. AN-02-28 (ABSAT/ NewsOne Assignments) with prejudice and agrees not to refile the same.
5. The assignment of NABET-CWA-represented employees to any duties in connection with the News Acquisition or Network Distribution operations under circumstances not encompassed within the second sentences of Paragraphs 1(a) and 2(a) above, shall not under any circumstances constitute an expansion of existing jurisdiction pursuant to the Master Agreement. Nor shall the performance of such assignments by “A” Unit Engineers or “B” Unit Traffic Coordinators entitle any such employees to continue to be given such assignments. It is agreed that no claim or dispute involving an assignment made pursuant to this paragraph, or the failure to make such an assignment, shall be subject to arbitration.
6. The terms of this Sideletter are without prejudice to the parties’ contractual rights contained in other provisions of the Master Agreement, including but not limited to CZ, CX and DK. The provisions of this Sideletter are applicable only to the work functions and operations described.

Sideletter GE  
Sutro Tower

Notwithstanding any provision in the Master Agreement or any other agreement, grievance settlement, arbitration awards or practices to the contrary, any person may perform any engineering maintenance, operations or any other duties at the Sutro Tower (or subsequent transmitter facility, if any) as determined necessary or convenient by KGO-TV management.

No employee on KGO-TV's regular maintenance staff as of March 31, 2007 shall be laid off from the Company's employ as a direct result of the Company's utilization of the Sideletter.

Sideletter GF  
Direct Deposit

Any NABET-CWA-represented employee, regular, daily hire, vacation relief or part-time, may elect to receive their paycheck by direct deposit in accordance with the provisions of the policy.

Sideletter GH  
Section A2.2(e)9 Network and Local Station Newsgathering

During the negotiations for the successor to the 1997-2003 Master Agreement, the parties discussed the long-standing and varied practices and interpretations of the Master Agreement at Network News operations and at each of the owned television stations covered by the Master Agreement. The parties agreed to add new Section A2.2(e)9 in order to confirm these Master Agreement interpretations and practices.

Accordingly, any grievance filed at each Company office that disputes the Company's rights set forth in new Section A2.2(e)9 are hereby withdrawn with prejudice and the Union agrees not to refile the same. The grievances include but are not limited to AH01-45 and AH03-02.

Within sixty (60) days following notice of ratification of the Master Agreement, the parties shall meet at the New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Washington, DC Network News operations, and at KABC-TV, KGO-TV, WABC-TV and WLS-TV to review in detail the past practices and interpretations of the Master Agreement referred to in Section A2.2(e)9. The parties acknowledge that there may be different facts and circumstances at each station or each Network News operation, and that the intention in new A2.2(e)9 and this Sideletter is to recognize and confirm whatever the relevant contractual interpretations and practices may be at each Network News operation or station. As part of these discussions, the Company reiterates that it will provide notices to the Union as required in the appropriate sections of the Master Agreement.

In confirming such practices the parties recognize that the ebb and flow of news that may impact Network News operations and each station's news coverage will necessarily result in greater or fewer instances of work covered by A2.2(e)9. The parties agree to confirm such practices to guide operations under that Section with reference to the long-view and not for any particular week, month or year.

Sideletter GI  
Los Angeles and San Francisco 8.10(c)

The following shall be applicable only in the Los Angeles and San Francisco offices of the Company. In the Los Angeles and San Francisco offices of the Company, the Company has argued and some Impartial Umpires have agreed in arbitration decisions, that the Company need not send a notice pursuant to Section 8.10(c), unless the notice involved changes that might result in an increased workload, physical or mental strain or other circumstances referred to in Section 8.10(c) (i) or (ii).

In the Los Angeles or San Francisco offices of the Company, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Master Agreement or any other agreements, grievance settlements, arbitration awards, or practices to the contrary, the parties agree that the Company is required to send notice, in accordance with Section 8.10(c) of the Master Agreement, in advance of the operational use of new technical equipment or significant change in any established method of operation as provided in 8.10(c) and not merely in cases where the Union may claim that the Company's action will violate Section 8.10(c) (i) and (ii).

Sideletter GJ

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Sideletter GK

Effect of "A" Unit Rate Compression

The parties agree to the following, all of which were effective August 9, 2003, in connection with "A" Unit rate compression:

1. There shall no longer be any pay escalators. As a result, Article 11.5 relating to Pay Seniority shall no longer apply to "A" Unit Engineers.
2. The Settlement Agreement dated August 9, 1996 resulting from the Award of Impartial Umpire Christine Knowlton, relating to "A" Unit Daily Hire pay progression, and all practices that may have arisen out of that Agreement, shall be null and void and of no further force and effect.
3. The following Sideletters or sub-sections thereof shall be deleted: AB (subsections 3 and 9, 10 and 11), AB-1 (sub-sections 4 and 7), AZ, CM-1, CM-2, CT, CU, EV and FN, and all references thereto in the Master Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following sentence from Sideletter AB, subsection 3 shall remain: "The duties of video tape librarians may include the loading and unloading of tape cartridge machines."
4. The Field Utility rates shall apply only to field pickups and only to employees who have worked for the Company twenty (20) or fewer cumulative days. The Company will assign at least one employee at the Utility rate for every four (4)



Field Utilities assigned. Only employees who have worked for the Company twenty (20) or fewer cumulative days may be hired as Field Utilities. Employees hired at the Field Utility rate may not be upgraded to higher classifications without the Company thereafter losing the ability to again hire such individuals at the Field Utility rate.

5. Persons hired on a daily basis at the Field Utility rate shall not receive any payment in lieu of benefits.
6. The ten (10) hour rate shall be at the Company's option and shall apply in the field only.
7. The regular rate for those persons hired on a daily basis at the ten (10) hour rate shall be calculated by dividing that rate by ten. Such persons shall be paid for hours in excess of ten (10) in a day or forty (40) in a week at one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate for time worked.
8. [Deleted.]
9. The parties agree to conform relevant contract provisions to compressed classifications and specification of daily hire rates.
10. [Deleted.]
11. [Deleted.]

(See Sideletter GY.)

Sideletter GL  
Grievance Withdrawals

The Union hereby withdraws with prejudice and agrees not to refile all outstanding International grievances and any local grievances raising the same issue to the extent any such grievances have not been settled in full, including but not limited to the following:

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| AIO-01-03 | (Sony Supersuites)                     |
| AIO-01-04 | (Maintenance Assignments/Training)     |
| AIO-01-05 | (Media Center Group 7 Replacement)     |
| AIO-01-06 | (Audio/Video Post-Production Lay Off)  |
| AIO-01-07 | (CD Burner)                            |
| AIO-01-08 | (EditStar)                             |
| AIO-01-09 | (Robotic Cameras)                      |
| AIO-01-10 | (Computerized Graphic Display Devices) |
| AIO-01-12 | (Non-Linear Editing)                   |
| AIO-01-13 | (Picture Box)                          |
| AIO-01-14 | (Computerized Graphic Display Devices) |

AIO-02-01	(Sports Record Machines)
AIO-02-02	(Satellite Controller)
AIO-02-03	(KABC Media Center)
AN-06-09	(Network Distribution – Adjust Play List)
AN-06-17	(Network Distribution – Precasting)
AN-08-12, AN-09-04 and AIO-10-02	(Art Director creating graphics on weekends)
AN-09-16, AN-09-27 and AIO-10-01	(Network HD Break Studios – Pre-casts)
AN-10-32	(Network News/Daytime Studio Operating Area downsizings/ October 2010 – Sideletter HH)
AW-10-10	(Network downsizings/Washington – Waiver of recall rights – Sideletter HH)

#### Sideletter GM

##### Transmitter Engineer Supervisor

Any employee regularly assigned in television as a Group 7 supervisor or a transmitter engineer will be paid Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) per week above the minimum Group 7 scale in Section A3.1. Where at any television station there are two (2) or more transmitter engineers, the Company will designate one (1) as the transmitter engineer supervisor and only such supervisor will be entitled to the Seventy Dollar (\$70.00) payment. Any employee who already receives an overscale payment or a combination Sideletter GM/overscale payment of Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) per week or more shall not receive any additional payment pursuant to the preceding sentence, although the entire Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) shall count for pension purposes. In no event shall any such employee receive less than a Seventy Dollar (\$70.00) per week payment.

No employee shall be entitled to any upgrade or additional payment of any kind because of the absence of the supervisor or transmitter engineer (or transmitter engineer supervisor where applicable).

Any additional payment required by this Sideletter shall be considered as part of the employee's base weekly pay for purposes of determining "Final Average Pay" pursuant to Section 1.14 of the Pension Plan Text of the ABC-NABET Retirement Trust Plan ("Plan") and shall be considered part of "the base weekly pay" for purposes of the pension contribution base in Section 23.1(b), effective May 11, 2013 and on a prospective basis only. The foregoing shall be conditioned upon the Plan Actuary concluding the foregoing amendment to the Plan will not diminish materially the funded status of the Plan pursuant to the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

#### Sideletter GN

##### WABC-TV Two Person ENG Crew Rate

During the course of the negotiations for the successor to the 1997-2003 Master Agreement, the parties discussed the discontinuance of the Group 6/3 rotation for two-person crews at WABC-TV in the context of the proposed upgrades to Group 5 and Group

7 for persons assigned to those crews. The parties concluded that because of the unusual circumstances and history of ENG crew assignments at the station, that it was in the mutual interest of the employees, the Station and the Union to provide one single rate in the future to all persons assigned to such crews. As a result, the parties agree to the following rates for staff employees assigned to two-person ENG crews:

Minimum Wage Scale Per Week:

10/9/2021 - <u>3/31/2022</u>	4/1/2022 - <u>3/31/2023</u>	4/1/2023 - <u>4/5/2024</u>	4/6/2024 - <u>3/31/2025</u>
\$2128.50	\$2197.50	\$2269.00	\$2342.50

The parties arrived at the foregoing rates by taking the average of the Group 7 and Group 5 rates. Persons engaged on a daily basis assigned to two-person ENG crews shall be paid for each day so worked a daily rate equal one-fifth (1/5) of the above-referenced weekly wage scale. The parties acknowledge that employees assigned to two-person crews may during the term of the contract be trained and assigned to edit in the ENG vehicle in the field or in the Station’s facilities, and the Company has agreed to the above-specified increased rate in consideration thereof.

On any day where an employee regularly classified at the rate set forth in this Sideletter actually works the majority of their entire tour (including overtime) in the field as a one-person crew, such employee shall be paid at the Group 7 wage scale as a daily upgrade. Work as a one-person crew shall include only that period of time when the employee is performing an approved one (1) person assignment, including any loading or unloading time immediately prior or thereafter by that one (1) person only.

WABC-TV agrees to meet with the Union periodically during the term of this Agreement to review and determine whether both parties are complying with the intent of the foregoing language.

The above stated rate agreement shall remain in effect at least during the term of this contract. In connection with negotiations for a successor contract thereto, the parties agree to revisit this issue in negotiations.

Sideletter GO  
“O” Unit Daily Hires

The letter of agreement concerning the use of daily hires in the “O” unit dated March 16, 1999 is null and void.

(See Section O3.14(a).)

Sideletter GP  
Sideletter GD Wage Rates

The minimum wage rate for any Traffic Coordinators assigned to the News Acquisition Operation pursuant to Sideletter GD, paragraph 1 (a) shall be \$2,084.50 effective October 9, 2021, increased to \$2,152.00 effective April 1, 2022, further increased to \$2,222.00 effective April 1, 2023, and further increased to \$2,294.00 effective April 6, 2024. The foregoing rates, however, shall not be effective until the new News Acquisition operation is fully and completely operational.

Sideletter GQ  
ABC-NABET Retirement Plan

1. Increased Benefit Accrual Rate For Period 2017-2020

With respect to employees who were active participants (or employees of the Company treated as though in active employment under Section 5.03 (a) or (b) of the Plan) on or after January 1, 2017, including such active participants (or employees of the Company treated as though in active employment under Section 5.03 (a) or (b) of the Plan) who entered or re-entered the Plan as of (or after) January 1, 2017, the ABC-NABET Retirement Plan (“Plan”) shall be amended to increase the benefit accrual rate to 1.50% of final average pay with respect to credited service earned between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2020 (from the previous benefit accrual rate of 0.65% of final average pay with respect to credited service earned between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2020).

2. Base Benefit Accrual Rate For Period 2021-2024

Except as specifically provided elsewhere herein, the benefit accrual rate will remain at 0.65% of final average pay with respect to credited service earned between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2024.

3. Implementation of Increased Benefit Accrual Rates for Period 2017-2020

As soon as practicable, but not more than sixty (60) days, after the ratification of the 2021-2025 Master Agreement, the parties shall adopt a resolution amending the Plan to conform with the benefit accrual rates set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2, above, and shall forthwith take all steps necessary to require their respective Trustees to implement all administrative actions required by such amendments on a timely basis, in accordance with the requirements of applicable law.

To the extent that any such participant is already in a benefit payment status, both their prospective payments will be adjusted accordingly and a single retroactive payment will be made to make up the difference between their adjusted benefit and their original benefit from the date benefit payments first began.

To the extent that any such participant went into benefit payment status but is already deceased at the time of the adjustment, their beneficiary will receive (but only if such beneficiary is in pay status at the time of the payment): (i) a single retroactive payment to make up the difference between the participant's adjusted benefit and the participant's original benefit from the date benefit payments to the participant first began until the participant's death, (ii) a single retroactive payment to make up the difference between the beneficiary's adjusted survivor benefit and such beneficiary's original survivor benefit from the date the original survivor benefit first began until the date of payment of the retroactive amount, and (iii) the appropriate prospective adjustment in any future survivor benefit payments. No similar payments will be made in the event the deceased participant does not have a beneficiary in pay status.

To the extent that any such participant died before going into benefit payment status, their beneficiary, if any, will receive (but only if such beneficiary is the surviving spouse or properly designated beneficiary and is either in pay status or deferred payment status) the appropriate prospective adjustment in any future survivor benefit payments. No similar payments will be made in the event the deceased participant does not have a beneficiary in pay status or deferred payment status.

#### 4. Mandatory Annual Freeze Determinations January 1, 2022-2025

Except as provided in paragraph 5 below:

- i. all benefit accruals (including those related to pay increases and additional years of credited service) shall be frozen prospectively, effective January 1, 2022, if the ratio of the Market Value of Plan Assets to the Plan's Funding Target as of January 1, 2021 is less than 100%;
- ii. if benefit accruals have not already been frozen in accordance with subparagraph (i), above, all benefit accruals (including those related to pay increases and additional years of credited service) shall be frozen prospectively, effective January 1, 2023, if the ratio of the Market Value of Plan Assets to the Plan's Funding Target as of January 1, 2022 is less than 100%;
- iii. if benefit accruals have not already been frozen in accordance with subparagraph (i) or (ii), above, all benefit accruals (including those related to pay increases and additional years of credited service) shall be frozen prospectively, effective January 1, 2024, if the ratio of the Market Value of Plan Assets to the Plan's Funding Target as of January 1, 2023 is less than 100%; and
- iv. if benefit accruals have not already been frozen in accordance with subparagraph (i), (ii) or (iii), above, all benefit accruals (including those related to pay increases and additional years of credited service) shall be

frozen prospectively, effective January 1, 2025, if the ratio of the Market Value of Plan Assets to the Plan's Funding Target as of January 1, 2024 is less than 100%.

For purposes of subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv), above:

(a) The Plan's "Funding Target" as of January 1, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively, shall be the funding target reported by the Plan's actuary as of such date in the latest Adjusted Funding Target Attainment Percentage ("AFTAP") certification issued on or before September 30, 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024, respectively. If the Plan's funding target for any such Plan year as reported in such AFTAP certification is determined using IRS Segment Interest Rates instead of the IRS Full Yield Curve based on the corporate bond rates for the December preceding the valuation date, then the Plan's Actuary shall instead calculate the Plan's Funding Target as of each such January 1 using the IRS Full Yield Curve based on the corporate bond rates for the December preceding such January 1 valuation date, and report such amount to the bargaining parties as soon as practicable after each such September 30, but no later than October 10 following such September 30;

(b) The "Market Value of Plan Assets" as of January 1, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively, shall be the market value of plan assets as defined in Section 430(g)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), determined without reduction for any carryover balance or prefunding balance and without regard to any averaging allowed under Section 430(g)(3)(B) of the Code, but adjusted to account for contribution receipts in accordance with Section 430(g)(4) of the Code. If averaging under Code Section 430(g)(3)(B) is not used by the Plan for minimum funding purposes, then the Market Value of Plan Assets will equal the value of Plan assets reported by the Plan's actuary as of January 1, 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024, in the most recent Adjusted Funding Target Attainment Percentage certification issued on or before September 30, 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024, respectively, determined without reduction for any carryover balance or prefunding balance, but adjusted to account for contribution receipts in accordance with Section 430(g)(4) of the Code. If such asset averaging is used by the Plan for any such Plan year, then the Plan's actuary shall instead calculate the Market Value of Plan Assets as of each such January 1, in accordance with the definitions and procedures outlined above, and report such amount to the bargaining parties as soon as practicable after each such September 30, but no later than October 10 following such September 30.

As soon as practicable after each of September 30, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, but in no event later than October 10 following each such September 30, the Plan's actuary shall deliver to the bargaining parties a written report providing the foregoing information and a conclusion as to whether benefit accruals are required to be frozen as of January 1, 2022, 2023, 2024 or 2025 (as applicable) in accordance with this paragraph 4, detailing all items affecting the determination of said freeze.

## 5. Potential Retroactive Increase in Benefit Accrual Rate For 2021-2024

Subject to paragraph 9, below, the benefit accrual rate for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024 may be increased retroactively in accordance with the method set forth in paragraphs 7 and 8 below, for all employees who are active participants (or employees of the Company treated as though in active employment under Section 5.03 (a) or (b) of the Plan) as of (or after) January 1, 2021.

