

VANCOUVER ELECTRIC BOXES

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2004

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July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2004

MANUFACTURING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this 28th day of June, 2001

BETWEEN:

VANCOUVER ELECTRIC BOXES
(hereinafter referred to as the "Company")

OF THE FIRST PART;

AND:

**LOCAL UNION 258 OF THE
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL
WORKERS**
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

OF THE SECOND PART;

BASIC PRINCIPLES

The general principles of this Agreement are as follows:

1. To set forth the hours of work, rates of pay and conditions to be observed by the Company and the Union.
2. To provide orderly and harmonious procedures between the Company and the Union.
3. To secure a prompt and fair disposition of grievances.
4. To prevent interruption of work.
5. To promote the efficient operation of the business.

ARTICLE 1 - EFFECTIVE DATE, TERMINATION, AMENDMENTS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Article 1.01 - Effective Date and Termination

This Agreement shall be in full force and effect from and including July 1, 2001 to and including June 30, 2004 and shall continue in full force and effect from year to year thereafter subject to the right of either party to this Agreement within four (4) months immediately preceding the anniversary date in any year thereafter, by written notice to the other party, to require the other party to commence collective bargaining with a view to the conclusion of a renewal or revision of the

Collective Agreement.

Article 1.02 - Exclusions

The operation of Section 50 (2) and (3) of the *Labour Relations Code of British Columbia* is hereby excluded.

Article 1.03 - Legislative Changes - Amendments and Substitutions

Should any provision of this Agreement be declare illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall immediately become null and void, leaving the remainder of the Agreement in full force and effect and the parties shall thereupon seek to negotiate substitute provisions which are in conformity with the applicable laws.

Article 1.04 - Past Terms and Conditions

No employee shall suffer a reduction of wages or less favourable conditions as a result of this Agreement.

Article 1.05 - New Classifications

In the event the Company introduces or the Union considers the Company has introduced a new classification of work or changes the job content of any existing classification, the Company agrees to notify the Union that such new change has been made, and agrees to negotiate with the Union, the appropriate wage rate and working conditions for such new or changed classification. If the parties are unable to agree upon such wage rate and working condition, both parties agree to submit the question of establishing such wage rate and working conditions to a Board of Arbitration. The Board shall decide such question with a view to fixing a wage rate and working conditions which will compare equitably with the wage rates and working conditions currently in effect for the other classifications of employees of the Company. The decision of the Board shall be final and binding upon the parties for the remainder of the terms of this Agreement. Any new or amended wage rates shall be retroactive to the date of the introduction of such new classifications or change of such existing classification.

Article 1.06 - Amendments

Any of the conditions of this Agreement may be amended at any time if both parties agree such amendment is desirable.

**ARTICLE 2 - UNION RECOGNITION AND WORK JURISDICTION - COMPANY
AND UNION RELATIONS**

Article 2.01 - Union Recognition - Certification

This Agreement shall cover all employees employed by the employer coming under the jurisdiction

of the Union as specified in the "Certification".

Article 2.02 - Union Recognition/Membership

- (a) The Company agrees that all employees coming within the jurisdiction of the Union, as a condition of employment shall apply for membership in the Union and sign a dues deduction authorization card and an application for membership card on or about the date of hire and shall become a member in good standing thereof within thirty (30) days from the date of hire.

Attainment of membership in good standing prior to completion of the probationary period will not affect the status of the employee under Article 5.03.

- (b) All employees hereinafter described under this Article shall remain members in good standing thereof throughout the life of this Agreement as a condition of employment, provided, however, that the Union shall not request the Company to discriminate against any employee for non-membership in the Union if such membership is not available to the employee on the same terms and conditions generally applicable to other members. The Company recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all employees covered by the "Certification".

