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GENERAL CHAIRMAN UTU(C&T)   
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Dear Sir:

Recently a situation developed where an employe working the Second Seniority District was properly force assigned to a Conductor position. The employe then attempted to use his Zone 100 seniority to move to the brakeman's extra board on the Third Seniority District to avoid his conductor responsibilities.

A review of the rules indicates that prior to Zone 100 an employe could not move off his Conductor position until a junior Conductor on the district not working as such became available to replace him. The Carrier is unable to find any language in the Zone 100 Award and modifications to the Award that would grant an employe the right to deviate from this past practice. The granting of expanded seniority rights did not alter the obligation to protect Conductor assignments.

Should the above be in accordance with the Organization's position, please sign below and return one copy to this office.

Yours truly,