## 6. Actuarial Report Re: Changes in Benefit Accrual Rates for 2021 and Later

As soon as practical after January 1, 2025 (but no later than January 31, 2025), the Plan's actuary will issue a written report which will include, without limitation, a calculation of the Estimated Target Liability Funded Percentage(s) ("ETLFPs") as of December 31, 2024, as calculated in paragraph 15 below, the Applicable Threshold Funded Percentage ("ATFP"), as determined in paragraph 7 below, and the Average Non-LDI Asset Percentage, as calculated in paragraph 10 below, for the purpose of determining:

- (i) whether a mandatory full or partial restoration of any benefit accruals frozen pursuant to paragraph 4 will apply as set forth in paragraph 7, below, and, if so, the amount of such restoration; and
- (ii) whether a mandatory increase in the benefit accrual rate with respect to certain credited service (i.e., a pop-up) will apply as set forth in paragraphs 7 and 8, below, and
  - (a) if so, the amount of such increase, or
  - (b) if not, whether a mandatory freeze or reduction in the benefit accrual rate (and in the case of a reduction in the benefit accrual rate, the amount of such reduction) will apply as set forth in paragraph 11 below.

The actuary's written report provided pursuant to this paragraph 6 shall provide whether any restoration of the benefit accrual rate or any increase, freeze or reduction in the benefit accrual rate is required pursuant to paragraph 7, 8 or 11 (taking into account, in the case of paragraphs 7 and 8, the requirements of paragraph 9) and, if so, the amount thereof, detailing all items affecting such determination.

## 7. Conditions Mandating Retroactive Increases in 2021-2024 Accrual Rates

If benefit accruals were frozen effective as of January 1, 2022, January 1, 2023, January 1, 2024 or January 1, 2025 in accordance with paragraph 4, above, then the benefit accrual rate of 0.65% shall be fully or partially restored retroactively with respect to credited service and pay increases earned after such freeze date (i.e., as if such freeze had not occurred), if and only to the extent that the ETLFP as of December 31, 2024, calculated after reflecting the amount of any such full or partial restoration, equals or exceeds 100.0%. (By way of clarification, such a restoration will not occur if such ETLFP, recalculated after

reflecting pay increases earned after such freeze date in the determination of final average pay but using 0.00% as the benefit accrual rate with respect to credited service earned after such freeze date, is less than 100%). If any such full or partial restoration occurs, then the ETLFP shall be recalculated to reflect the amount of such restoration.

For purposes of this paragraph 7, all restored benefit accrual rates shall be calculated as exact percentages and then rounded to two decimal places, which rounding shall be determined by looking solely at the third decimal place. For example, a calculated benefit accrual rate of 0.3451% would be rounded to 0.35%, while 0.3449% would be rounded to 0.34%.

A mandatory pop-up will occur if the ETLFP as of December 31, 2024, recalculated (if applicable) to reflect the amount of any restoration of frozen benefits as stipulated above in this paragraph 7, but without regard to the amount of any pop-up, is greater than the ATRFP. The ATRFP shall be determined in accordance with the following table, based on the Average Non-LDI Asset Percentage (which shall be calculated in accordance with paragraph 10, below):

Average Non- LDI Asset %	ATFP
0%	102.00%
10%	103.00%
20%	104.00%
30%	105.00%
40%	106.50%
50%	108.50%
60%	114.00%
> 60%	No pop up

If the Average Non-LDI Asset Percentage is greater than 60%, there shall not be any pop-up and/or any restoration of benefit accrual rates. (See paragraph 9)

The Average Non-LDI Asset Percentage shall be rounded to the nearest whole percentage. If the Average Non-LDI Asset Percentage (once rounded) is not a multiple of 10, the ATRFP will be pro-rated accordingly, with the result rounded to two decimal places. For example, if the Average Non-LDI Asset Percentage were 39%, the ATRFP would be 106.35%.

8. Amount of Mandatory “Pop-Up” Adjustments

If a pop-up occurs pursuant to paragraph 7 above, the mandatory increase in the benefit accrual rate will apply to those participants specified in paragraph 5, above, for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024. The benefit accrual rate for such period will be adjusted (but not below 0.65%) to the lesser of: (a) the highest benefit accrual rate that will allow the ETLFP as of December 31, 2024, determined after reflecting such highest benefit accrual rate for such period, to remain at no less than the ATRFP as determined in paragraph 7, or (b) 1.50%.



For purposes of this paragraph 8, all popped-up benefit accrual rates shall be calculated as exact percentages and then rounded to two decimal places, which rounding shall be determined by looking solely at the third decimal place. For example, a calculated benefit accrual rate of 1.3451% would be rounded to 1.35%, while 1.3449% would be rounded to 1.34%.

9. Mandatory Pop-Up Conditions: Any pop-up and/or restoration of benefit accrual rates pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8, above, shall be contingent upon satisfaction of the following conditions:
  - (i) The Trustees shall maintain a Liability Driven Investment (“LDI”) strategy, the “LDI Assets” of which must generate a “Current Duration Match (Total)”, calculated by the Plan’s Investment Advisor, as of the end of each calendar quarter within the calendar years 2021 through 2024, of at least 60% and no greater than 120%. In addition, the average of such sixteen calendar quarter-end “Current Duration Matches (Total)” must not be less than 70%. Such “Current Duration Match (Total)” percentage calculations shall be included in the above-referenced Quarterly reports and determined and presented in a manner consistent with those reported to the parties by the Plan’s Investment Advisor in its quarterly reports under paragraph 9 of Sideletter GQ to the 2011-2017 ABC/NABET-CWA Master Agreement for the years 2012 through 2016. However, if during the term of the successor to the 2017-2021 ABC-NABET-CWA Master Agreement, the Investment Advisor to the Plan recommends a “Current Duration Match (Total)” below 60% or greater than 120%, then upon written notice from either the Company or the Union to the other party, the Company and the Union agree to meet within fourteen (14) days and negotiate over whether, and the extent to which, these “Current Duration Match (Total)” parameters should be changed.
  - (ii) The “LDI Assets” included in the LDI strategy, measured as a percentage of the Plan’s total assets as of the end of each calendar quarter within the calendar years 2021 through 2024, must average at least 40% over such 16 quarter-period. (That is, the Average Non-LDI Assets shall not exceed 60%.)
  - (iii) For purposes of this paragraph 9, the Plan’s Investment Advisor shall determine the “LDI” and corresponding “non-LDI” asset percentages in accordance with the parties’ agreed upon reporting templates and instructions as provided to the Advisor on June 9, 2015, and contained in the Advisor’s draft report for December 31, 2014, which was provided to the parties on June 30, 2015. The sum of LDI Assets and Non-LDI Assets must equal the market value of total Plan assets, both in the aggregate and within each asset component reported by the Plan’s Investment Advisor,

and neither LDI Assets nor Non-LDI Assets shall have a negative value within any asset component reported by the Plan's Investment Advisor.

If the foregoing conditions are not met, there shall be no pop-up and/or restoration of the benefit accrual rate pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8, above, and the benefit accrual rate for the period January 1, 2021 and later will remain at 0.65% unless and until the Plan was frozen in accordance with paragraph 4 or is frozen in accordance with paragraph 11, or the benefit accrual rate is reduced in accordance with paragraph 11, or such rate is amended in connection with the negotiations for the successor to the 2021-2025 Master Agreement.

#### 10. Calculation Of Average Non-LDI Asset Percentage

The "Average Non-LDI Asset Percentage" used for purposes of determining the applicable ATRP as provided in paragraph 7 shall be calculated utilizing an average of "Non-LDI Assets" (i.e., assets other than "LDI Assets") measured as a percentage of Total Plan Assets at the end of each calendar quarter, over the entire 16-quarter period between January 2021 through December 2024, inclusive. The Plan's Investment Advisor shall provide the bargaining parties and Plan actuary with a report of the Final monthly values of "LDI Assets", "Non-LDI Assets" and Total Plan Assets as of the end of each month within such period, as well as a report of the "Current Duration Match (Total)" percentage as of the end of each calendar Quarter within such period, as specified in paragraph 9.

#### 11. Determination Of Mandatory Freeze/Accrual Rate Reduction As Of April 1, 2025

The provisions of this paragraph 11 shall only apply if the Plan has not been frozen in accordance with paragraph 4. All accruals (including those related to pay increases and additional years of credited service) shall be frozen prospectively, effective April 1, 2025, if the ETRP as of December 31, 2024 presented in the Plan actuary report referred to in paragraph 6 above, is less than 95%. If such ETRP as of December 31, 2024 is greater than or equal to 95% but less than 100%, then the benefit accrual rate shall be reduced prospectively, effective April 1, 2025, in accordance with the following table:

If the ETRP as of 12/31/2024 is:	The Benefit Accrual Rate as of 4/1/2025 shall become:
95.0%	0.00%
96.0%	0.13%
97.0%	0.26%
98.0%	0.39%
99.0%	0.52%
100.0%	0.65%

For purposes of this paragraph 11, if the ETRP as of 12/31/2024 falls between any of the amounts shown in the table above, then the reduced benefit accrual rate shall be calculated by linear interpolation between the rates shown above, and then rounded to two decimal

places. For example, if the ETLFP as of 12/31/2024 is 95.1%, then the benefit accrual rate shall be reduced to 0.01% as of 4/1/2025; if the ETLFP as of 12/31/2024 is 95.2%, then the benefit accrual rate shall be reduced to 0.03% as of 4/1/2025; and if the ETLFP as of 12/31/2024 is 95.5%, then the benefit accrual rate shall be reduced to 0.07% as of 4/1/2025.

## 12. Implementation of Increased Benefit Accrual Rates for Period 2021-2024

If any benefit accruals are fully or partially restored in accordance with paragraph 7, above, and/or any benefit accrual rates with respect to the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024 are retroactively increased in accordance with paragraph 8, above, then as soon as practicable, but not more than sixty (60) days, after the date that all conditions associated with the determination of the amount of such increases have been resolved, including the resolution of any disputes with respect thereto, in accordance with paragraph 16, below, the parties shall adopt a resolution amending the Plan to conform with any increased benefit accrual rate established in accordance with paragraphs 7 and 8, above, and shall forthwith take all steps necessary to require their respective Trustees to implement all administrative actions required by such amendments on a timely basis, in accordance with the requirements of applicable law.

To the extent that any such participant who is affected by such an increase in a benefit accrual rate is already in a benefit payment status, both their prospective payments will be adjusted accordingly and a single retroactive payment will be made to make up the difference between their adjusted benefit and their original benefit from the date benefit payments first began.

To the extent that any such participant who is affected by such an increase in a benefit accrual rate went into benefit payment status but is already deceased at the time of the adjustment, their beneficiary will receive (but only if such beneficiary is in pay status at the time of the payment): (i) a single retroactive payment to make up the difference between the participant's adjusted benefit and the participant's original benefit from the date benefit payments to the participant first began until the participant's death, (ii) a single retroactive payment to make up the difference between the beneficiary's adjusted survivor benefit and such beneficiary's original survivor benefit from the date the original survivor benefit first began until the date of payment of the retroactive amount, and (iii) the appropriate prospective adjustment in any future survivor benefit payments. No similar payments will be made in the event the deceased participant does not have a beneficiary in pay status.

To the extent that any such participant who is affected by such an increase in the benefit accrual rate died before going into benefit payment status, their beneficiary, if any, will receive (but only if such beneficiary is the surviving spouse or properly designated beneficiary and is either in pay status or deferred payment status) the appropriate prospective adjustment in any future survivor benefit payments. No similar payments will be made in the event the deceased participant does not have a beneficiary in pay status or deferred payment status.

### 13. Benefit Accrual Rate As Of January 1, 2025

The benefit accrual rate as of January 1, 2025 shall, with respect to credited service earned on and after that date, remain at 0.65% of final average pay regardless of whether a pop-up occurs in accordance with paragraphs 6 through 9, unless benefits are frozen in accordance with paragraph 4 (but not fully restored in accordance with paragraph 7) or in accordance with paragraph 11, or the benefit accrual rate is reduced in accordance with paragraph 11, or until such rate is amended in connection with the negotiations for the successor to the 2021-2025 Master Agreement.

### 14. Closure Of Plan To New Participants

As of December 31, 2012, the Plan was closed to new participants; provided, however, that

- (i) those employees specified in Sideletter HB-1 shall be entitled to participate to the extent provided therein;
- (ii) participants who have left the Company but return as regular employees, and whose accrued benefit related to their prior service under the Plan has not been forfeited as a result of their break in service, will be allowed to return to active participation in the Plan.

Regular employees covered by the Master Agreement and hired on or after January 1, 2013, shall not participate in the Plan and instead have a Company contribution equal to 4.0% of their base pay made on their behalf to the Communications Workers of America Savings and Retirement Trust ("SRT"), provided that any voluntary contributions by such employees to the SRT shall be limited to post-tax dollars and the SRT continues to comply with Sideletter FB. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, effective July 9, 2022 the Company contribution to the SRT made on behalf of regular employees covered by the Master Agreement and hired on or after January 1, 2013 shall be equal to 5.0% of their base pay.

### 15. Assumptions/Methods/Definitions

- (i) The "Estimated Target Liability Funded Percentage as of December 31, 2024" shall be determined by the Plan's actuary as the ratio of the Plan's Market Value of Assets as of December 31, 2024 to the Plan's Estimated Target Liability as of December 31, 2024, rounded down to the nearest 0.1%
- (ii) The "Estimated Target Liability as of December 31, 2024" will be determined by the Plan's actuary based on a projection of target liabilities determined as of January 1, 2024. Such target liabilities will be based on participant census data used in connection with the Plan's actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2024 for IRS funding purposes. Such target

liabilities will be calculated in accordance with IRS rules for determining the “funding target” under the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (as amended) as of January 1, 2024, and on the actuarial assumptions used by the Plan’s actuary as of January 1, 2024 (except as noted below), and shall be projected on an expected basis to December 31, 2024, as follows:

1. The Estimated Target Liability as of December 31, 2024 shall take into account the applicable target liability as of January 1, 2024, the applicable value of benefit accruals for 2024 (i.e., the applicable target normal cost as of January 1, 2024), actual benefit payments for 2024 and expected interest (based on the Effective Interest Rate) on each of the aforementioned amounts through December 31, 2024.
  2. The applicable target liabilities and applicable target normal costs as of January 1, 2024 will be based on the applicable benefit accrual rate(s) associated with such calculations. By way of illustration, if benefit accruals were frozen as of January 1, 2023 in accordance with paragraph 4, then in order to determine whether a full restoration of the 0.65% benefit accrual rate can occur in accordance with the first sub-paragraph of paragraph 7, above, the applicable target liability as of January 1, 2024 would be re-calculated to reflect a benefit accrual rate of 0.65% with respect to credited service earned in 2023 and actual final average pay determined as of January 1, 2024, and the applicable target normal cost as of January 1, 2024 would reflect a benefit accrual rate of 0.65% for 2024 and assumed pay for 2024, before such amounts are projected to determine the applicable Estimated Target Liability as of December 31, 2024. Similar principles would apply to other calculations and re-calculations called for elsewhere in paragraphs 7, 8 and 11. In addition, if the Plan is amended effective as of a date(s) after January 1, 2024 but before December 31, 2024, the applicable target liabilities and/or applicable target normal costs as of January 1, 2024 shall also reflect such amendment(s).
  3. The Effective Interest Rate associated with each calculation or recalculation of the applicable target liability as of January 1, 2024 shall be calculated separately with respect to each such measurement.
- (iii) “Market Value of Assets as of December 31, 2024” shall mean the Adjusted Market Value of Assets as of such date. The “Adjusted Market Value of Assets as of December 31, 2024” shall be determined to be equal to (1) + (2) – (3), where items (1) through (3) equal the following:
1. The Average Market Value of Assets as of December 31, 2024;

2. The amount of cumulative Employer contributions due and payable to the Plan based on the 5.50% negotiated contribution rate through December 31, 2024 less the amount of cumulative Employer contributions actually received by the Plan as of December 31, 2024 with respect to Plan Years beginning on and after January 1, 2021;
  3. The Plan's estimated accounts payable and accrued expenses as of December 31, 2024
- (iv) "Applicable IRS Yield Curve as of December 31, 2024" shall mean a yield curve determined as the 3-month average of each 6-month yield rate on the "corporate bond yield curve" as defined in Section 430(h)(2)(D)(ii) of the Code for the months of October, November and December 2024. By way of example of the meaning of "for the month," the corporate bond yield curve for the month of December 2007 was the yield curve set forth in Table I of IRS Notice 2008-17. The Applicable IRS Yield Curve as of December 31, 2024 shall be used to determine all applicable target liabilities and applicable target normal costs as of January 1, 2024.
- (v) "Effective Interest Rate" shall mean the single annual interest rate that the Plan's actuary determines would, when substituted for the Applicable IRS Yield Curve as of December 31, 2024, produce the same applicable target liability as of January 1, 2024 as the target liability produced by the Applicable IRS Yield Curve as of December 31, 2024. Once determined, such rate shall be rounded to two decimal places.
- (vi) The "Average Market Value of Assets as of December 31, 2024" shall mean the average of (1), (2) and (3), where items (1) through (3) equal the following:
1. The market value of total Plan assets as of December 31, 2024, as reported by the Plan's asset custodian (including accrued interest and dividends, and adjusted for amounts due from or to brokers for sale or purchase of investments);
  2. The market value of total Plan assets as of November 30, 2024, as reported by the Plan's asset custodian (including accrued interest and dividends, and adjusted for amounts due from or to brokers for sale or purchase of investments), plus contributions received between November 30, 2024 and December 31, 2024, less benefits and administrative expenses paid between November 30, 2024 and December 31, 2024, plus expected investment return between November 30, 2024 and December 31, 2024 (to be computed by the Plan's actuary), based on the Effective Interest Rate for the Plan in effect as of January 1, 2024; and

3. The market value of total Plan assets as of October 31, 2024, as reported by the Plan's asset custodian (including accrued interest and dividends, and adjusted for amounts due from or to brokers for sale or purchase of investments), plus contributions received between October 31, 2024 and December 31, 2024, less benefits and administrative expenses paid between October 31, 2024 and December 31, 2024, plus expected investment return between October 31, 2024 and December 31, 2024 (to be computed by the Plan's actuary), based on the Effective Interest Rate for the Plan in effect as of January 1, 2024.

#### 16. Dispute Resolution Procedure For Mandatory Adjustment(s) To Pension Formula.

In the event of any dispute arising out of the determination of an adjustment to the pension formula as provided in paragraphs 4 through 12 and 15 above, including without limitation, any dispute over data or assumptions underlying such calculations, the following dispute resolution procedure shall apply.