Article 2.03 - Management Rights

- (a) The Union acknowledges that the management and the operation of, and the direction and promotion of the working forces is vested exclusively in the Company, subject to the terms of this Agreement.
- (b) Without limiting paragraph (a) above, the Company shall have the right to select its employees, hire in accordance with the terms of this Collective Agreement, layoff, classify new employees, transfer, promote, demote or discipline them, provided that a claim of discrimination against any employee, or misinterpretation of this Agreement, may be subject to a grievance and dealt with as hereafter provided.
- (c) There shall be no restriction on the Company as to the source of obtaining any and all raw materials, devices or finished apparatus required in the manufacture of all goods by the Union, but whenever possible union made articles of comparable quality shall be used.

Article 2.04 - New Employees

- (a) When in need of new employees, the Company shall call the Local Union Office. If Union members are not available or acceptable, the Company shall then be responsible to secure its own workers.
- (b) The Company agrees to notify the Union immediately on the engagement of any employee and also to refer to the Union such employment prior to his/her commencing work.

Article 2.05 - Initiation Fees and Union Dues Checkoff

- (a) The Company agrees to honour a written assignment of wages for Union Dues, Assessments and Initiation Fees from an employee in favour of the Union.
- (b) The Company agrees to remit the fees and dues deducted under the above assignment to the Financial Secretary of the Local Union 258, normally within fifteen (15), but not later than thirty (30) days from the pay day when deductions are made. Forms supplied by Union must be used.

Article 2.06 - Strike, Lockouts, Legal Picket Lines

- (a) The parties hereto agree that there shall be no lockout, strikes, slow down or any other stoppage of or interference with work which would cause any interruption in production.
- (b) It is agreed that no part of this Agreement is to be interpreted as requiring members of the Union to work behind a recognized picket line where strike, lockout or other conditions detrimental to the interest of the Local Union prevail.

Article 2.07 - Union Representative

A Union Representative may, with permission from the Company, have access to that portion of the Company's premises where Union members are employed. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Article 2.08 - Bulletin Boards

At least one (1) Bulletin Board shall be maintained for the posting of rules and regulations of the Company and Union notices to employees represented by the Union.

While the content of Union notices shall be at the sole discretion of the Union, the Company reserves the right to veto the posting of notices of a derogatory, provocative or political nature. The Company agrees to post the Company's rules on the Bulletin Board. These rules will be subject to addition, or change, from time to time at the Company's discretion. The rules and such changes to the rules, shall not be inconsistent with the terms of the Collective Agreement.

Article 2.09 - No Discrimination

No Shop Steward, committee or employee shall be discriminated against, intimidated or jeopardized in standing or suffer any loss of employment on account of membership in or legitimate activities on behalf of the Union. The employees and the Union will not engage in any Union activity on the premises during working hours without permission of the Company, such permission not be unreasonably withheld.

Article 2.10 - Technological Change

With due regard to the seniority provisions of this Agreement, the Company will give technologically displaced employees preferential consideration to be trained in new skills for other jobs that may be required of employees in the bargaining unit provided such employees have the requisite qualifications and experience for such training. If a displaced employee cannot be retained at his/her present level under the terms of this Agreement, the Company will co-operate with the Union to provide guidance and assistance to the employee in his/her applications for retraining through Canada Manpower or other government sponsored agency. Each employee displaced to a lower rate of pay by technological change will be granted special pay to maintain their former pay grouping until such time as they can be trained to a level of their former pay grouping.

Article 2.11 - Union Discipline

The Company recognizes the right of the Union to discipline its members for violation of its laws, rules and/or agreements.

Article 2.12 - Supervision Authorization

No employee shall perform supervision without written authority from the Company.

ARTICLE 3 - SHOP STEWARDS

Article 3.01

The Company will recognize Shop Stewards and the Chief Shop Steward, who shall be selected in accordance with Union rules and regulations as the representative of the employees in the respective groups or departments for which they are chosen and hereby recognizes that the power of appointment and removal thereof is solely vested with the Business Manager. The number of Stewards will be consistent with the needs, but will not normally exceed one (1) Steward for every fifteen (15) employees.

Article 3.02

The Union will advise the Company of the identity of all Stewards and will also give notice of any new appointment or removal thereof.

