Employees who have met the qualifying vacation requirements during seventeen calendar years under vacation rules in effect on January 1, 1982, shall be entitled to two days of personal leave in subsequent calendar years.

Section 2

(a) Personal leave days provided in Section 1 may be taken upon 48 hours advance notice from the employee to the proper carrier officer provided, however, such days may be taken only when consistent with the requirements of the carrier's service. It is not intended that this condition prevent an eligible employee from receiving personal leave days except where the request for leave is so late in a calendar year that service requirements prevent the employee’s utilization of any personal leave days before the end of that year.

(b) Personal leave days will be paid for at the regular rate of the employee's position or the protected rate, whichever is higher.

(c) The personal leave days provided in Section 1 shall be forfeited if not taken during each calendar year. The carrier shall have the option to fill or not fill the position of an employee who is absent on a personal leave day. If the vacant position is filled, the rules of the agreement applicable thereto will apply. The carrier will have the right to distribute work on a position vacated among other employees covered by the agreement with the organization signatory hereto.

(d) Where personal leave days are taken either immediately preceding or following a holiday, the work day (or day, in the case of an other than regularly assigned employee) immediately preceding or following the personal leave day is considered as the qualifying day for holiday purposes.

RULE 100 - TERMINATION OF SENIORITY

The seniority of any employee whose seniority under an agreement with BMWE is established after the date of this Agreement and who is furloughed for 365 consecutive days will be terminated if such employee has less than three (3) years of seniority.

The "365 consecutive days" shall exclude any period during which a furloughed employee receives compensation pursuant to an I.C.C. employee protection order or an employee protection agreement or arrangement.

RULE 101 - AMTRAK/LABOR PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL

The BMWE and Amtrak will immediately establish a joint labor-management productivity council. The Council's purpose is to achieve real, measurable cost savings through a joint process yielding benchmarks for productivity increases and strategies to achieve them.

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