##### A. Objections to the Plan's Actuary's Report

Within thirty (30) days following the parties' receipt of a Plan actuary's report provided in paragraph 4 or 6 (as applicable) above, either the Company or the Union, or both may object to such Plan's actuary's report by providing the other party with written objections to such report including, where appropriate, an actuarial analysis supporting the objections. A party may not object to such Plan actuary's report, for any reason, after the thirty (30) day window provided herein has expired.

##### B. Acceptance of or Response to Objections

Within thirty (30) days following receipt of any objections provided in subparagraph 16.A, above, the party receiving objections shall either accept the objections or provide a written response thereto, with, where appropriate, actuarial analysis. Failure of the party receiving an objection to provide such written response to the other party within thirty (30) days after receipt of such objection to the Plan's actuary's report shall be deemed final acceptance of the objecting party's position.

If both parties have received timely objections and neither party timely provides such written response, all objections shall be deemed withdrawn and null and void, there shall be no arbitration, the dispute shall be considered resolved, and the parties shall immediately adopt the benefit accrual rate provided for in the Plan's actuary's report provided in paragraph 4 or 6 above, and amend the Plan accordingly. In the circumstances set forth in the preceding sentence, in the event the Plan's actuary's report provides for multiple benefit accrual rates, absent a timely written response to objections as provided herein, the parties shall adopt the highest rate specified in the report.

### C. Cooperation of Plan's Actuary

The Plan's actuary shall cooperate fully with both parties in providing information as reasonably needed for each party to prepare objections or to respond to objections provided by the other party. To the extent permitted by law, the costs of the Plan's actuary to provide such information shall be the Plan's obligation.

### D. Arbitration

(1) If the parties do not resolve any objections by mutual agreement, then either party may commence an arbitration under Section 20.6 of the 2021-2025 NABET-CWA/ABC Master Agreement (or any successor thereto) (the "Master Agreement") by written notice to the other party. Such written notice must be received by the other party no later than ninety (90) days after the parties' receipt of the Plan's actuary's report provided in paragraph 4 or 6 (as applicable) above. In the event neither party provides written notice as provided herein, there shall be no arbitration, the dispute shall be considered resolved, and the parties shall immediately adopt the benefit accrual rate provided for in the Plan's actuary's report provided in paragraph 4 or 6 (as applicable) above, and amend the Plan accordingly. In the case where neither party files for arbitration as provided in the immediately preceding sentence, in the event the Plan's actuary's report provides for multiple benefit accrual rates, the parties shall adopt the highest rate specified in the report.

If such notice of arbitration has been received within the ninety (90) day period specified above, the arbitration shall proceed in the manner provided for a grievance involving more than one (1) office of the Company. The arbitration shall commence no later than one hundred twenty (120) days after both parties' receipt of the Plan's Actuary's report provided in paragraph 4 or 6 (as applicable) above (but in no event earlier than forty-five (45) days following the written notice to commence arbitration, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise), or as soon thereafter as the Impartial Umpire is available. The Impartial Umpire for purposes of this Dispute Resolution Procedure shall be a Neutral Actuary selected by the mutual agreement of an actuary designated by the Company and an actuary designated by the Union, who shall serve as duly designated Impartial Umpire under the Master Agreement. If there is no agreement on a Neutral Actuary, then the Impartial Umpire under Section 20.6 of the Master Agreement for grievances involving more than one office shall hear the dispute.

(2) The issue before the Impartial Umpire shall be whether the amount of increase or reduction in the benefit accrual rate or freeze of benefit accruals, if any, set forth in the written report provided by the Plan's actuary with the calculations described in paragraphs 4 or 6 (as applicable), complies with the terms of paragraphs 4 through 12 and 15 above, what the benefit accrual rate should be and whether the Plan should be frozen. In making such determination the Impartial Umpire must elect in their Decision and Award to adopt the benefit accrual rates (or, in the case of a freeze, the freeze in benefit accruals): (a) as proposed by the Plan's Actuary in the report provided in paragraph 4 or 6 (as applicable)



above; (b) as proposed by the Company pursuant to subparagraph 16.A or B; or (c) as proposed by the Union pursuant to subparagraph 16.A or B. In making this determination, the Impartial Umpire shall be governed by the formulas and, without limitation, actuarial (or in the case of LDI and Non-LDI assets, Investment Advisor) assumptions regarding assets, LDI and Non-LDI assets and their averages, contributions, target liability, funded percentage, benefits, funding target, interest rate, and yield curve as set forth in paragraphs 4 through 12 and 15 above, and shall have no authority to modify or amend such formula and assumptions.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph 16, the provisions of Sections 20.6 (as that section applies to Impartial Umpires involving more than one (1) office of the Company), 20.8, 20.11 and 20.12 (except the second sentence of the first paragraph) of the Master Agreement shall apply. Each party shall have the right, at its own expense, to provide such expert testimony as it deems necessary. The parties agree to proceed expeditiously and to make a good faith effort to conclude the arbitration within sixty (60) days of the commencement of the arbitration (defined as the first day hearing day at which witness testimony on the merits is introduced into the record). All time periods within this paragraph 16 shall be deemed to be “of the essence” and mandatory and may be extended by the Impartial Umpire only by written mutual agreement of the parties.

(4) With respect to a change in the accrual rate in accordance with paragraph 5 above (i.e., a “pop-up”), until any dispute arising under this paragraph 16 is finally resolved (including the resolution of court challenges, if any), the benefit accrual rate set forth in Sections 2.02(a), 2.02(b) and 2.10(d)(ii) of the Plan solely with respect to Future Service earned by a participant on or after January 1, 2021 will remain on an interim basis unchanged from the benefit accrual rate established pursuant to the application of paragraphs 2 through 4 above, as applicable (and without regard to paragraphs 6 through 8 above).

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, with respect to a freeze/reduction in the accrual rate in accordance with paragraph 4 or 11 above, if any dispute arising under this paragraph 16 is not finally resolved as of 60 days prior to the date the reduction/freeze would take effect pursuant to paragraph 4 or 11 (including the resolution of court challenges, if any), the Plan shall be amended to provide for a freeze in benefit accruals on an interim basis on or after the date a freeze would take effect pursuant to paragraph 4 or 11, provided, however, that in the case of a reduction under paragraph 11 where neither the Plan’s actuary’s written report nor the objections or responses to objections (provided in paragraph 16.A or B above) have proposed a freeze in accruals, the Plan shall instead be amended to provide that the benefit accrual rate set forth in Sections 2.02(a), 2.02(b) and 2.10(d)(ii) of the Plan with respect to Future Service on or after the date the reduction would take effect pursuant to paragraph 11 on an interim basis, shall be the lowest of: (i) the benefit accrual rate as proposed by the Plan actuary’s written report pursuant to paragraph 11 (as it relates to a reduction) above, or (ii) the lowest benefit accrual rate proposed by either party in its objections or responses to objections provided in paragraph 16.A or B, above

(5) The interim benefit accrual rates or interim freeze set forth in subparagraph 16.D(4), shall remain in effect until a Decision and Award of the Impartial Umpire has become final, including the resolution of court challenges, if any, to the Decision and Award. The benefit accrual rates in the Decision and Award shall supersede the interim benefit accrual rates or interim freeze for the period for which (and applicable to the individuals to whom) such benefit accrual rates would otherwise apply in accordance with paragraph 4 through 12. In the event of a Decision and Award providing for an increase in the benefit accrual rates above 0.65% with respect to the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024, the benefit accrual rate shall in any event snap back, with respect to Future Service earned on or after January 1, 2025, to 0.65%, (or, for Future Service earned on or after April 1, 2025, to such lower rate, if any, or freeze, as may be provided in accordance with paragraph 11).

#### E. Expeditious Cooperation of the Parties to Adjust Rates

Where any changes in benefit accrual rates or benefit accruals are provided for in this paragraph 16 Dispute Resolution Procedure, including interim benefit accrual changes or interim freezes, the Parties shall amend the Plan forthwith to implement such changes without delay. Further, the parties shall forthwith take all steps necessary to require their respective Trustees to implement such changes as promptly as legally permitted. The Trustees actions to implement such interim benefit accrual rate or interim freeze shall include, without limitation, the distribution of timely notice required under Section 204(h) of ERISA.

#### F. Post-Expiration Survivability

This Sideletter GQ paragraph 16 shall survive the expiration of the 2021-2025 NABET-CWA ABC, Inc. Master Agreement. The parties' agreement that this paragraph 16 shall survive expiration is made without prejudice to either party's position that any other provision of this Master Agreement or any other agreement between the parties survives expiration. Except in a dispute under this paragraph 16, the agreement set forth in this sub-paragraph F shall not be cited in any collective bargaining circumstance, and shall not be admissible, received or referred to in any grievance hearing, arbitration or other legal proceeding.

Notwithstanding any expiration of the 2021-2025 Master Agreement, NABET-CWA agrees that neither the Union, its constituent locals, officers or agents or members will authorize, aid, encourage, direct, abet or participate in any strike or picketing or otherwise interfere with Company operations as a result of any dispute over a mandatory accrual rate increase, freeze or reduction as provided in this paragraph 16, unless the Company has failed to comply with any final Decision and Award of the Impartial Umpire pursuant to paragraph 16.D. The term final as referenced in the foregoing sentence shall include the resolution or any court challenges or appeals, if any. The no strike/interference commitment set forth in this paragraph shall be enforceable under Section 20.10 of the Master Agreement, in addition to any other remedies available.

Sideletter GR  
Committee on 8.6(c), A8.2(c) and A8.7

The parties agree to convene a committee consisting of three (3) Union representatives and three (3) Company representatives to meet every six (6) months at each office of the Company to discuss the application of the phrase “extended or special news coverage” as provided in Section 8.6(c) and any issues regarding the meaning or application of “opportunity to eat” and “breaking, extended or special news coverage” under Sections A8.2(c) and A8.7. It is the intent of the parties to give reasonable interpretation to these terms, which interpretations may vary among the various offices. It is further agreed that reasonableness will depend upon all the facts and circumstances of a given situation and the reasonable business needs of each operation. It is understood that at the Washington News Bureau “breaking, extended or special news coverage” shall not be deemed to include routine stand-by or drills.

Sideletter GS  
Section 529 College Savings Plan

In the context of reaching a final agreement in our 2003–2007 ABC-NABET-CWA Master Agreement negotiations, staff and Daily Hire employees may contribute to one of three Section 529 College Savings Plans through payroll deductions, consistent with Sideletter EF, V(4).

(See Sideletter EF.)

Sideletter GT

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Sideletter GU  
Statement of Interpretation Article XII Upgrading

The deletion of references to “Article XII – UPGRADING” and the upgrading charts for Television and Radio which were contained within the Statement of Interpretation of the 1997-2003 NABET-CWA/ABC Master Agreement shall not in any way diminish or expand any rights enjoyed by either the Company or the Union if such language and charts had not been deleted, and further, such deletion shall be deemed to have no substantive effect whatsoever with respect to the rights or positions of either party under the Master Agreement.

Sideletter GV  
Video Dubbing/Record

Notwithstanding any provisions of the Master Agreement, arbitration awards, grievance settlements or practices, nothing shall restrict the Company from arranging with its parent, subsidiary or affiliated entities or any non-related party for their own recording, dubbing and storing of any video or audio material previously recorded and stored by the

Company in its own or leased premises, regardless of the size or storage medium of such material, including maintaining the originals of such audio and visual material on their premises if the Company so agrees. Nothing in this provision shall alter or affect the rights presently enjoyed by the Company with respect to the functions described in the preceding sentence under any provision of the Master Agreement.

Sideletter GW

Waiver of San Francisco Paid Sick Leave Ordinance

Effective April 1, 2007, this agreement shall operate to waive any and all provisions of the San Francisco Paid Sick Leave Ordinance, San Francisco Administrative Code Section 12W, and shall supersede and be considered to have fulfilled all requirements of said Ordinance as presently written, and or amended during the 2011-2017 Master Agreement and any successor thereto, and during any hiatus period between such Agreements. To the extent any provision of this Sideletter shall be fully and finally determined to not operate to waive any provision of such Ordinance, it shall remain operative with respect to any other provisions thereof.

Sideletter GX

College Football

During the course of the 2007 negotiations, the parties discussed the use of ESPN's facilities ("Bristol") as a hub for the production of audio and video highlight package or clip material to be inserted into college football games and host shows that ABC and ESPN each separately produce and telecast.

ESPN personnel will be responsible for making all arrangements for the feeding and receiving of necessary material into Bristol from various remotes or other sources, and for all recording and editing of such material for the telecasts of both ABC and ESPN. The material generally will be edited by ESPN personnel utilizing non-linear editing equipment. Material so edited will be inserted by ABC's personnel into the ABC football games or host shows emanating from either an ABC Studio or an ABC football game remote location.

With regard to edited material for ABC's use at its facilities in New York, ESPN personnel will feed the edited material to such ABC facilities and, consistent with the operating functions normally performed by "A" and "B" Unit personnel, such NABET-CWA-represented employees will coordinate receiving and perform the functions necessary to receive, internally route and ultimately distribute to the ABC Television Network such material. With regard to material to be fed to the remote site of games broadcast on ABC, ESPN personnel will be responsible for making all arrangements necessary for feeding such edited material to the remote site.

The parties have expressed their respective contractual positions regarding the work described above. Both parties agree to the arrangements described above, which

shall be on a no-precedent basis and without prejudice to either party's contractual positions.

Sideletter GY  
Minimum Pay Increments

Overtime shall be calculated in one (1) minute increments.

Sideletter GZ  
Vacation And Pay In Lieu Thereof Upon Return from Authorized Leave of Absence

Unless otherwise provided in an agreement granting a leave of absence, a regular employee returning from an authorized leave of absence, including an authorized leave pursuant to Article XIII, shall receive vacation or pay in lieu thereof as follows:

- (i) If an employee returns to work between December 26 of the preceding year and April 30 of the current year, the employee shall receive one week's vacation with pay in such year, plus one day's pay for each of the holiday's set forth in Article 19.8(b) which occur during their employment in the current calendar year, provided that the foregoing shall not apply to any employee who has not returned to active employment for at least three (3) months; and
- (ii) an employee who returns to work after April 30 shall receive one day's vacation with pay for each month the employee has been employed prior to the beginning of the employee's vacation for that current year, not to exceed five (5) vacation days, plus one day's pay for each of the "holidays" set forth in Article 19.8(b) which occur during the employee's employment during the same year.

(See Parties' Letter Agreement Regarding Employees Returning From Long-Term Union Leave dated February 21, 2017.)

Sideletter HA  
Implementation of Sideletter FF

In light of the clarification adopted by the parties in Sideletter FF, the Union agrees to and hereby withdraws and agrees not to refile the unfair labor practice charge in Case No. 2-CA-37686 before Region 2 of the National Labor Relations Board, and hereby withdraws with prejudice Grievance No. AN-06-24, and further agrees that it has not made or filed any other similar claims, grievances or charges relating to the Company's modification, cancellation, withdrawal, cessation or reduction of overscale arrangements. The Company agrees to make a One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000) donation to the James P. Nolan Scholarship Fund.

### Sideletter HB

#### WLS-TV Vacation Relief/Waivered Temporary Employees

The parties have discussed the coverages available to “A” Unit Engineering Vacation Relief and “K” Unit Newswriter/Desktop Assistant Waivered Temporary Employees hired pursuant to the letter agreements between NABET-CWA Local 41 and WLS-TV dated December 3, 2004 and March 3, 2005, respectively. These employees, as of December 6, 2007, were as Vacation Relief/Temporary Waivered Employees entitled to receive only the following Signature plans:

- a. Medical
- b. Basic And Supplemental Life Insurance

The Company proposed to make available to the above-referenced WLS-TV employees additional Signature Plan benefits which were not, as of December 6, 2007, available to such employees, in exchange for an agreement to continue the above-referenced letter Agreements unmodified in any respect through March 31, 2025.

Accordingly, the parties agree as follows:

#### 1. Additional Signature Benefits Provided

- a. The Company will provide the Vacation Relief/Waivered Temporary Employees covered by this Sideletter the opportunity to enroll in the following additional Signature plan benefits on the same terms and conditions that apply to employees of the Company generally:
  1. Dental
  2. Vision
  3. Dependent Life Insurance
  4. Basic or Supplemental AD&D Insurance
  5. Flexible Spending Accounts (health and dependent care accounts).
  6. Long Term Disability

All benefits and programs referenced in this Sideletter and participation therein are subject to Sideletter EF.

- b. The Company will offer the opportunity to enroll in the benefits described in 1(a) available during the regular 2022 open enrollment period for participation in 2023, and each year thereafter for the term of the 2021-2025 Master Agreement subject to Sideletter EF.

## 2. Paid Leave of Absence

The Company will provide the Vacation Relief/Waivered Temporary Employees covered by this Sideletter the following paid leaves of absence:

1. Jury Duty as provided in Stipulation 12
2. Bereavement as provided in Section 13.7
3. Short Term Illness subject to Sideletter EF
4. Child Bonding Policy as provided in Sideletter IE

## 3. Layoffs

Notwithstanding Sections 11.3 and 11.6, the letter agreements between NABET-CWA Local 41 and WLS-TV dated December 3, 2004 and March 3, 2005, any other agreements, or any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or provisions of the Master Agreement to the contrary, if the Company determines to layoff regular employees in the “A” Engineering Unit in a specific operating area at WLS-TV pursuant to Sideletter HH, the “A” Unit Engineering Vacation Relief employees employed in such operating area shall be laid off prior to the layoff of any regular employees in such specific operating area.

## 4. Extended Period

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or provisions of the Master Agreement to the contrary, the parties agree that the December 3, 2004 and March 3, 2005 letter agreements between WLS-TV and NABET-CWA, Local 41 regarding Vacation Relief Employees in the “A” Engineering and Waivered Temporary Employees in the “K” Newswriter/Desk Assistant Units, respectively, shall be extended and non-cancellable through March 31, 2025 including all terms incorporated by reference in such letter agreements.

### Sideletter HB-1

#### WLS-TV Vacation Relief/Waivered Temporary Employees/ABC-NABET Retirement Plan

The Company agrees that, notwithstanding that the ABC/NABET Retirement Plan (“Plan”) is closed to new participants effective December 31, 2012, Vacation Relief Employees in the “A” Engineering Unit and Waivered Temporary Employees in the “K” Newswriter/Desk Assistant Unit at WLS-TV on the payroll as of December 31, 2012, shall be entitled to participate in the Plan if such employee is subsequently hired directly into a regular position.