Article 3.03

Stewards shall report to their immediate supervisors and request permission to leave the job before leaving work to conduct Union business which shall consist solely of the investigation of complaints that may lead to grievances, or to handle the adjustment thereof, or to attend at any meeting with representatives of the Company or such other Union business as may be authorized by the Company during working hours.

Article 3.04

The Company shall allow Stewards to conduct said Union business within their regularly established working hours and within their assigned areas of representation, unless such action would seriously interfere with operations, and in such instances, the supervisor shall make arrangements for the Stewards to leave the job as soon thereafter as operations will permit.

ARTICLE 4 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE AND ARBITRATION

Article 4.01 - Definition

A grievance shall be defined as any dispute or controversy between the Company and the Union, or between the Company and one (1) or more of its employees covered by this Agreement in respect to any matters involving the interpretation, application or administration of any provision of this Agreement, any matter involving the alleged violation of this Agreement or any question as to whether any matter is grievable or arbitrable.

Article 4.02 - Grievance Steps

Step 1

An employee having a grievance shall first make an earnest effort to resolve the problem by discussion it with his/her immediate supervisor, in the presence of a Shop Steward, within three (3) working days of becoming aware of the grievance.

Step 2

If a satisfactory solution is not reached in Step 1 within three (3) working days, the grievor, with the assistance of his/her Shop Steward, will submit the grievance in writing to the Business Manager of the Union who will take the matter up with the appropriate Company official within five (5) working days of the Company's reply in Step 1. If agreement is not reached within a further five (5) working days, the matter may be referred to Arbitration as provided in Article 4.05.

Article 4.03 - Employee Rates

The Company shall pay employees at their regular rates for Union business conducted during their regular business hours, on the Company's premises.

Article 4.04 - Discharged, Suspension or Other Actions of Discipline

- (a) If an employee believes he or she has been unjustly discharged, the matter will be taken up as a special grievance under Article 4.02 of this Agreement. Any such grievance shall be referred to the Manager within three (3) working days after the employee has been advised

that he or she has been discharged from the Company and the matter shall be disposed of within seven (7) working days of the time the Manager received notice of the grievance, except where a case is taken to Arbitration.

- (b) In cases of grievances for discharge, suspension or other actions of discipline, such grievances may be settled by the Arbitration Board by confirming the Company's decision in discharging, suspending or disciplining the employee, or by reinstating the employee with full or partial compensation for time lost, or by any other arrangement which is just and equitable.
- (c) The Chief Shop Steward is to be kept informed and sign as "having seen" any formal reports made on employees that may result in disciplinary action.
- (d) Any interview dealing with disciplinary measures, the employee shall be accompanied by his/her Shop Steward.

Article 4.05 - Arbitration Procedure

- (a) All unsettled differences between the parties coming within the scope of or arising from the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of this Agreement, including any question as to whether the matter is arbitrable, shall be settled by arbitration, without stoppage of work.
- (b) The party requesting arbitration shall do so in writing, addressed to the other party and shall state the difference to be arbitrated.
- (c) All questions to be arbitrated shall be settled by binding decision of a single Arbitrator.
- (d) Should the parties be unable to agree within five (5) days, upon who such Arbitrator shall be, then they shall forthwith request the Honourable Minister of Labour to appoint.
- (e) All costs of arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties.
- (f) The Arbitrator appointed as above shall not have any jurisdiction to alter or change any of the provisions of this Agreement, to substitute any new provision in lieu thereof, or to give any decision inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.
- (g) It is the desire of the Company and the Union that the Arbitrator should meet within seven (7) days after the appointment.
- (h) The decision of the Arbitrator will be final and binding on the parties hereto and should be rendered as rapidly as the Arbitration considers practical.

- (i) By mutual agreement of the parties, the periods of time stated above may be extended. Saturday, Sunday and Statutory Holidays shall not be counted in determining the time within which any action is to be taken under this Article.
- (j) Correspondence between the parties concerning arbitration shall be by registered mail.
- (k) The Company and the Union reserve the right to use Section 87 of the *Labour Relations Code of British Columbia*.

Article 4.06 - Jurisdiction Disputes

All disputes arising as to matter of jurisdiction shall be referred to the International President of the Union.

Article 4.07 - Classification Adjustments

In the event that an employee is transferred to the job within another classification or is performing the work of another classification as outlined in Appendix "B" without receiving pay for that classification per Appendix "A", such employee may raise the matter as a grievance.

ARTICLE 5 - SENIORITY

Article 5.01 - Definition of Seniority

Seniority as hereinafter referred to shall be based on length of service within the bargaining unit or as otherwise covered in Article 5.06 and shall be a factor in determining layoff and recalling.

Seniority lists will be kept up-to-date by the Company and will be made available to the Union.

Article 5.02 - Classification Seniority

In laying off, rehiring, or the abolishing of a classification, the principle of seniority within a classification shall prevail. Employees reserve the right to displace less senior employees in previously held classifications. Classification seniority shall consist of total plant seniority applied to the classification currently held by the employees. Seniority can be claimed for displacement purposes, provided employment records show that the employee has previously attained seniority in other classifications or it is determined by the Company that the person has the necessary qualifications for the classifications available. Employees who are scheduled for layoff due to lack of work in their classification and whose personnel records do not show that they have performed work in another classification, shall, if possessing greater plant seniority than an employee in a lower classification, be granted the opportunity to demonstrate qualifications in the lower classification. If such previous change of classification was a result of unsatisfactory performance, that employee would not be permitted to displace less senior employees in that classification. The foregoing does not preclude the employees access to grievance procedure under Article 4.

Article 5.03 - Probationary Period

After an employee has an accumulated period of service of one-hundred and twenty (120) working days with the Company, he/she shall be granted seniority which shall date retroactively to the date he entered the employ of the Company. During this one-hundred and twenty (120) working-day period, employees shall be on a probationary basis.

Article 5.04 - Maintain and/or Accumulate Seniority

An employee shall maintain and/or accumulate his or her seniority under the following conditions.

- (a) During a layoff, an employee shall maintain and accumulate seniority for a definite period as follows:
 - i An employee with less than three (3) years service, shall maintain and accumulate seniority for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months.
 - ii An employee with three (3) or more years' service, shall maintain and accumulate seniority for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

It is the employee's responsibility to keep the Company informed of any change in his or her address.

(b) Accident and Sickness

During an absence due to accident or sickness, an employee shall maintain and accumulate seniority for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) months. Upon return from such absence, the employee shall return to the position held prior to his or her absence, or to one of equal rating, provided he or she is capable of performing former duties and provided the Company has received an acceptable reason for and/or authorized the absence. It shall be the duty of each employee to notify the Company of the reason for absence, to furnish evidence to support the absence and to keep the Company informed of the anticipated date of return to duty.

(c) Leave of Absence

During authorized leave of absence, the employee shall maintain and accumulate seniority.

(d) Out of Bargaining Unit

During an absence due to transfer within the Company to a position outside the jurisdiction of the Union, an employee shall maintain and accumulate seniority up to a maximum of twelve (12) months. Thereafter, if transferred back to a position under the jurisdiction of the Union, the employee concerned will be credited for all Union service with the Company plus

a maximum of twelve (12) months for service in a position with the Company outside of the jurisdiction of the Union.

Such credits will become effective from the date of transfer back to a position under the jurisdiction of the Union.

(e) Supervisors

Members of the bargaining unit who are working supervisors will maintain and accumulate seniority in their basic classification while supervising.

Article 5.05 - Notice of Layoff

In the event of a layoff due to lack of work, employees with less than ten (10) years' seniority will be given five (5) working days' notice. Employees with more than ten (10) years' seniority will be given ten (10) working days' notice. If the required notice is not given the appropriate days' pay will be paid in lieu thereof except in cases of fire, flood, electrical failure or similar conditions beyond the control of the Company. If layoff exceeds thirteen (13) weeks, the provision provided for in Section 42 of the *Employment Standards Act* will apply.

Article 5.06 - Recall

Recall will be conducted in reverse order of layoff. An employee who is recalled will receive a minimum of one (1) week's work.