## Sideletter HC

### Graphics Operator Work On Sports Remotes

The parties have discussed the Company's exercise of its right during the term of the 2017-2021 Master Agreement to assign graphics operator work to be performed in the field on Network sports events (e.g., VIZ-RT, Chyron Duet), pursuant to Sideletter DK, to persons other than NABET-CWA-represented engineering employees. NABET-CWA has proposed that such work in the future be covered under the Master Agreement with respect to any sports events covered by such Agreement, notwithstanding the Company's rights under Sideletter DK, and has asserted that NABET-CWA-represented employees had for a period of time in the past performed such work in the field for such sports events.

Without waiving or diminishing its rights under Sideletter DK in any respect, the Company agrees nevertheless not to assert such rights with respect to the above-described graphics operator work in the field on covered Network sports events broadcast by the Company, and assign such work on a non-exclusive basis to employees pursuant to the provisions of the Master Agreement, subject to the following conditions:

1. The parties acknowledge that the Company's commitment is of an experimental nature, and will expire automatically on March 30, 2025 unless the parties agree in writing to an extension.
2. [Deleted.]
3. The parties acknowledge that the commitment set forth in this Sideletter shall not apply to any "scoreboard bug" or statistic CG operator, or similar work.
4. The parties agree that the appropriate wage scale for the graphics operator work covered by this Sideletter shall be the Group 2 rate.
5. A Technical Director need not be present or assigned while employees covered by this Sideletter are working, and no upgrade shall be due any employee when a Technical Director is not present or assigned.
6. NABET-CWA agrees that daily hire employees engaged to perform such graphics operator work will not count toward the fifty percent (50%) daily hire utilization allowance provided for in Section A14.1 of the Master Agreement.
7. The Company's rights as provided in A8.2(c) to not provide a scheduled meal period but provide an opportunity to eat during the workday, and pay Forty-Four Dollars (\$44.00) per day for each such day, shall apply.
8. Nothing herein shall prevent other individuals from performing graphics operator work covered by this Sideletter as long as the performance of such work is incidental to such individual's primary duties (e.g., production assistants).



9. The provisions of this Sideletter and the practices which may develop hereunder shall have no precedential or prejudicial effect on situations not involving the work described herein.

Sideletter HD  
Apprentice Training Program

During the course of the negotiations for the 2007-2011 Master Agreement, the parties discussed the value of an “apprentice training program” for employees new to the Company’s Network Television operations. To that end, the parties agree to the value of such program and agree to meet within six (6) months after the effective date of the new contract to continue discussions on this subject.

Sideletter HE  
Secondary Digital Operations Engineering Agreement

2017-2021  
NABET-CWA and ABC  
SECONDARY DIGITAL OPERATIONS ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013 between the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCAST EMPLOYEES AND TECHNICIANS, THE BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION WORKERS SECTOR OF THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO (hereinafter referred to as “NABET-CWA”) and ABC, Inc., on behalf of the entities and operations covered by the Preamble to the 2003-2007 Master Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “Company”), WHEREIN IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

INTRODUCTION

The parties have discussed the special needs and unique circumstances regarding the Company’s efforts to establish and then cultivate an audience that will ultimately support a viable business for the Company’s secondary digital over-the-air broadcast networks and channels (D-2, D-3, etc., hereinafter the “secondary digital operations”). As a result, in an effort to cooperate in new business opportunities, and in view of the experimental nature of such broadcasting venture, the parties have agreed to establish special terms and conditions for employees to be engaged to perform the engineering work in connection with the production and distribution of programs for such secondary digital operations as set forth herein. Only the terms and conditions specified or referenced herein shall apply to such employment. This Agreement is not to be considered a precedent for any other programs produced or distributed by the Company on its standard broadcast network or channels under the Master Agreement. This Agreement shall not cover any employees covered by the 2006-2008 KABC-TV-AFTRA, DGA, NABET

and ABC Multiple Function Program Agreement (“Multi-Function Agreement”) and any successor Agreement.

## I. BASIC JURISDICTION

The parties agree that employees covered under this Agreement will be engaged to operate the Company’s technical equipment necessary for the production, origination and distribution of programs covered hereunder. In addition, only engineering employees employed under the Master Agreement at each standard broadcast network or channels at each location covered hereunder will perform the following work functions in connection with secondary digital operations: (i) maintenance, repair and transmitter; and (ii) transmission, break studio and master control, provided further that with respect to those work functions listed in (ii) above, the engineering employees engaged pursuant to the Master Agreement at each applicable standard network or channel facility shall be required to perform such functions only if the secondary digital operation involved has not set aside separate transmission, break studio and master control facilities for its own separate and dedicated use, in which case such work functions may be performed instead by employees hereunder.

The parties further agree that the jurisdictional provisions applicable to the “A” (Engineering) Unit with respect to the operation, maintenance and repair of technical equipment as provided for above and as set forth in the 2003-2007 Master Agreement, or any successor Master Agreement, Sideletters and Stipulations, as well as applicable arbitration decisions, shall apply to engineering work performed in connection with the Company’s secondary digital operations, subject to all limitations on, exceptions to or exclusions from such jurisdiction as provided in such Master Agreement, or successor thereto, Sideletters, Stipulations and arbitration decisions, and further subject to additional limitations, exceptions or exclusions as agreed to in this Agreement.

With respect to installation work, the parties reserve all of their respective legal and contractual positions.

## II. DEFINITION OF DUTIES

The terms “operate” or “operation of technical equipment” as used herein shall be defined as the set-up, physical operation and knock down of such equipment. The terms “operate” or “operation of technical equipment” shall not take on any of the ancillary or secondary meanings derived over the years under the Master Agreement from either past practices or arbitration decisions, including, without limitation, “labeling” or “librarying” of tapes, cassettes or any other storage medium.

### III. LIMITATIONS ON AND CLARIFICATIONS OF JURISDICTION

A. This Agreement shall cover technical work at the Company's studios and facilities in the Company offices specified in Article 11.4 of the Master Agreement, and technical work at remote pickups within a seventy-five (75) mile radius around the main network facility and the stations' main studios at each such Company office. For purposes of this Section III.A, such radii shall be measured by Mapquest or any other similar service to which the parties mutually agree. Any technical work at Company pickups outside of such seventy-five (75) mile radius shall be assigned, at the Company's sole discretion, either to employees engaged hereunder, to employees engaged under the "A" contract to the Master Agreement, or to other individuals engaged or supplied by a vendor, subcontractor, or any other employer.

B. The parties agree that this Agreement shall only cover programs and programming material under NABET's jurisdiction as provided for in the Master Agreement which is produced for broadcast on its secondary digital networks or channels. The Company agrees not to use this Section III.B for the purpose of circumventing the assignment of NABET-CWA-represented "A" Unit employees to engineering work they would otherwise be assigned to perform pursuant to the Master Agreement or any other Agreement between the parties. In applying the commitment set forth in the preceding sentence, the parties have met and discussed possible future secondary operations programming needs and agree to the following set of guiding principles:

1. Covered programs or parts thereof that are produced with employees engaged under the terms of the Master Agreement and broadcast on the standard broadcast network or channels may be simultaneously broadcast or re-broadcast on a secondary network or channel, including through syndication to other stations' secondary channels.
2. Covered programs or parts thereof that are produced with employees engaged under the terms of this Agreement and broadcast on any secondary network or channel may be simultaneously broadcast or re-broadcast on any secondary network or channel, including through syndication to other stations' secondary channels.
3. Covered programs or parts thereof that are produced with employees engaged under the terms of this Agreement and broadcast on any secondary network or channel may be re-broadcast on any standard broadcast channel or network between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. (12:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. in the central time zone), so long as such re-broadcast program is not a regularly scheduled news program.

4. Inserts or segments of material from covered secondary network or channel programs produced with employees engaged under the terms of this Agreement may be subsequently broadcast on a standard network or channel, regardless of the time of day, without additional compensation, provided that with respect to entertainment program material, this provision shall be limited to inserts or segments of less than twenty (20) minutes in duration per program as aired. If any such entertainment program material should exceed the twenty (20) minutes, each employee assigned to such original production shall be paid a one-time payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50).
5. Covered programs or parts thereof that are produced with employees engaged under the terms of this Agreement and broadcast on any secondary network or channel may be re-broadcast on the standard network or channel outside of the time bracket in Section 3 above, so long as such re-broadcast is not a regularly scheduled news program, and each employee assigned to such original production shall be paid a one-time payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50) for such re-broadcast.
6. Electronic News Gathering – (i) A clip, voice-over, or a sound-bite obtained by a secondary network or channel operation may be re-used on any standard network or channel without additional payment; (ii) if employee(s) covered by this Agreement are already in the field covering a news story or other event which is either being broadcast live, or being taped for possible future broadcast on a secondary network or channel, and such news story or event being covered by such employee(s) becomes a “breaking news” story (i.e., an unknown, unplanned, and unanticipated occurrence or event that is timely in nature), if the Company determines that it may wish to broadcast all or a portion of the news material being gathered by such employee(s) on any of the Company’s standard networks or channels as continuing program material, the employee(s) who have been assigned to such news story or event shall be paid the appropriate Master Agreement wage rates instead of the wage rates provided for in this Agreement, in fifteen (15) minute increments, for all time such employee(s) may perform work (including but not limited to standby, setup, operation, or knockdown) for the standard network or channel. It is understood and agreed that the time at which the Company makes the determination that it may wish to broadcast all or a portion of the news material, as stated above, shall be the time that the employee(s) concerned shall begin to be paid Master Agreement wage rates as provided for in this Section III.B.6(ii).
7. If employees engaged under this Agreement are assigned to operate technical equipment at the standard network or channel, employees will

be permitted to do this cross-over assignment for up to sixty (60) minutes per day per employee. Such employees shall be compensated, for the length of such assignment, at the appropriate wage rate provided for in the Master Agreement in fifteen (15) minute increments. If an employee's cross-over assignment exceeds sixty (60) minutes, that individual shall be compensated at the appropriate wage rate provided for in the Master Agreement for the entire tour.

8. The Company may use program material produced by a secondary digital operation for station and program promotional purposes on the standard network or channel(s), and vice-versa, and no additional compensation shall be required.

C. Nothing herein shall be deemed in any way to restrict the Company from utilizing any programs or programming material on its secondary digital broadcast networks or channels that it obtains from any other producer or supplier of programs or programming material when the Company does not own the basic underlying property rights in such material, subject to Section I and III.A above, as well as material obtained from the Company's other Owned television Stations not covered by the Master Agreement.

D. Engineers engaged by the Company to perform services on the Company's standard broadcast network or channels under the terms of the Master Agreement may also be assigned to perform any functions on the secondary digital broadcast networks and channels covered hereunder for their regular compensation and under the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement.

E. The parties agree that any program material or portions of programs (i.e., inserts or segments of any length) or entire programs that have been produced by the Company for a non-covered business operation (as defined in Sideletter EP – "Non-Covered Businesses"), may thereafter be re-used in whole or in part on any secondary digital operation without being subject to the provisions of this Agreement or the Master Agreement, but may not be used on the standard network or channels. Should the Company re-use material produced by ABC News Now (or its successor) pursuant to this Section III.E and should such re-use become a matter of major significance during the term of this Agreement, the Union may send a written notice to the Company, at least sixty (60) days in advance, to reopen this Agreement and negotiate concerning such issue, and if no agreement is reached on such issue, Article XIV shall remain applicable and the Company may not unilaterally implement its proposals in such re-opener negotiations.

F. Employees covered by this Agreement may connect, disconnect, patch, re-patch, configure, re-configure, etc., any technical equipment, control, transmission or other facilities as necessary, to perform work covered by this Agreement notwithstanding that such equipment or facility(ies), or the operation thereof, would otherwise be covered by the Master Agreement.

IV. RECOGNITION

NABET-CWA agrees, warrants and represents that it represents for collective bargaining purposes a majority of the engineering employees covered by the jurisdictional provision set forth in Section I. The Company recognizes NABET-CWA as the exclusive collective bargaining agent for such employees.

V. UNION SECURITY

Articles 3.1 and 3.2 of the Master Agreement shall apply.

VI. CHECK OFF

Article IV of the Master Agreement shall apply.

VII. NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT

The Company will notify the appropriate NABET-CWA Local Union within seven (7) days after commencement of work of the employment of any employee covered by this Agreement. Such notice shall include the employee’s name, address, telephone number, starting wages and Social Security number and whether that person is engaged as a daily hire or staff employee.

VIII. STAFF EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND OTHER BASIC TERMS

A. Wages

Minimum Weekly Rates

Unless specifically provided otherwise hereunder, the wages set forth below shall be deemed to include payment for all services performed pursuant to this Agreement.

	10/09/2021 - <u>3/31/2022</u>	4/1/2022 - <u>3/31/2023</u>	4/1/2023 - <u>4/5/2024</u>	4/6/2024 - <u>3/31/2025</u>
0-12 mos.	\$852.50	\$880.00	\$908.50	\$938.00
1-2 years	\$975.50	\$1,007.00	\$1,039.50	\$1,073.50
Over 2 years	\$1249.00	\$1,289.50	\$1,331.50	\$1,375.00

B. Basic Terms and Working Conditions

1. Workday

A regular workday is defined as consisting of not less than eight (8) hours in any workday, which shall be computed by totaling the number of hours between the time an employee reports for work and the time of completion of the employee’s duties for

such workday, excluding meal periods where applicable. A tour of duty starting in any day and continuing into the following day shall be considered as one (1) tour of duty and attributed to the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day

## 2. Workweek

The workweek for a staff employee consists of five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour workdays as defined above, out of seven (7) calendar days. The workweek for staff employees shall be no less than forty (40) hours, excluding unpaid meal periods. The workweek begins at 12:01 A.M. Saturday and ends at 12:00 Midnight the following Friday.

## 3. Overtime

All hours worked by any employee in excess of forty (40) in any workweek, or in excess of eight (8) hours in any single tour, exclusive of unpaid meal periods, shall be paid at time and one-half (1 ½) times the regular hourly rate of pay. Except for work performed pursuant to Section III.B.6(ii) and Section III.(B) (7) above, the “regular hourly rate of pay” shall be one fortieth (1/40) of the weekly staff rate set as forth above. Compensation for this excess time shall be in addition to any base pay to which such employee may be entitled regardless of the length of the tour in question. For example, an employee, who in any regular workweek works four (4) nine (9) hour tours and one twelve (12) hour tour will be compensated at the employee’s base pay for such workweek plus three (3) hours at one and one-half (1 ½) times the employee’s regular rate of pay. In no case shall overtime accrue on overtime. Penalties shall not be considered overtime or included in the regular hourly rate of pay.

The Company shall refrain from assigning employees for continuous excessive hours of work resulting in excessive mental and physical strain. In the event the Company does so assign employees, it is agreed that the matter shall be subject to the grievance procedure, and the Company shall give such grievance its immediate attention.

For the purposes of this Section VIII.B.3 only, Company paid sick leave time shall not be included as “time worked” in a workweek with respect to the calculation of “all hours worked by any employee in excess of forty (40) in any workweek.”

#### 4. Turnaround

There shall be a rest period of not less than ten (10) hours between the end of work on one day and the beginning of work on the next day, provided that if an employee is required to report to work within such ten (10) hour period, they shall be paid an additional Nine Dollars (\$9.00) for each hour or part thereof that is less than ten (10) hours.

#### 5. Meal Period

An unpaid meal period of either thirty (30) minutes or sixty (60) minutes shall be scheduled during the first six (6) hours of the employee's workday. If such unpaid meal period is either not provided at all or not completed before the end of the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) hour, the Company will pay the employee a penalty equal to either one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour or one (1) hour additional overtime pay for that day as appropriate. In the event an employee has worked longer than ten (10) hours, a second unpaid meal period of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour shall be provided for such employee not later than seven (7) hours following the completion of the first such meal period or, if no first meal period is provided, within twelve (12) hours of the beginning of the shift, subject to the one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour of overtime penalty set forth herein if not duly provided. The above penalty shall be in lieu of any penalty that may otherwise be required by applicable law.

#### 6. Night Shift Differential

An employee who works at any time between the hours of 12:00 Midnight and 5:00 A.M. shall be paid a night shift differential of ten percent (10%) of their straight-time rate of pay for all straight-time worked between such hours, and a differential of fifteen percent (15%) of their straight-time rate of pay for all overtime worked between such hours.

#### 7. Compensation On Out-Of-Town Assignments

Article XVI of the Master Agreement shall apply, but the following shall apply in lieu of 16.4(a) through (e) and 16.11. Employees shall be credited for travel time to and from a scheduled field pickup or other authorized Company business that requires travel and/or work away from the employee's home office only as follows:



(a) “Travel-Only” Days

On a “travel-only” day to an out-of-town assignment, an employee’s workday and travel time shall begin at the scheduled departure time of the common carrier and shall end when the carrier arrives at the gate, train station or port at the out-of-town destination, with a minimum daily credit of eight (8) hours of pay at the regular rate of pay; provided, however, that such minimum shall not apply in cases where the employee has already worked 40 hours in the week and, instead, a four (4) hour minimum daily credit shall apply.

Upon returning from an out-of-town assignment, an employee’s workday and travel time shall commence as described in the preceding sentence and shall end when the carrier arrives at the gate, train station or port at the destination, with a minimum daily credit of eight (8) hours of pay at the regular rate of pay, provided, however, that such minimum shall not apply in cases where the employee has already worked 40 hours in the week and, instead, a four (4) hour minimum daily credit shall apply.

There shall be no crediting of any travel time to or from the airport, train station or port.

Section VIII.B.5 shall be inapplicable on any “travel-only” day(s), and no meal period need be scheduled or assigned on such day(s), nor shall any meal period penalties accrue on such days.

(b) “Travel-Work” Days

An employee’s workday and travel time on an out-of-town assignment shall begin at the scheduled departure time of the common carrier. The employee’s workday shall end when the employee completes their duties at the out-of-town work site to which they are assigned on that day, less any meal period provided. Section VIII.B.5 shall be inapplicable on “travel work” day(s) and no meal period need be scheduled or assigned on such day(s), nor shall any meal period penalties accrue on such days. An employee, however, shall be given a thirty (30) minute opportunity to eat upon arrival at

the destination location, if the employee has not already been given, or is not scheduled to be given, a meal period for that day.