When the senior employee cannot be contacted within twenty-four (24) hours, the employer may recall the next employee on the recall list to fill the work requirement. The employer will continue to call the senior employee to offer the available work. In the event a junior employee is recalled, he/she will perform the work for the one week period at which time the senior employee may exercise his/her claim to the job. If the senior employee cannot meet the work requirement or declines the recall, the junior employee will continue to be employed.

Article 5.07 - Termination of Seniority

An employee's name shall be removed from the Company's list of employees and his/her seniority terminated by:

- (a) Voluntary quitting of job.
- (b) Exceeding authorized leave of absence, unless failure to return to work is unavoidable.
- (c) Discharge for just cause.

- (d) Failure to report for work within five (5) working days and signify intention to return to work within three (3) working days after notification by registered letter to return to work unless failure is proved to be unavoidable.
- (e) Exceeding layoff as outlined in Article 5.04.

Article 5.08 - Transfers Within the Bargaining Unit

- (a) All transfers will be made on a trial basis or on a temporary basis and the employee will retain his/her seniority in the classification from which he/she was transferred during the trial or temporary period.
- (b) A trial or temporary transfer will become permanent after thirty (30) worked days unless previously made permanent by a written notice to the employee. At the time a trial or temporary transfer is made permanent, the employee's seniority shall be transferred, this does not apply to demotions for lack of work which require the higher rate be maintained for the full thirty (30) days worked.
- (c) If an employee is assigned to work in a classification at a rate superior to his/her, he/she shall be paid from the start of his/her assignment at the minimum of the higher grade classification or his/her current regular rate, whichever is the greater.
On returning to his/her regular job, the employee shall revert to his/her former rate. If an employee is temporarily assigned to work in a classification at a rate inferior to his/hers, he/she shall maintain his/her current regular rate and progression.
- (d) In the event an employee is transferred to a job within another classification, and fails to qualify on the new job or upon return from a temporary transfer or leave of absence, the employee will be returned to the job held prior to the transfer or leave of absence, or a similar job, if the prior job held by the employee no longer exists.
- (e) The principle of returning an employee to his/her previous job, as outlined above in this section, will not apply when the reason for the initial transfer was because of unsatisfactory work performed in the original job.

Article 5.09 - Promotions and Job Vacancies

Should there be a job vacancy within the bargaining unit, it shall be posted for a period of three (3) working days to allow interested employees the opportunity to apply.

The job shall be awarded on the basis of seniority provided there is no marked difference in skill and ability.

This does not preclude the right of the Company to seek applications from other sources during this time period. Such applications shall not be given consideration until it is determined that a suitable applicant is not within the bargaining unit.

This section is subject to the grievance procedure.

Article 5.10 - Leave of Absence - Union

- (a) The Company upon receiving four (4) weeks' notice in writing from the Business Manager or designate of the Union, agrees to grant a leave of absence without pay to not more than one (1) employee for full-time service with the Union. Such leave of absence is not to exceed thirty-seven (37) months at a time unless there is mutual agreement to an extension.
- (b) The Company, upon receiving two weeks' notice in writing from the Business Manager or designate of the Union, agrees to grant leave of absence without pay to Union Stewards or representatives of the members for the purpose of attending to Union business.

Such leaves of absence shall not exceed two (2) weeks' duration, nor shall they exceed one (1) member at any one time unless otherwise mutually agreed.

Article 5.11 - Family Responsibility Leave

Family Responsibility Leave shall be as set out in the *Employment Standards Act of B.C.* A request for leave must be in writing two (2) weeks in advance, whenever possible.

Article 5.12 - Adjustment Committee

A joint committee shall be established to promote the co-operative resolution of workplace issues, to respond and adapt to change in the economy, to foster the development of work related skills and to promote workplace productivity.

ARTICLE 6 - HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Article 6.01 - Safety Rules

The Company shall make adequate provisions for the safety and health of the employee during the hours of employment. It is agreed that in the matter of safety practices, the existing rules and regulations of the province of British Columbia shall govern.