(c) “Work-Travel” Days

The employee’s workday shall begin upon commencement of assigned duties at their regular or out-of-town work site and shall end when the employee returning from an out-of-town assignment arrives at the gate, train station or port at the destination, less any meal period provided. There shall be no crediting of any travel time from the airport, train station or port when the employee returns from their out-of-town assignment(s). On “work-travel” days Section VIII.B.5 shall be inapplicable and no meal period need be scheduled or assigned on such day(s), nor shall any meal period penalties accrue during such days.

(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Company shall credit reasonable travel time to ENG crews transporting their equipment to and from the airport, train station or port on out-of-town assignments. This shall also apply to ENG crews transporting their equipment who are daily hired, in lieu of any travel stipend otherwise provided for in Section II.B.5 of Appendix A.

(e) On either a “Travel-Only” or “Travel-Work” day, the Company and the employee may mutually determine that the most reasonable and practical method for an employee to travel to or from an overnight location is by automobile. Such “travel time” shall commence and end at the time agreed upon directly between the employee and the Company prior to the trip.

(f) An employee shall receive an amount equal to eight (8) hours pay, ten (10) hours in the case of a staff employee on a four (4) day workweek, at their straight-time rate during any day which such person is required by the Company to remain out of town provided that no traveling occurs or no work is performed on such day off.

C. Vacation

Staff employees shall be eligible for paid vacation based on length of service with the Company, subject to the Company’s policy on bridging of service, as follows:

<u>Length of Service</u>	<u>Vacation Allowance</u>
0-4 years	2 weeks
5-14 years	3 weeks
15 or more years	4 weeks

The vacation allowance set forth in the foregoing schedule shall accrue based on straight time hours worked and vacation hours paid from the date of hire to the end of the calendar year in which hired and for each succeeding calendar year thereafter according to the following formula: (i) 2 weeks entitlement – 8 hours accrued for every 180 hours worked; 3 weeks entitlement – 8 hours accrued for every 120 hours worked; 4 weeks entitlement – 8 hours accrued for every 90 hours worked. Vacation may be used during the first year of employment only after six (6) months service. Vacation shall be taken in the year in which it is accrued. Staff employees with six (6) or more months of continuous service will be entitled to payment for accrued unused vacation days upon termination of employment.

In addition, staff employees shall be entitled to receive an additional one (1) week’s vacation in lieu of the following holidays: Presidents’ Day, Labor Day, July Fourth, Columbus Day and the day after Thanksgiving. A new employee who joins the Company during any calendar year shall receive one vacation day for each of the holidays set forth in the preceding sentence that occur during the employee’s employment.

Length of employment with the Company shall control for the purposes of vacation selection and allowance, subject to the Company policy on bridging of service.

D. Sick Leave

Short-Term Disability and Sick Pay for staff employees shall be in accordance with Company Policy.

E. Notice of Termination Upon Layoff and Severance Pay

A staff employee with more than six (6) months of service under this Agreement shall be given one (1) week prior notice of layoff or one (1) week pay in lieu of notice computed at the employee’s minimum weekly wage scale amount set forth in Section VIII.A. A staff employee with more than one (1) year of service under this Agreement shall be given two (2) weeks’ prior notice of layoff or two (2) weeks’ pay in lieu of notice computed at the minimum weekly amount set forth in Section VIII.A.

A staff employee with more than one (1) year of service under this Agreement who is laid off by the Company shall receive severance pay in the amount of one (1) week's pay computed at the employee's minimum weekly wage scale amount set forth under Section VIII.A for each year of service with the Company under this Agreement. For partial years, the appropriate severance allowance will be paid pro-rated.

In addition, at the Company's option, if a staff employee, with more than one (1) year of service under this Agreement who is laid off by the Company executes a General Release drafted by and satisfactory to the Company prior to the date of lay off, they shall receive additional severance pay of one (1) week's pay computed at the employee's minimum weekly wage scale amount set forth under Section VIII.A for each full year of service with the Company under this Agreement. For partial years, the appropriate severance allowance will be paid pro-rated.

F. Discharge And Discipline

With respect to staff employees with less than six (6) months of service under this Agreement, the following provisions shall not apply and the Company shall have the right to discharge, suspend or otherwise discipline such employees in its sole discretion and such action shall not be subject to Section XV. Section XV shall apply with respect to an employee with six (6) months or more service under this Agreement who is discharged, suspended, or otherwise disciplined by the Company in accordance with the provisions of this Section VIII.F.

1. Discharge

- (a) The Company may discharge a staff employee for just cause. Notice of the discharge will be given to the Local President of the Union, or another officer of the Union if the Local President is unavailable.
- (b) Alternatively to the rights stated in subparagraph VIII.F.1(a) above, the Company may elect in its sole discretion to utilize the provisions of this subparagraph (b) in a discharge for "unsatisfactory performance." For purposes of this Section 1(b), "unsatisfactory performance" shall be deemed to include the inability or unwillingness to perform the particular work required by the Company. "Unsatisfactory performance" shall also include excessive absenteeism and lateness. The following terms and conditions shall apply:
  - (1) Prior to the effectuation of any discharge under this Section VIII.F.1(b), an employee shall be so notified in writing and a copy of said notice sent to the Local Union President or their designee. The failure of management to have previously notified a dischargee that their performance has not been consistently

satisfactory may not form the basis for any contention by the Union, or for any finding by an Arbitrator, that the Company's determination hereunder is arbitrary or capricious. The employee, thereafter, will be afforded an eight (8) week minimum period of time to establish and maintain a satisfactory level of performance. Such notice to the employee that is provided shall be in writing and state that it constitutes notice under Section VIII.F.1(b) above, but such notice shall not preclude the Company from imposing discipline on such employee under Section VIII.F.1(a) above. If, for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months following such notice the employee's overall performance is satisfactory, an employee shall no longer be subject to that particular notice of discharge.

- (2) If, after the employee's having been given this opportunity to establish and maintain a satisfactory level of performance, the Company determines that a discharge under this Section VIII.F.1(b) is appropriate, the Company may discharge the employee and notice of the discharge will be provided to the Union in the same manner as required for discharges under 1(a) above. Should the Union determine to arbitrate the discharge, the procedures to be followed are provided for in Section XV below.

In determining the appropriateness of the discharge, the "just cause" standard of VIII.F.1(a) above shall not apply and instead the Company's determination shall be sustained by the arbitrator unless he finds that the discharge is arbitrary or capricious.

- (3) In the event that the discharge determination under Section VIII.F.1(b) above is sustained by the arbitrator, Section VIII.F.1(b)(4) below shall be inapplicable and the Company shall have no obligation to provide a severance payment of any kind.
- (4) If the Union determines not to arbitrate a Section VIII.F.1(b) termination, and the termination shall therefore be deemed accepted, the employee shall be entitled to receive a severance payment in the amount equal to three (3) weeks per year for each full year of service with a cap of twelve (12) months of pay at the employee's minimum weekly wage scale set forth in the Section VIII.A of this Agreement, provided that the employee executes a general release satisfactory to the Company, and the Union agrees in writing not to pursue the discharge of this employee

in this or any other legal proceeding. If this general release and Union agreement is not executed, no severance will be due.

(5) Neither the acceptance of any terminations nor any arbitration awards arising out of terminations made under Section VIII.F.1(b) above may be cited by either party in any other discipline arbitration.

(c) If at any time the Company determines that the particular nature of the “unsatisfactory performance” by itself or in combination with other conduct warrants proceeding instead under the “just cause” provisions of Section VIII.F.1(a) above, it may elect to do so.

(d) The Company shall have no obligation to transfer, reassign or train any employee to perform any other engineering job function prior to a discharge for just cause or unsatisfactory performance.

## 2. Suspension

The Company may for just cause impose a disciplinary suspension without pay. Notice of such suspension shall be given to the Local President of the Union, or another officer of the Union if the Local President is unavailable, as soon as practicable after the imposition of the suspension.

## 3. Other Discipline

Except as provided for in Sections VIII.F.1 and VII.F.2 above, the Company may take whatever lesser disciplinary action against staff employees it deems appropriate (e.g., letter of reprimand), provided, however, that in imposing such discipline the Company agrees that it will not act in an arbitrary or capricious manner.

## 4. Retirement or Separation Incentives

The Company may at any time negotiate with the Union regarding retirement or separation incentives to be offered to a particular employee(s) designated by the Company in order to induce such employee(s) to retire or resign or, if applicable, to waive recall rights.

The specific terms of any offer made by the Company to the Union may be conveyed to the employee by either the Company or the Union, and the Union further agrees not to reject on behalf of a designated employee any offer which the employee is willing to accept.

G. Holidays

All hours worked on the following holidays shall be regarded as overtime and compensated at one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. If one of the above-referenced holidays falls on a staff employee's day off, such employee shall be entitled to compensation for eight (8) hours pay at straight-time which shall constitute full compensation for such day.

H. Travel Expenses

Reimbursement for travel expenses shall be in accordance with the Company policy applicable to similarly situated employees.

I. Master Agreement Sideletters Incorporated

The terms of Sideletters FO, FS, FT (except the reference to Article 8.2 therein), GF, GQ and GS shall apply to this Agreement.

IX. BETTER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Company may agree to pay any employee higher wages or to grant any employee better conditions than called for by the minimum wages or conditions contained in this Agreement or withdraw, cease or modify any such higher wages or better conditions, in its sole discretion, and without negotiation with NABET-CWA, provided that the ability for any such withdrawal, cessation or modification is pursuant to a written document signed by the employee at the time the employee is paid higher wages or granted better conditions.

The Company shall notify the Local Union, in writing, of any overscale agreements referenced in the immediately preceding paragraph and personal services agreements entered into with any NABET-CWA represented employee. Any such agreements entered into will be made available to the Local Union by the Company for inspection, and a copy will be made available to the Local Union upon request. The Local Union will restrict persons who will have access to these agreements to a "need to know" basis and will keep the identity of the individual and overscale amount confidential. Prior to the inspection by the Union or the release to the Union of any agreement covered by this paragraph, the parties will sign a confidentiality agreement to this effect.

The Company and the Union further agree that nothing contained therein shall prevent an employee from negotiating a personal services agreement directly with the Company without Union involvement, which personal services agreement shall contain better terms than the minimums provided in this Agreement.

## X. SCHEDULING

The Company will post a work schedule by 7 P.M. on Wednesday prior to the start of the workweek, it being understood that the Company may change that schedule without penalty, other than days off, as the circumstances warrant. Except as otherwise provided for in Section VIII.B.3, all hours worked by an employee on a scheduled day off shall be compensated at one and one-half (1 ½) times the employee's regular hourly rate of pay.

## XI. HEALTHCARE, RETIREMENT AND OTHER BENEFIT PLANS

1. Staff employees hired pursuant to this Agreement, and their eligible dependents, shall be eligible to participate in the Company's Benefits Plan (called the SIGNATURE Plan as of February 25, 2007) and which as of that same date provides medical, dental, vision, long term disability, employee accidental death and dismemberment and employee and dependent life insurance coverage.
2. Staff employees shall be eligible to participate in the ABC-NABET Retirement Trust Plan, and Section 23.1 of the Master Agreement and any applicable Sideletter shall apply.
3. Article 28.1 (Savings and Investment Plan) and any applicable Sideletter of the Master Agreement shall apply.

### A. CHANGES TO COMPANY PLAN(S), PROGRAM(S) AND POLICY(IES)

It is understood that NABET-CWA represented employees who are eligible to participate in any of the Company sponsored benefits Plan(s), Program(s), and/or Policy(ies), enumerated in any section of this Agreement participate on the same basis as other employees of the Company who are eligible to participate in such Plan(s), Program(s) and/or Policy(ies) or comparable Plan(s), Program(s) or Policy(ies). Therefore, changes which will be made in such Benefit Plan(s), programs or Policy(ies) which are applicable to such other employees will apply automatically to the employees covered by this Agreement who are eligible to participate in any such benefit Plan(s), Program(s) or Policy(ies).

By way of example, but not limitation, changes in such Plan(s), Program(s) and/or Policy(ies) may include: termination of the Plan(s), Program(s), and/or Policy(ies); substitution of, or merger with, another Plan(s), Program(s) and/or Policy(ies) or parts thereof; improvements, reductions and/or any other modifications in the Plan(s), Program(s) and/or Policy(ies); creation of new Plan(s), Program(s) and/or Policy(ies) which expressly substitute in whole or in part for a previous Plan(s), Program(s) and/or Policy(ies); or parts thereof, etc.



It is specifically recognized that any Company-sponsored benefit Plan(s), Program(s) and/or Policy(ies) provided for in this Agreement that are applicable to NABET-CWA represented employees may, in the sole discretion of the Company, be substituted in whole or in part by any other new or pre-existing Plan, Program or Policy of the Company, or parent organization of the Company or its successor.

It is specifically understood that there shall be no obligation to bargain with NABET-CWA over any changes in such benefit Plan(s), Program(s) and/or Policy(ies). It is not the intent of this provision to allow the Company to make changes applicable only to NABET-CWA represented employees in any Plan(s), Program(s) and/or Policy(ies).

It is recognized that the appeals provisions of each of the benefit Plan(s), Program(s) and/or Policy(ies) themselves are the sole review procedure for any employee who may contest the interpretation, application or administration of the terms of a Plan(s), Program(s) and/or Policy(ies). Accordingly, it is specifically understood that the grievance and arbitration procedures of this Agreement shall not be applicable to any claims under the Plan(s), Program(s) and/or Policy(ies) by any employee, or NABET-CWA concerning the interpretation, application or administration of the terms of any such Plan(s), Program(s) and/or Policy(ies) to any employee or covered dependent. The review procedure limitation set forth in this paragraph shall be limited to those Company benefit Plans set forth in Section XI herein.

XII. NO DISCRIMINATION

Section 2.1 of the Master Agreement shall apply.

XIII. NO STRIKES OR LOCKOUTS

Article V from the Master Agreement shall apply.

XV. GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION

A. Grievances

Except in cases involving alleged violations of Section XIV, should a controversy or dispute arise with regard to the application, interpretation or performance of this Agreement, NABET-CWA, any of its Local Unions that represent employees covered by this Agreement or the Company (“grieving party”) shall prepare a written statement of the facts underlying the dispute or controversy and the specific provisions of this Agreement alleged to have been violated. Such written statement shall be served on the appropriate representative of the non-grieving party within thirty (30) days of when the grieving party knew or should have known of the facts upon which the claim is based but in no event later than twelve (12) months from the date upon

which the situation first occurs that gave rise to such dispute or controversy. The parties shall meet within sixty (60) days after the service of such written statement at the office of the Company where the grievance arose for the purpose of attempting in good faith to affect a settlement of said controversy or dispute.

**B. Arbitration**

1. Except in cases involving alleged violation of Section XIV, in the event that any controversy or dispute is not settled by the parties within ten (10) days of the meeting referred to in Paragraph A above, or if such meeting has not been held within sixty (60) days after service of the written statement referred to in Paragraph A above, then such controversy or dispute may be submitted by either party to arbitration in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association, each party bearing half of the arbitrator's fees and expenses. If such controversy or dispute is not submitted to arbitration within forty (40) days after the meeting referred to above, neither party may thereafter do so; provided, however, that the time for submission of such a controversy or dispute to arbitration may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. Notwithstanding anything in the AAA rules to the contrary, the parties shall have at least two (2) panels from which to select and be permitted to reconsider prior panels before any AAA appointment.
2. The demand for arbitration shall be made in writing and shall include, if not previously submitted in writing, a statement of the particulars of the claim. The decision of the arbitrator, which shall be in writing unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, shall be final and binding with respect to this Agreement and shall not be cited by either party in any other collective bargaining circumstance. The arbitration award shall be applicable only to the office in which the grievance was filed. The arbitrator shall have the right in instances where violations of the contract are found to have occurred to impose reasonable liquidated damages only where actual economic loss has been proven, but it is impossible to calculate the amount of actual economic loss to reasonable certainty. In such instances, the arbitrator's finding of liquidated damages must bear a very close relationship to the amount of the economic loss asserted and established. The arbitrator shall have no authority to award any damages or other relief for alleged emotional injury or mental distress, or for any other alleged non-economic loss; nor shall the arbitrator have any authority to award any kind of damages other than economic damages, including but not limited to punitive damages, except with respect to contract violations arising under Section XIV of this Agreement in which case the arbitrator may also award punitive damages. In addition, the

arbitrator shall not have power to alter, amend or modify any provisions of this Agreement, nor shall the same question or issue be the subject of arbitration more than once, except upon a showing of new evidence, change of condition or circumstances, or at an office of the Company other than one where the grievance resulting in a prior award was filed.

3. In no event shall any arbitrator have authority to issue any award or relief of any type retroactive to a date more than twelve (12) months prior to the date the controversy or dispute was submitted to arbitration pursuant to Section XV.B.1 above.
4. Any grievance which is not resolved within three (3) years of the date of service of the written statement provided in Section XV.A above, shall be deemed abandoned. A grievance which has been abandoned shall not be deemed to be a settlement or an arbitral determination adverse to the grieving party; the grieving party shall be deemed to have protested the incident or incidents upon which the closed grievance was based, but shall not be deemed to have filed a formal grievance relating thereto and may not file a subsequent grievance based upon such specific incident or incidents.

#### C. Section XIV Disputes

In cases involving alleged violations of Section XIV hereof, either party shall have the right to file a grievance directly with the Impartial Umpire(s) serving pursuant to Section 20.10 of the Master Agreement in effect at the time the grievance was filed, on a rotating basis, setting forth such claim, demanding injunctive relief and invoking the expedited arbitration procedure set forth below. A copy of the notice invoking this sub-section shall be sent simultaneously to the other party. Under the expedited arbitration procedure, the arbitration shall commence at the earliest availability of the Impartial Umpire, but in no event more than twenty-four (24) hours after the grievance has been filed with the Impartial Umpire unless the grieving party consents to an extension of time. If the Article 20.10 Arbitrator(s) are unwilling or unable to meet the foregoing time schedule, the grievance may be filed, on a rotating basis, with the Impartial Umpire(s) designated to hear grievances that arise in the particular office of the Company in which the grievance arose, as specified within the list in Section 20.6 of the Master Agreement in effect at the time the grievance was filed, provided that, if none of the Umpire(s) referenced in this Section XV.C are available within the time limits set forth herein, the Umpire shall be the one with the earliest availability to hear the case.

In cases covered by this Section XV.C, the Impartial Umpire shall have the power to issue injunctive relief upon a finding of an actual or threatened breach of Section XIV, provided that nothing herein shall preclude any court of competent jurisdiction from issuing such injunctive relief as may be authorized by law. Claims for damages for such actual or threatened breach shall not be arbitrable pursuant to this expedited arbitration procedure, but shall be subject to the procedure set forth in Section XV.A and B above.

D. Sideletter DK Disputes

In any case in which the Company raises Sideletter DK of the Master Agreement as a defense, the provisions of Section XV. A and B above shall apply except that the written statement shall be referred to a Special Committee consisting of no more than five (5) representatives of the Company and no more than (5) representatives of NABET-CWA (“DK Committee”), in lieu of the meeting provided for in Paragraph A, above.

XVI. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

NABET-CWA recognizes and agrees that the Company retains all regular and customary rights, privileges, authority, responsibilities and functions of management with respect to the secondary digital operations covered by this Agreement except to the extent that they are expressly and specifically limited by the provisions of this Agreement. Those rights include but are not limited to the right to manage the business and direct the workforce; the right to maintain proper discipline and efficiency; the right to select, hire, promote, assign and transfer employees; the right to layoff and recall employees; terminate or suspend employees with cause; the right to make and apply reasonable rules and regulations for discipline and safety and the right to require employees to comply with Company policies with regard to Business Ethics; and the right to introduce new technologies and automation. This provision shall survive the expiration of this Agreement or any other agreement which may be applicable at such time.

XVII. NON-PRECEDENTIAL, NON-CITABLE NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT

Because of the special needs and unique circumstances regarding the Company’s efforts to both establish and then cultivate an audience that will ultimately support a viable business for its secondary digital operations, the parties agree that this Agreement and its terms and conditions do not constitute a precedent of any kind and that its terms and conditions may only be cited or referenced in administration or re-negotiation of this Agreement, or in a grievance or arbitration or other dispute or action to enforce its terms and conditions.

The Company agrees that provisions that are different in this Agreement from the regular provisions of the NABET-CWA-ABC Master Agreement shall not be cited or referenced in any way in any other negotiations between ABC and NABET-CWA, nor shall the Company attempt to secure any term and condition specified herein at any other negotiations based upon an argument or position of its having secured the same provision in this Agreement.

#### XVIII. PAST PRACTICES

The parties acknowledge that no past practices that have developed over the years under the Master Agreement that might otherwise be applicable to work at the standard network or channels shall be applicable to work under this Agreement.

#### XIX. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective on the date employees hereunder are employed by the first of the secondary digital operations covered hereby, and shall continue through March 31, 2025, except Section XIV (with respect to Article 5.1 of the Master Agreement only) shall not apply during any hiatus period that may result from negotiations for the successor to the 2021-2025 Master Agreement.

The parties agree that upon agreement to a new successor agreement to the 2003-2007 NABET-CWA-ABC Master Agreement, the parties shall incorporate this Agreement as a Sideletter to the successor agreement to the 2003-2007 NABET-CWA-ABC Master Agreement.

To the extent either party determines it necessary, but not before two (2) years from the date any station or network operation covered by this Agreement begins to produce program material and hires employee(s) pursuant to this Agreement, either party may send a written notice to the other party, thirty (30) days in advance, requesting a meeting and off-the-record discussion regarding the then current audience and other matters related to the underlying business covered by this Agreement. After such meeting, either party may send a written notice to the other, sixty (60) days in advance, to reopen this Agreement with respect to the wage scales provided in Section VIII.A and the use, re-use and cross-use of secondary channel or network program material in Section III, and negotiate concerning same, but if no agreement is reached, Article XIV shall remain applicable, and the Company may not unilaterally implement its proposals, provided that if the two (2) year date falls within eighteen (18) months of expiration of the successor to the 2021-2025 Master Agreement or any successor thereto, such negotiations shall take place in connection with the negotiations for such Master Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
BROADCAST EMPLOYEES AND  
TECHNICIANS, THE BROADCASTING  
AND CABLE TELEVISION WORKERS  
SECTOR OF THE COMMUNICATIONS  
WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO

By /s/ Charles Braico

Charles Braico  
Sector President

Dated: March 21, 2017

ABC, INC., on behalf of the covered  
operations and entities listed above.

By /s/ Marc L. Sandman

Marc L. Sandman  
Senior Vice President, Labor  
Relations

Secondary Digital Operations

APPENDIX “A” TO THE 2017-2021 NABET-CWA / ABC  
SECONDARY DIGITAL OPERATIONS ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

TERMS FOR ENGINEERING EMPLOYEES ENGAGED ON A DAILY BASIS

I. GENERAL TERMS

All of the terms of the foregoing Secondary Digital Operations Engineering Agreement dated May 11, 2013 shall apply to employees engaged on a daily basis pursuant to the terms set forth in this Appendix A, except those terms and conditions set forth in Sections VIII (except VIII.B.6 and 7(b), (c), (d), (e) and (f), VIII.G (first sentence) and VIII.H), X AND XI.

II. COMPENSATION AND OTHER BASIC TERMS

A. Minimum Daily Rate

	<u>10/9/2021- 3/31/2022</u>	<u>4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023</u>	<u>4/1/2023 - 4/5/2024</u>	<u>4/6/2024 - 3/31/2025</u>
Eight Hour	\$249.50	\$257.50	\$266.00	\$274.50
Six Hour	\$186.50	\$192.50	\$199.00	\$205.50
Four Hour	\$125.00	\$129.00	\$133.00	\$137.50

B. Basic Terms and Working Conditions

1. Workday

a) Daily Hire Engagements

The Company may engage persons for four (4), six (6) or eight (8) hours at the daily rates set forth in Section II.A above for any four (4), six (6) or eight (8) consecutive hours within any twenty-four (24) consecutive hours. At the time of engagement, the Company shall specify the length for each day(s) of the engagement. The Company shall have the right to mix four (4), six (6) or eight (8) hour calls, where applicable. Persons hired on a four (4) hour call basis shall be paid at a rate equal to one-fourth (1/4) of the four (4) hour rate for time worked in excess of four (4) hours but less than six (6) hours.

b) With respect to employees engaged on an eight (8) hour call, a workday is defined as having not less than eight (8) hours of work, excluding any unpaid meal period within any twenty-four

(24) consecutive hours. The workday begins when the employee reports to work and ends upon the completion of the employee's duties for such workday.

In the event a daily hire engaged on a four (4) or six (6) hour basis is required to work in excess of six (6) hours, they shall be compensated at the eight (8) hour rate specified in Section II.A. above, and provided a meal period or penalty according to the provisions of Section II.B.2 below.

## 2. Meal Period

With respect to employees engaged on an eight (8) hour basis, an unpaid meal period of either thirty (30) minutes or sixty (60) minutes shall be scheduled during the first six (6) hours of the employee's workday. If such meal period is either not provided at all or not completed before the end of the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) hour, the Company will pay the employee a penalty equal to either one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour or one (1) hour additional overtime pay for that day as appropriate. In the event an employee has worked longer than ten (10) hours, a second unpaid meal period of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour shall be provided for such employee not later than seven (7) hours following the completion of the first such meal period or, if no first meal period is provided, within twelve (12) hours of the beginning of the shift, subject to the one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour of overtime penalty set forth herein if not duly provided. The above penalty shall be in lieu of any penalty that may otherwise be required by applicable law. Persons engaged on a daily basis who work no more than six (6) hours need not receive a meal period.

## 3. Overtime

All hours worked by any employee in excess of forty (40) in any workweek, or in excess of eight (8) hours in any workday, exclusive of meals, shall be compensated at time and one-half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) times the regular hourly rate of pay. Except for work performed pursuant to Section III.B.6(ii) and II.B.7 of this Agreement, the "regular hourly rate of pay" shall be one eighth ( $\frac{1}{8}$ ) of the daily eight (8) hour rate set forth in Section II.A above. The workweek for purposes of calculating overtime begins at 12:01 A.M. Saturday and ends at 12:00 Midnight the following Friday. In no case shall overtime accrue on overtime. Penalties shall not be considered overtime or included in the regular hourly rate of pay.

## 4. Cancellation of Calls

In the event the Company engages a person on a daily basis and thereafter cancels such engagement after 1:00 P.M. on the day preceding the



assignment, said person shall be paid a sum equal to a four (4), six (6) or eight (8) hour engagement, whichever is applicable.

5. “Travel-Only” Days

On “travel-only” days, daily hire employees shall be paid a stipend in the amount of One-Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$130.00). This stipend shall be in lieu of any wages, payment(s) in lieu of benefits, premiums, penalties or other compensation to which the employee may be entitled under this Agreement and the time spent in travel and this travel time shall not be counted as time worked for any purpose.

6. Payment In Lieu of Vacation

Each person hired on a daily basis more than eighty (80) days pursuant to this Agreement in any calendar year, shall receive annual vacation pay in an amount equal to four percent (4%) of such employee’s straight time rate of pay for all straight time hours worked in that calendar year pursuant to this Appendix to this Agreement, payable by separate check by February 15 of the next succeeding calendar year.

7. Payment In Lieu of Pension

For those employees who work more than twenty (20) days pursuant to this Agreement in a calendar year, the Company will pay a sum equal to four percent (4%) of the employee’s straight time rate of pay for straight time hours worked in that same calendar year pursuant to this Appendix to this Agreement to the Communications Workers of America Savings and Retirement Trust (“SRT”), provided that the following requirements are met by the SRT: (1) the SRT is qualified under applicable Internal Revenue Code provisions; (2) the SRT complies with all other applicable provisions of law; (3) the SRT is self-supporting as to any administrative or other costs; and (4) all SRT contributions from the Company are fully tax deductible to the Company. The contributions will be payable by separate check to the SRT by February 15 of the next succeeding calendar year provided all of the above conditions are satisfied.

8. Health Care Contributions

The Company shall pay a sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the daily straight-time rate of pay set forth in II.A. for each day worked under this Appendix to the Entertainment Industry Flex Plan provided such Plan is and remains a “Qualified Plan” as defined by the Internal Revenue Code or other applicable, rules, laws and regulations.

### III. DAILY HIRE EMPLOYMENT

Except for work that is performed pursuant to the Master Agreement, it is expressly understood that daily hire assignments pursuant to this Agreement shall not count toward the limitation on daily employment set forth in Section A14.1(a) of the Master Agreement or any successor agreement thereto. Nonetheless, the Company's reporting obligations under Section A14.1(d) of the Master Agreement shall apply to employees hired on a daily basis under this Agreement. In addition, the Company shall advise each person hired on a daily basis of their obligations pursuant to Section 3.1(b) of the Master Agreement at such time as they are first engaged, and will furnish such person with a copy of this Appendix A.

#### Sideletter HF

#### Daily Hire Employee Signature Benefits

##### Statement of Purpose

During the course of negotiations for the successor to the 2017-2021 ABC-NABET-CWA Master Agreement the parties discussed continuing to make Signature Plan benefits available to those daily hire employees who may need benefits and whose pattern and frequency of employment is substantially similar to that of regular employees. As a result, the Company and the Union hereby agree to make available on a continued basis, Signature Plan benefits to daily hire employees who work one hundred eighty (180) days or more in a year as specified in Subsection 2. Accordingly it is agreed as follows:

##### 1. Benefits

Instead of the flat daily payments in lieu of benefits provided for in the A, B, F, K, O and P Agreements, eligible daily hire employees in those units shall be given the opportunity to enroll in the following Signature Plan benefits:

- a. Medical
- b. Basic and Supplemental Life Insurance
- c. Dependent Life Insurance
- d. Dental
- e. Vision
- f. Basic and Supplemental AD&D Insurance
- g. Flexible Spending Accounts (health and dependent care accounts)
- h. Long Term Disability Insurance

All benefit plans and programs and participation therein are subject to Sideletter EF.

##### 2. Eligibility:

Daily hire employees who work one hundred eighty (180) days during the period September 1 through August 31 shall be eligible for Signature Plan benefits in each successive calendar year as provided in this Sideletter.

3. Enrollment:

- a. Beginning in 2022 and annually thereafter during the term of the successor to the 2017-2021 Master Agreement, eligible daily hire employees shall be offered an opportunity to enroll in the Signature Plan during the regular annual open enrollment period, or on a more frequent basis if the Company at its discretion elects to do so.
- b. The Company may decide at its discretion to permit a newly engaged daily hire to enroll in Signature Plan Benefits sooner than the regular enrollment period because the Company believes that the daily hire employee's anticipated pattern of work will comport with Section 2, above.

4. Annual Irrevocability of Election:

- a. A daily hire employee notified that they are eligible who does not in a timely fashion enroll in the Signature Plan shall be deemed to have rejected Signature Plan benefits. A daily hire employee's election or rejection of Signature Plan benefits is irrevocable until the following regular open enrollment period.
- b. Notwithstanding the above, a daily hire employee eligible for Signature Plan benefits will be given an opportunity to adjust the conditions of their participation, including benefit enrollment, when the daily hire employee has a "change in status" in accordance with the terms of the Signature Plan. The Company will determine whether a "change in status" has occurred and may require proof of such change in status in a manner satisfactory to the Company.

5. Conditions of Participation:

- a. Daily hire employees' participation in the Signature Plan benefits are subject to Sideletter EF.
- b. No daily hire employee participating in Signature Plan benefits shall be entitled to receive a payment in lieu of benefits for any time when Signature Plan benefits are in effect, except as provided in "c" below.
- c. If a daily hire employee ceases working for the Company, or if a daily hire employee is no longer working sufficient days to remain eligible to participate in Signature Plan benefits, the benefit coverage will terminate upon notice to the daily hire employee. A daily hire employee who loses eligibility shall be offered continuation coverage (i.e., COBRA coverage), in those Signature Plan benefits where such coverage is available in accordance with the terms of the Plan

and applicable law. A daily hire employee who elects continuation (i.e., COBRA), coverage shall remain entitled to a payment in lieu of benefits if they are working as a daily hire under the applicable provisions of the A, B, F, K, O or P Agreements requiring such payments.

- d. No daily hire employee participating in the Signature Plan shall remain eligible for the life insurance policy offered to daily hire employees pursuant to Sections A14.2(h), B3.4(a), F3.11, K3.14, O3.14 or P3.3(a), notwithstanding that the daily hire may have qualified for such life insurance policy based on work performed in the previous calendar year. Such policy shall be cancelled as of the date the daily hire employee becomes covered by the Basic Life Insurance in the Signature Plan, and the daily hire shall remain ineligible for coverage under such life insurance for any period of time that Basic Life Insurance in the Signature Plan remains in effect for such employee.
- e. A daily hire employee who was participating in the Signature Plan but is determined ineligible to continue to participate in Signature Benefits in any calendar year pursuant to paragraph 5(c) above, will nonetheless receive credit for the number of days worked in such calendar year toward the eligibility for daily hire life insurance available pursuant to Sections A14.2(h), B3.4(a), F3.11, K3.14, O3.14 or P3.3(a) in the subsequent calendar year.
- f.
  - (i) Because there may be daily hire employees who work on less than a full-time basis yet still be eligible to participate in the Signature Plan, and to facilitate administration of these benefits, the Company and the Union have agreed that a daily hire who participates in the Signature Plan shall have a Basic Life Insurance and Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment (life component) coverage limit of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000). This amount shall be considered to be the daily hire employee's base salary for purposes of any election by an eligible daily hire for Supplemental Life Insurance and/or Supplemental Accidental Death and Dismemberment (life component) coverage.
  - (ii) Because daily hire earnings may fluctuate and some may qualify under this section despite working less than a full year, and to facilitate administration of this benefit, the annual base salary for the purpose of calculating the above-referenced LTD benefit shall be Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for all job classifications

except videotape librarians for whom the annual base pay shall be Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000).

- g. A daily hire employee who elects continuation coverage (i.e., COBRA) or who continues to participate in the Signature Plan but who does not work due to approved “absences from work,” which the Company determines in its discretion are of insufficient durations to affect eligibility, shall be required to pay all premiums or other payments which are required of regular employees who participate in the Signature Plan in order to maintain coverage. Daily hire employees shall be billed directly for premiums owed during such periods of non-employment unless the Company adopts a different methodology for similarly situated regular employees (e.g., payroll deductions) in which case that system shall automatically apply to daily hire employees described in this section g. Daily hire employees shall be responsible to provide a current mailing address to the Company. Failure by a daily hire employee to remit timely payment shall result in a determination by the Company of ineligibility for Signature Plan benefits and a loss of coverage.
- h. Throughout this Section eligibility for the Signature Plan benefits shall be deemed to mean all regular Signature Plan benefits.
- i. The Company shall have the sole authority to make all eligibility (or ineligibility) determinations for Signature Plan benefits offered in this Sideletter HF, and such determinations shall be subject to the grievance procedures of Paragraph II of Sideletter EF.

#### Sideletter HG

##### Network Senior Video Operator

An employee assigned to a Network operation and designated at the Company’s sole discretion as a Network Senior Video Operator shall receive a Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) per week payment above the minimum Group 5 scale in Section A3.1. This shall be payable at the rate of one fifth (1/5) of this Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) weekly payment (i.e., Ten Dollars (\$10.00)) for each day an employee is so assigned.

#### Sideletter HH

##### Alternative Layoff Procedure

As an alternative to the layoff procedure set forth in Sections 11.3 and 11.6 (a) and (b), and severance pay amounts set forth in Section 15.1, with respect to “A” Unit Engineering regular employees in Network and Local Television, the Company may, on two (2) weeks’ notice to the Union, elect to utilize the layoff procedure and severance pay provisions set forth below:

1. In the event that layoffs of employees are to be made in a specific operating area, the Company shall notify the Union of the number of employees it intends to layoff in the specific operating area in a particular Network or Local Television Station business unit in any office of the Company, and promptly thereafter meet with the Union. The scope of the specific operating area shall be determined in the discretion of the Company (which determination shall not be arbitrary or capricious) on the basis of job function, skill set or departmental group(s) (e.g., Video Tape Department, Graphics Operators, Graphics Artists, Studio Camera Operators, ENG Crews, Maintenance, Production TD's, Break Control TD's, Master Control Operators, Video Tape Librarians, A2s).
2. Prior to any layoff as provided in paragraph 1, the Company shall solicit the interest of the regular employees in any specific operating area determined by the Company where a layoff is to take place in a Voluntary Separation Program ("VSP") on the following terms:

- i Separation Formula

Three (3) weeks of base pay for each completed year of Total Company Seniority, plus the Special Severance Allowance set forth in Sideletter AJ based on their Unit Seniority

- ii Acceptance into the Program

The Company reserves the sole right to determine the number and select from among the applicants those employees who will be accepted into any VSP offered pursuant to this Sideletter based upon its evaluation of its own operational needs.

- iii Agreement and General Release

Employees accepted into any such VSP will be required to sign an Agreement and General Release prepared by and satisfactory to the Company.

- iv Daily Hire and Vacation Relief Employment

Employees accepted into any such VSP shall be permitted during the term of the 2017-2021 Master Agreement to apply for future employment opportunities at the Company in either Daily Hire or Vacation Relief positions.

(See Sideletter HM.)

3. If the number of applicant regular employees in a specific operating area accepted by the Company for a VSP as provided in paragraph 2 is equal to the number of

employees the Company notified the Union of its intent to layoff, there shall be no layoff in such operating area and the downsizing shall be accomplished through the VSP. The parties acknowledge that nothing herein shall be construed to preclude the Company, in exercising its right of selection in Paragraph 2(ii) above, from accepting for a VSP more than the number of employees that it originally intended to layoff.

4. Prior to any layoff of staff "A" Unit employees in a specific operating area covered by this Sideletter, the President of the Network Division(s) involved or the President of a Television Station (or their designee(s)), as applicable, will undertake an evaluation of the overall engineering personnel needs of the specific operating area. Such evaluation shall include, where applicable, the daily hire and regular employee assignments with respect to the particular work function(s) performed by employees in any such area. Such individuals will determine the extent, if any, to which a reduction in force can be achieved without the need for a layoff of regular employees in the specific operating area involved through a possible reduction in the utilization of daily hire employees in such area, or through reassignments. In making that determination, the Company will consider: (i) the operating needs of the particular business operation involved; (ii) the need, if any, to maintain the utilization and availability of qualified daily hire employees in such operations (e.g., for assignments, vacations, holidays, sick days, temporary increases in workload); and (iii) the relative skills, abilities and job knowledge of all the regular and daily hire employees in the specific operating area for the specific functions needed to be performed for the remaining work within the affected business operation(s).
5. If, after such evaluation, the Company makes a determination that a layoff of regular employees in any specific operating area in Network or Local Television is appropriate, the Company will so inform the Union of its decision and the parties will meet promptly to discuss the Company's decision for such layoff. Following this meeting, if the Company still intends to proceed with a layoff of regular employees, the Company shall proceed with the layoff.
6. After the Company has completed the evaluation set forth in paragraph 4, and taken any action it determines in its discretion is appropriate as a result of the evaluation set forth in paragraph 4 to reduce the number of layoffs specified in the notice, the following procedure shall apply with respect to the remaining number of employees to be laid off.

The Company shall first layoff any temporary engineering employees in such specific operating area. If such layoff shall be confined solely to such temporary employees, the Company shall have the absolute right of selection among those employees. If such layoff shall involve both temporary and regular employees in such specific operating area, the Company shall first layoff all temporary

employees in such area. It shall then layoff regular engineering employees in the same specific operating area in inverse order of Unit Seniority from the total complement of regular engineering employees working in such specific operating area as determined by the Company, until the remaining number of engineering employees to be laid off minus the number of employees the Company has accepted for the VSP and temporary employees laid off, has been reached.

7. The Company will grant "A" Engineering Unit regular employees in Network or Local Television with a Unit Seniority Date prior to April 1, 2007 who are laid off pursuant to paragraph 5 of this Sideletter, severance pay in an amount equal to two (2) weeks' pay for each year of Total Company Seniority. The Company will grant any such laid off employee with a Unit Seniority Date after April 1, 2007 severance pay in an amount equal to one (1) week's pay for each year of Total Company Seniority; provided, however, that in no event shall a regular engineering employee receive less than (2) weeks' severance pay. In addition, no such employee shall receive severance pay pursuant to this Sideletter or Section 15.1 more than once during any calendar year, and under no circumstances will any severance pay be granted to an employee who is released from any period of employment of less than four (4) weeks.

(See Stipulation (15) and Sideletter AJ.)

8. In the event of a layoff of a regular engineering employee pursuant to paragraph 5, the Company may offer, at its sole discretion, a Network or Local Television regular employee in the specific operating area affected, in addition to severance pay due under paragraph 7, one (1) week's additional severance pay for each year of Total Company Seniority. This additional severance pay shall be specifically in exchange for an Agreement and General Release prepared by and satisfactory to the Company, including but not limited to a waiver of recall rights under the Master Agreement. Such an employee who is laid off will therefore receive a total of three (3) weeks of severance pay for each year of Total Company Seniority, if the Company elects at its option to offer this additional one (1) week per year of severance pay to such individual and the individual executes the Agreement and General Release as provided above.
9. In no event shall a regular employee receive more than an amount equal to one hundred four (104) weeks of pay, cumulatively, from all severance amounts paid pursuant to this Sideletter, or any other provision of the Master Agreement except Sideletter AJ, where applicable. Special Severance allowances due in accordance with Sideletter AJ shall be payable without respect to such one hundred four (104) week pay cap.
10. The Company shall not lay off regular engineering employees covered by this Sideletter for the purpose of replacing them with persons not covered by the



Master Agreement, except that the foregoing shall not apply where the Company is exercising its right to sub-contract such work (e.g., Video Tape Library).

(See Parties' Letter Agreement Regarding Bargaining History/Sideletter HH, Paragraph 10 dated April 27, 2012)

11. The layoff procedure and severance pay provided in this Sideletter are optional and the Company may elect to utilize the provisions of Sections 11.3, 11.6 (a) and (b) and 15.1 with respect to the any layoff of "A" Engineering Unit employees covered by this Sideletter.
12. During the term of this Master Agreement, and each successor thereto, the Company's right to layoff regular employees pursuant to the alternative procedure set forth in this Sideletter shall be limited to twice in each particular specific operating group. The Company's exercise of its rights with respect to a particular specific operating group set forth in this Sideletter by issuing the notice provided in paragraph 1 shall not count as one (1) of the two (2) layoffs permitted during the term of any Master Agreement if no layoffs of regular employees result. In addition, a layoff of regular employee(s) resulting from a notice of a "phased layoff" shall count as only one (1) layoff for purposes of this Sideletter. A "phased layoff" within the meaning of this paragraph shall mean a layoff that results from a notice, pursuant to paragraph 1 above, that layoffs of regular employees in a specific operating area will be staggered over specified time intervals.

#### Sideletter HI

##### Implementation of Engineering Unit Alternative Layoff Procedure

The final determination regarding whether and which, if any, employee(s) will be laid off in the "A" Engineering Unit in Network or Local Television pursuant to the alternative layoff procedure set forth in Sideletter HH will be made by the President of the applicable Network Division (or their designee(s)), in the case of any such Network Television separate seniority group, or the respective Presidents and General Managers of the Stations in the case of any layoff at WABC-TV, WLS-TV, KABC-TV and KGO-TV.

(See Sideletter HH.)

#### Sideletter HJ

##### Hiatus Grievances

The Union has provided the Company with the following list of grievances that arose after the expiration of the 2003-2007 Master Agreement. The Company agrees that it will not assert, as a bar to arbitrability, a claim that the grievances set forth below arose after the expiration of the 2003-2007 Master Agreement:

## New York

AN07-08: Violation of A-II, ENG Dub Room

AN07-09: Suspension of Steve Morris

AN07-10: Violation “B” Contract, Ordering of Transmission Facilities-INDY 500

AN07-11: No TD assigned to HD-1

AN07-12: Suspension of Robert Cardelli

AN07-14: Suspension of R.E. Bell

## Washington DC

AW07-04: Control Room C Vendor Operations

The Union has warranted and represented that the above list is determinative and no other outstanding grievances shall be subject to this Sideletter.

### Sideletter HK

#### References to Radio

This will confirm our understanding regarding the continued inclusion of references and provisions pertaining to “radio,” “radio stations,” or “radio networks” in the 2021-2025 Master Agreement.

Between the date negotiations for the new ABC-NABET Master Agreement commenced in March 2007 and the date final agreement was reached by the parties in January 2008, ABC sold all of the radio stations and the radio networks it had owned at the time the negotiations began to Citadel Broadcasting Company and exited the radio station and radio network ownership and operation businesses. At such point of sale, all NABET-CWA-represented employees covered under the 2003-2007 Master Agreement at all of ABC’s sold radio business units in all Company Offices ceased being employed by ABC, and ABC’s contractual obligations with NABET-CWA for work at those entities ended. ABC continued to employ several engineers in Washington, D.C. and “D” unit Desk Assistants as part of its ABC Radio News Service that remain covered under the terms of the Master Agreement.

Accordingly, the parties have agreed that radio Individual Articles “T” and “X” shall be deleted from the 2007-2011 Master Agreement, as shall specific references and provisions pertaining to KGO-AM, WABC-AM and WPLJ and any other named sold radio station or operation, wherever such specific references or provisions appear in the Agreement.

The parties disagree, however, over the deletion of certain other “radio” provisions. The Company’s position is that deleting these provisions is simply a necessary change conforming to the historical facts that the radio business units have been sold and are no longer part of ABC, while the Union believes such provisions should be retained in the 2007-2011 Master Agreement because the parties never discussed or proposed the

deletion of such provisions during the negotiations and because deleting the language may have unclear consequences. Since the parties are unable to reach an agreement for such deletion in contract drafting, and since neither party is interested in leaving the 2021-2025 Master Agreement's drafting and completion process otherwise uncompleted, the parties have agreed to retain the disputed language in the 2021-2025 Master Agreement and to reserve their respective positions regarding the impact of retaining the references in the Agreement.

#### Sideletter HL

##### Satellite and Transmission Facility Procurement

Notwithstanding any provisions of the Master Agreement, arbitration awards, grievance settlements or practices, the Company may subcontract with any outside entity for the ordering and procurement of wire, broadcast, satellite or other transmission facilities and personnel to perform such functions (including satellite truck transmission facilities and operating personnel, and all work functions associated therewith). No regular "B" Unit Traffic Coordinator on the payroll as of March 31, 2011 shall be laid off as a direct result of the Company's rights pursuant to this Sideletter.

The Company recognizes and values the contributions made by its "B" Unit Traffic Coordinators who may be affected in terms of the job functions that they may be needed to perform as a result of any subcontracting the Company may undertake pursuant to the rights set forth in this Sideletter. In addition to the layoff protection specified above for regular "B" Unit employees, the parties discussed the value in finding other work opportunities within the Company in advance of any subcontracting, so that such regular employees could have as much time as possible to pursue other available positions within the Company, if they so choose.

To that end, six (6) months prior to any subcontracting, the Company will notify the Union of such plans and will, upon request, discuss the Company's anticipated plans and its impact on "B" Unit work. Thereafter, the Company will give consideration for employment opportunities in "A" Unit distribution work job vacancies (including those covered pursuant to Sideletter HN relating to "Project Columbus"), as well as consideration for non-NABET covered positions, to any regular "B" Unit Traffic Coordinator on the payroll as of March 31, 2011. The Company shall determine, in its discretion, whether to hire such employee(s) into any particular position.

For those employees who express interest, the Company will also provide training to the above-referenced "B" Unit employees in "A" Unit distribution job functions, which will be assigned by the Company during work time, consistent with operational requirements. Within thirty (30) days after the notice specified above, the Company and the Union will meet and discuss the content and length of such training for such "B" Unit employees. This training may include classroom or "observe and do" training. The content and length of such training shall be determined in the discretion of the Company after

consultation with the Union. The provisions of the “B” Unit Agreement shall continue to apply to any “B” Unit Traffic Coordinator temporarily assigned to “A” Unit job functions.

(See Sideletter HN.)

Sideletter HM  
Employees on Disability Leave

The Company shall not be required to solicit the interest of any employee who has not returned to work within six (6) months of the commencement of a disability leave (e.g., an employee on Long Term Disability leave), in any Voluntary Separation Program (“VSP”) pursuant to any provision of the Master Agreement. The Company continues to reserve the sole right to determine the number and select from among the applicants those employees who will be accepted into any VSP.

Sideletter HN  
New Automated Program Preparation/Distribution Facilities

During the negotiations for the 2011-2017 Master Agreement, the Company presented its plans for a new more automated program preparation and distribution facility for the ABC Television Network, utilizing devices covered by Sideletter DK which would entail significantly different work flows than contemplated by such Master Agreement to such an extent the job functions now described in Sideletter DV, paragraph 4 would no longer exist at the Network.

In order to resolve in advance any work jurisdiction disputes and give NABET-represented employees the ability to participate in these new technologies for an ABC Television Network only facility(ies), and notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievances, settlements, practices or any provisions to the contrary in either the General Articles, Sideletters, Stipulations or any of the Individual Articles contained in the Master Agreement, the parties agree the following conditions shall apply to any such new facility(ies), including any primary or secondary facility(ies), that the Company may construct:

1. The terms of the Master Agreement shall apply to any person assigned to a facility(ies) covered by this Sideletter whose overall primary job function is to singly or in combination perform the following duties with respect to ABC Television Network program material: (i) route such material to the appropriate uplink; (ii) perform release to air and related monitoring functions; (iii) perform release to air system recovery functions; (iv) perform any program material downlink/backhaul functions; (v) perform satellite coordination and satellite network control functions; (vi) perform program material ingest and internal routing functions; and (vii) any remaining tape format session work.

2. Due to the increased automation and resulting decreased technical complexity of the functions in the new work flow in the operations covered by this Sideletter, persons covered by paragraph 1 shall be paid at the Group 5 rate of pay, as set forth in either Section A3.1 or A14.5, as applicable. Persons performing such functions shall be classified as Control Center Specialists.
3. Any regular employee on the payroll as of March 31, 2011, shall remain at the Group classification at which they were paid prior to assignment to any facility(ies) covered by this Sideletter until such time as the rate set forth in paragraph 2 shall supersede such rate(s).
4. Persons not covered by paragraph 1 may perform any of the functions specified therein as long as such functions do not constitute their overall primary job function. The purpose of this paragraph is to achieve an efficient operation utilizing the skills of all employees assigned. In addition, in keeping with the intended purpose of this Sideletter, nothing herein shall be construed to preclude assigning NABET-represented employees to work functions not covered by paragraph 1 in connection with such operations (e.g., pre-casts, multi-segmenting, Flo-TV).
5. Stipulation 6 of the Master Agreement (Rotating Watch-New York Master Control) shall not apply to any facility(ies) covered by this Sideletter.
6. The parties recognize that the non-compartmentalized work flow envisioned by this Sideletter may result in non-jurisdictional work assignments for NABET-represented employees. In no event shall the performance of such duties confer jurisdiction. Nor shall the Union claim that such assignments must continue. No claim with respect to any non-jurisdictional assignment under this Sideletter shall be arbitrable.
7. Nothing herein shall be construed to diminish the Company's rights with respect to hubbing or central casting as provided in Sideletter DV(4)(g), or any rights set forth in Sideletter GD.
8. The parties agree that the Company may also consolidate Owned Stations program preparation/distribution operations into a facility covered by this Sideletter and the foregoing conditions shall apply.

(See Sideletter HL.)

Sideletter HO  
Payment in Lieu of Vacation

The daily hire payment in lieu of vacation set forth in Sections A14.2(f), B3.4(a), F3.11(a), K3.14(a), O3.14(a), and P3.3(a) shall be increased from four percent (4%) to six percent (6%) of the employee's straight-time rate of pay for all straight-time hours worked

in a calendar year for any person who works on a daily basis more than one hundred eighty (180) days in any calendar year. Such increase shall apply beginning calendar year 2022, with the first increase payable by February 15, 2023.

Sideletter HP

LDE Combo Assignments/Network News

Notwithstanding Sections A3.1 or A14.5 or any other provision of the Master Agreement to the contrary, at the Network News Studio with an automated control room operation in New York (i.e., TV-3), any Light Direction Engineer who is assigned combination robotic-camera and video operator duties, in addition to LDE functions, shall not be paid less than the Group 7 rate of pay.

Sideletter HQ

Scheduling Daily Hires

Effective within ninety (90) days following notice of ratification of the 2011-2017 Master Agreement, the Company shall place daily hire employees on the daily and/or weekly schedules as appropriate. The placement of daily hire employees on such schedules shall not be construed to guarantee any days or weeks so scheduled and shall not in any way modify the existing daily hire cancellation provisions set forth in the Master Agreement (e.g., Section A14.2(d)).

Sideletter HR

Daily Hire Continuation Pay for “A” Engineering Unit

Daily Hire Continuation Pay/”A” Engineering Unit Employees

A. Eligibility

A daily hire employee in the “A” Engineering Unit shall be eligible for continuation pay if the daily hire employee:

1. has averaged one hundred eighty (180) or more days of daily hire employment for the Company over a period of three (3) consecutive calendar years; and
2. did not work less than one-hundred and fifty (150) days in any such three (3) calendar years; and
3. did not work less than one hundred eighty (180) days in the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the events requiring the payment of continuation pay as described in this Sideletter;
4. “travel only” days shall not count toward eligibility;
5. days worked for “Around the Horn”, “Pardon the Interruption”, “Highly Questionable”, “SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt”, “Greeny”, “Bart & Hahn”,

“High Noon”, and/or “Debateable” will count toward eligibility, but only for those employees employed on or after July 7, 2022.

6. The counting of days of work to satisfy the eligibility requirements set forth in paragraphs 1 through 3 above will commence January 1, 2012.

**B. Calculation of Continuation Pay**

1. An eligible daily hire employee shall receive five (5) days of continuation pay for each subsequent consecutive calendar year after satisfying the eligibility thresholds described in Section A. in which they worked one hundred eighty (180) or more days, provided that such calendar year(s) is/are contiguous with the three (3) year eligibility period.
2. Continuation Pay shall be calculated at the affected daily hire’s most frequently paid base group rate set forth in Section A14.5, during the twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the event giving rise to the Company’s obligation to pay continuation pay to the daily hire.
3. A daily hire shall accrue no more than fifty (50) days of continuation pay.

**C. Obligation to Pay Continuation Pay**

1. When the Company notifies an eligible daily hire employee that it does not intend to offer further daily hire employment to them for at least a thirty (30) day period, the Company shall pay the daily hire employee continuation pay as provided above. Failure to notify the daily hire shall not be a violation of the Agreement.
2. If the Company fails to notify the daily hire employee as provided in the preceding paragraph, continuation pay is owed if the eligible daily hire employee is not offered ten (10) days of work within a thirty (30) day period.
3. No continuation pay is owed when a daily hire does not work because of:
  - a. a production hiatus or a partial or total temporary shutdown of a function or operating area (including a labor disruption or a force majeure); or
  - b. in Sports because the rights to air the sporting event(s) have been lost, or expired; or
  - c. if, for any reason, the daily hire is unavailable or unable to perform work for the Company; or
  - d. the Company ceases to employ a daily hire due to their misconduct. In this circumstance, the Union may dispute the Company’s refusal to pay continuation pay under Article XX. In any arbitration over such dispute Article XIV shall not apply and the Arbitrator’s authority shall be limited to determining whether continuation pay was owed.

4. Continuation pay shall not be due in any circumstance unless and until the daily hire signs a General Release prepared by and satisfactory to the Company.
5. All rights to continuation pay are extinguished upon payment. If such daily hire employee returns to work for the Company as a daily hire, then they shall be treated for purposes of this Sideletter as never having previously worked for the Company as a daily hire employee.

Sideletter HS

“B”, “F”, “K”, “O” and “P” Units Daily Hire Reports

The Company will provide each Local Union and the Sector, on a monthly basis, with a report containing information regarding persons hired on a daily basis under the “B”, “F”, “K”, “O” and “P” Agreements, including each such person’s name, address, telephone number, email address, Social Security number, itemized gross earnings, dates of employment, total number of hours worked per each date of employment, classification and the applicable scheduling office. The Company shall have an appropriate period of time, not to exceed six (6) months, to effectuate these changes.

Sideletter HT

Overall Maintenance Department Supervisors

The overall maintenance department supervisors, as identified by the parties on September 22, 2011, shall be paid the Group 8 rate of pay.

Sideletter HU

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Sideletter HV

Conforming Changes Regarding Paid Meal Periods

The parties agree that the conforming changes referenced in Sections 8.1, 8.4 and 8.5 shall include that any meal period assigned at the end of the tour, pursuant to Section A8.2(a) or (b), shall be paid at straight time, instead of overtime. (See Letter Agreement regarding General Hospital dated March 7, 2017)

Sideletter HW

Annual Meetings

During negotiations for the 2011-2017 Master Agreement, both the Company and the Union expressed their desire to improve the communication opportunities regarding important matters of mutual concern (e.g., Fusion Cable Joint Venture work, Sideletter DN). To this end, the parties have agreed to meet annually at a mutually agreed location. The parties will provide each other with an agenda thirty (30) days in advance, and executives from the business unit concerned and senior members of the Labor Relations Department shall attend. Such meetings will be conducted in a non-adversarial manner, shall be deemed



“off-the-record” and will not be cited in any subsequent grievance meeting, arbitration or other legal proceeding, and will be kept confidential when appropriate.

Sideletter HX  
Central Stores

Notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices or provisions to the contrary in the Master Agreement, the Company may assign persons not covered by the Master Agreement to perform any central stores function in any office or facility of the Company including, but not limited to, storing, transporting, shipping, off-loading, preparing purchase orders, asset tracking, and the delivery and inventorying of equipment.

At the discretion of the Company, employees covered by the Master Agreement may be assigned to perform Central Stores functions in any area, including the Central Stores operations at 125 West End Avenue in New York and at the Prospect Lot. However, the Company and the Union agree that any such assignments or the performance of such duties, shall not, under any circumstances, confer jurisdiction or constitute an expansion of jurisdiction pursuant to any provision of the Master Agreement with respect to any such assignments or duties, nor shall the performance of such assignments by employees hereunder entitle any such employees to continue to be assigned. It is agreed that no claim or dispute involving an assignment made under this Sideletter, or any failure to make such an assignment, shall be subject to arbitration.

Sideletter HY  
P Unit - Subcontracting

During the course of negotiations for a successor to the 2011-2017 Master Agreement, the parties discussed the Company’s desire to have the assignments covered by the “P” Unit Agreement, performed by subcontractors as is the case with other facilities of Walt Disney Pictures (WDP) in the Los Angeles area. The Company expressed its desire that all such job functions be integrated and consolidated, for efficiency purposes, using the same methods as the WDP facilities, for example, Glendale.

To that end, notwithstanding any arbitration awards, grievance settlements, practices, or provisions to the contrary in the General Articles, Sideletters, Stipulations or the “P” Agreement of the Master Agreement, the Company shall have the right to subcontract work duties covered by Sections P2.1, P2.2, P2.3, P2.4, P2.5, P2.6, P2.7 and P2.8, including but not limited to any cleaning assignments both inside and outside any facility, any office, furniture or other moving assignments, any carpentry, electrical, HVAC, locksmith, gardening, plumbing or painting work assignments, and the placement, handling and delivery of supplies (including water).

The Company agrees that the right to subcontract work pursuant to this Sideletter shall not include the right to replace the P Unit with “basic crafts” employees of WDP

who perform the assignments referenced above on the Burbank lot, during the term of the successor to the 2011-2017 Master Agreement. The parties acknowledge that the commitment set forth in the preceding sentence does not prevent any tenant or occupant on the Prospect lot (e.g., Marvel, Lucas Films, Warner Bros., Pixar, Maker Studios) from utilizing its own employees for the services referred in this Sideletter, only with respect to such entity's premises. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prevent any Union from organizing the employees of any employer, including those of any subcontractor supplying services to the Company.

1. **No Layoff Commitment:** No regular employee in the above-referenced General Maintenance Person, Gardener, Carpenter, Electrician, Plumber or Painter Seniority Units shall be laid off prior to April 1, 2019, as a direct result of the rights set forth in this Sideletter. In addition, the Company shall retain and not reduce through layoff, as a direct result of the rights set forth in this Sideletter, the number of regular employees on the Carpenters and Electricians seniority lists below two (2) on the Carpenter's list and three (3) on the Electricians list, through July 1, 2019. Provided, however, if there is an insufficient number of employees to meet the commitment set forth in the preceding sentence due to retirement, resignation, discharge for cause pursuant to Section 14.1(a) or unsatisfactory performance pursuant to 14.1(b), such commitment shall not apply.
2. **Mixed Crew Work:** All employees covered under the Master Agreement will work on a "mixed crew" basis with subcontractor employees. All Unit employees shall work cooperatively with subcontractor employees without any jurisdictional lines. Subcontractor employees shall be able to perform all work covered by P Unit assignment jurisdiction without being covered by the Master Agreement.
3. **Referral To Subcontractor:** The Company will provide the name, address and other appropriate contact information for staff employees, and daily hire employees as identified by the parties on February 2, 2017, to its subcontractors for consideration for employment. Any determination in this regard will lie exclusively with the subcontractor, and the Company will have no obligations beyond such referral.

#### Arbitration Awards

The parties agree that the Decisions and Awards of Arbitrator Mark Burstein in AH-94-52, relating to among other things, the delivery and pickup of water bottles, and AH-92-38, relating to cleaning services, are hereby deemed null and void.

#### Sideletter HZ

##### Writing By Persons In Non-Covered Station Operations (F, K and O Units)

During the course of negotiations for a successor to the 2011-2017 Master Agreement, the parties discussed the expertise developed by persons who write or produce for public affairs, documentary and other material that is outside the Union's exclusive

assignment jurisdiction. The parties further discussed how material written or produced by such individuals could enhance the news programs on which employees covered by the F, K and O Agreements work.

To that end, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Master Agreement or any other agreements, grievance settlements, arbitration awards or practices to the contrary, at WLS-TV, KGO-TV and KABC-TV, persons who produce or write for entertainment, public affairs or documentary programming, and/or promos, or any other programming or material outside the Union's exclusive assignment jurisdiction, may also, at the Station's discretion, perform any writing and, at KGO-TV, any producer work in conjunction with any segments, inserts, stories or pieces that appear on Station news programs, provided that (1) no more than four (4) such different segments per week of no longer than four (4) minutes, may appear on news broadcasts; and (2) such material was developed in connection with their non-covered work. With respect to condition number 1, replays including edited versions of material originally broadcast on news programs shall count as one (1) segment. The foregoing includes any material that requires additional writing and, at KGO-TV, additional producing work necessary with its use on a news program.

On a quarterly basis, the Company will provide the Sector, and the appropriate Local Union Presidents, a report containing information regarding any writing, and at KGO-TV, any producer work, in conjunction with the above-referenced segments, inserts, stories or pieces that appear on Station news programs, which shall include the date the material first appeared, the length of such material and the department from which the material originated.

The Company's exercise of this provision is meant to supplement the normal scheduled usage of NABET-CWA represented Newswriters.

In addition to the foregoing rights, nothing herein shall be construed to diminish any existing rights or practices at any particular Station, including long-standing practices at KABC-TV.

No Newswriter on regular staff as of July 7, 2022 shall be laid off during the term of the 2021-2025 Master Agreement as a direct result of the provisions of this Sideletter.

#### Sideletter IA

Clarification Regarding Application of Section A8.2(c)

To Station Transmission Operations at KABC-TV

Clarify at KABC-TV that Station Transmission Operations constitutes a "Station News Programing" operation pursuant to Section A8.2(c). Any previous agreements on this subject shall be deemed superseded and nothing herein shall be construed to preclude application of such provision at any other Station Transmission Operation.

Sideletter IB  
Commuter Reimbursement for Daily Hires

During the 2017 negotiations, the parties discussed the application of a program offering a pre-tax benefit for certain commuting expenses for daily hire employees in the A, B, F, K, O and P units. To the extent administratively feasible, the Company will permit daily hires to participate in the Company's Commuter Assistance Benefit Program. Participation in this program shall be subject to Sideletter EF.

Sideletter IC  
"P" Unit Separation Program  
Central Stores/Prospect Stock Room Daily Hire Severance

1. Voluntary Separation Program – P Unit: Within ninety (90) days after timely ratification of the successor to the 2011-2017 Master Agreement, the Company shall offer regular employees in all seniority Units covered by the "P" Plant Maintenance Agreement, a Voluntary Separation Program ("VSP") on the terms set forth below.

Separation Formula

Employees with at least six (6) months of Total Company Seniority will receive two and one-half (2 ½) weeks of base pay for each completed year of Total Company Seniority, with a minimum payment of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), and a maximum payment of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000). For purposes of applying the above VSP formula, payment shall be calculated based on the employees Total Company Seniority as of the employee's actual separation date.

Acceptance into the Program

The Company shall accept into the program all applicants who express an interest in participating, provided such employees shall continue employment and comply with all the other conditions of the VSP including continued satisfactory performance in accordance with the applicable rules of discipline set forth in the Master Agreement, through the employee's date of separation. The Company reserves the sole discretion to determine the separation date for any employee offered a VSP pursuant to this paragraph, and such determination shall not be arbitrable. Provided, however, that such separation date may not be later than December 31, 2017, unless mutually agreed to in writing between the employee and the Company.

Agreement and General Release

Employees participating in the Program will be required to sign an Agreement and General Release prepared by and satisfactory to the Company. Such General Release shall exclude a release of any Workers' Compensation Claim, known or unknown. Any employee in any Seniority Unit who declines to execute the above-referenced General Release, shall be laid off in accordance with the provisions of Section P5.1, in

inverse seniority order in each separate seniority Unit as specified in Section P4.1, in accordance with Section 11.3(a). Such employee shall be paid severance in accordance with Section 15.1.

2. Daily Hire Severance - P Unit: In case of a layoff as a direct result of the rights set forth in Sideletter HY (“P Unit Subcontracting”) (as opposed to a voluntary separation, cessation of engagements for performance or misconduct reasons, etc.), the Company agrees to provide severance pay to the daily hire employees identified by the parties on February 2, 2017, in an amount equal to two (2) weeks’ pay for each year of full-time daily hire service, in exchange for an Agreement and General Release prepared by and satisfactory to the Company. Such General Release shall exclude a release of any Workers’ Compensation Claim, known or unknown. Provided, however, that in no event shall an employee identified by the parties on February 2, 2017 receive less than four (4) weeks’ severance pay. Any determination to layoff pursuant to this paragraph shall be in the Company’s sole discretion and not arbitrable. Computation of a full-time daily hire employee’s service for purposes of this paragraph shall be based on those years in which a daily hire worked at least two hundred and twenty (220) days. A weeks’ severance pay shall equal the employee’s daily group scale wage rate for five (5) eight (8) hour calls.
3. Daily Hire Severance - Central Stores/Prospect Stock Room: In case of a layoff of daily hire employees, as a direct result of the rights set forth in Sideletter HX (“Central Stores”), the Company agrees to provide severance pay to the daily hire employees identified by the parties on February 2, 2017 in the amounts set forth in paragraph 2 above for the P Unit daily hires and as set forth in the parties’ agreement for the Central Stores daily hires, in exchange for an Agreement and General Release prepared by and satisfactory to the Company. Any determination to layoff pursuant to this paragraph shall be in the Company’s sole discretion and not arbitrable.

#### Sideletter ID

##### Main Entrance Pass

During the negotiations for the 2017-2021 Master Agreement, the parties discussed extending a Main Entrance Pass to regular staff employees. The Company will permit regular staff employees to participate in the Company’s Main Entrance Pass program subject to Sideletter EF in all respects.

#### Sideletter IE

##### Child Bonding Policy

The Company will permit regular staff employees and WLS-TV Vacation Relief/ Waivered Temporary Employees to participate in the Company’s Child Bonding Policy, subject to Sideletter EF in all respects.

### Sideletter IF

#### Daily Hire Employees Engaged in Excess of 180 Days

During the course of negotiations for the successor to the 2017-2021 ABC–NABET-CWA Master Agreement, the parties discussed making benefits and certain terms available to those daily hire employees whose pattern and frequency of employment is substantially similar to that of regular employees. As a result, the Company and the Union hereby agree that any daily hire employee who works one hundred eighty (180) days or more within the twelve (12) month period from September 1 to August 31 shall qualify for the following in the succeeding calendar year:

- (1) **Signature Benefits:** Such daily hire employee shall be given the opportunity to enroll in Signature Plan Benefits, pursuant to Sideletter HF.
- (2) **Cancellation of Call:** In lieu of the provisions of Sections A14.2(d), B3.4(a), F3.11(a), K3.14(a), O3.14(a) and P3.3(a), in the event the Company engages such person on a daily hire basis and thereafter cancels such engagement with thirty-six (36) hours or less notice prior to the start of the scheduled shift, said person shall be paid a sum equal to a four (4), six (6), eight (8) or ten (10) hour engagement, whichever is applicable. Such daily hire employee shall also receive the appropriate payment in lieu of benefits for the cancelled engagement, and the engagement shall count as a day worked for purposes of calculating all applicable eligibility thresholds.
- (3) **Jury Duty:** Upon presentation of satisfactory written evidence of a notice for jury duty, such daily hire employee shall be paid a sum equal to an eight (8) hour engagement at their regular rate of pay for each day the employee was scheduled to work or would otherwise have worked but is unable to work, up to twenty (20) days in a calendar year, while serving such jury duty. In the event there is a dispute over whether an employee would have worked on a day, the work pattern of the previous thirty (30) days shall be instructive. Such daily hire employee shall also receive the appropriate payment in lieu of benefits for the scheduled engagement, and the engagement shall count as a day worked for purposes of calculating all applicable eligibility thresholds. Such employee is expected to report to work on any day their jury duty service is discontinued, or hours reasonably permit, and they are scheduled to work. Where permitted by law, the Company may request an employee to seek a change in their jury duty dates, where appropriate to meet operational needs. This provision shall not apply to those hired under the Sports Event Agreement (see Article A-VX).

- (4) Bereavement: In the event of the death in the immediate family (parents, parents-in-law, spouse, children, same sex domestic partner, siblings and grandparents), such daily hire employee shall be granted a leave of absence of up to three (3) days on which they were scheduled to work or would otherwise have worked. On each such day, the employee shall be paid a sum equal to an eight (8) hour engagement at their regular rate of pay and shall also receive the appropriate payment in lieu of benefits for the scheduled engagement. The engagement shall count as a day worked for purposes of calculating all applicable eligibility thresholds.
- (5) Notice of Discontinuation: Except for employees engaged under the Sports Event Agreement (see Article A-XV), when the Company does not intend to offer further daily hire employment to any such daily hire employee for at least a ninety (90) day period, the Company shall notify the Union and that daily hire employee no fewer than five (5) days prior to the commencement of such period. No notice is required if the Company ceases to employ any such daily hire employee due to their misconduct.

The provisions of this Sideletter shall no longer apply upon the Company separating or ceasing to engage any such daily hire employee.

#### Sideletter IG

##### Offers of Employment for Regular Staff Positions

During the course of negotiations for the successor to the 2017-2021 Master Agreement (“Successor Agreement”), the parties discussed the Company’s utilization of daily hire and WLS-TV Vacation Relief and Waivered Temporary Employees whose pattern and frequency of employment is substantially similar to that of Company regular staff employees. The Union has proposed that the Company shall make good faith offers of full-time staff positions and, as a result, the Company is willing to do so on the following terms:

Within twenty-four (24) months of notice of ratification of the Successor Agreement to the 2017-2021 Master Agreement, the Company will make no fewer than thirty-five (35) offers of employment for regular staff positions covered by the A Engineering, F Newswriter-Producer, K Newswriter and/or O Newswriter Units, pursuant to this Sideletter. No fewer than twenty (20) of such offers shall be made within the A Engineering Unit, and all offices of the Company shall be included.

Consistent with the Company’s legal and policy obligations, the Company will post the positions referenced. In selecting qualified candidates for offers for these positions, the Company will place a premium on those candidates who are currently performing the duties of the job satisfactorily.

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