Article 6.02 - Company Rules

- (a) It is agreed by both parties that as a condition of employment the rules and regulations of the Company, as posted on the notice boards, will be strictly obeyed, and that failure to do so shall be cause for discipline including discharge providing such rules do not contravene the

spirit and intent of this Agreement.

- (b) The Company agrees that prior to any change in the Company's rules, the Union will be notified.

Article 6.03 - Safety Practice Committee

In any operation where the workforce is less than twenty (20) employees, the employer shall initiate and maintain a less formal program based on regular monthly meetings with employees for discussion of health and safety matters. The meetings shall be directed to matters concerning the correction of unsafe conditions and practices and the maintenance of co-operative interest in the safety of the workforce. The employer shall maintain a record of meetings and the matters discussed.

Article 6.04 - On-the-Job-Injury

- (a) If an employee is injured to such an extent that, in the opinion of the First Aid Attendant, he/she is obliged to cease work, his/her wages will continue for the balance of the day during which he/she was injured.
- (b) The Company shall furnish adequate emergency transportation to and from the nearest suitable doctor or hospital for any employee injured or who has become seriously ill while on the Company's premises.
- (c) The Company shall furnish transportation home for any employee who has become injured or seriously ill while on Company premises if they do not require hospitalization.

Article 6.05

- (a) Coveralls or smocks shall be provided to employees by the Company. Laundering shall be paid for by the Company.
- (b) Each employee shall be reimbursed 50% of the sum to a maximum of \$100.00 per pair of safety footwear required, upon presentation of a receipt.
- (c) Each employee will have the difference in cost between standard prescription lenses and safety prescription lenses, paid by the Company.

Article 6.06 - Medical, Life Insurance Plans

The parties agree to implement a health and welfare plan providing:

- (a) B.C. Medical Plan.
- (b) Extended Health Plan.

- (c) Life Insurance \$25,000.00.
- (d) A.D. & D. \$25,000.00.
- (e) Weekly Indemnity 1-1-4-52 @ 60% of Wages.
- (f) Dental Plan - 100% Plan "A"
50% Plan "B"
- (g) The coverage for the fringe benefit package (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) shall be provided through the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 258 Health and Welfare Trust Fund.
- (h) Members under 65 years of age who have not attained the Company retirement age shall participate in the above benefits.
- (i) The Company contribution for the above benefits shall be 100% of the cost.
- (j) When an employee is off work due to sickness or accident, the employer will pay the health and welfare premiums in accordance with Article 5.04 (b).

Article 6.07 - Bereavement Pay

The Company will grant the employee three (3) days' leave of absence with pay at the employee's regular hourly rate of pay in the case of the death of Brother, Sister, Father-in-Law, Mother-in-Law, Grandfather and Grandmother. The Company will grant five (5) days' leave of absence with pay at the employees' regular hourly rate of pay in the case of the death of a Spouse, Mother, Father, Legal Guardian, Daughter or Son.

Article 6.08 - Jury Duty Pay

An employee who is called for Jury Duty or who is subpoenaed as a witness will receive for each day of absence, the difference between pay lost, and the amount of the fee received, providing that the employee furnished the Company with a receipt signed by the proper Court Officer showing the amount of the fees received. When not required for actual Jury Duty he/she will report for work as soon as possible. Provided an employee, prior to the start of Jury Duty, signs a wage assignment to the Company for fees to be received, the Company will not deduct the amount of fees from his/her pay until payment has been made by the Court.

Article 6.09 – Educational Training

- (a) Employees shall be reimbursed by the Company for tuition and other course costs when taking educational training relating to their current employment, or equipping themselves for

job progression and advancement and under the safety and First Aid Attendants' program.

- (b) Costs of employee training, including wages from those employees attending courses which result in a certificate of competence in the course or subject taken, providing the course or subject is work oriented or it is of benefit to the Company.
- (c) Employees must obtain approval from the employer prior to enrolling in courses to be entitled to the benefits of (a) and (b) above.

Article 6.10 – Respectful Workplace

It is the intent of the parties to provide a respectful workplace for all employees. No employee will be subject to any form of harassment, discrimination or intimidation. All employees are to be treated with respect and dignity by the employer, or other employees of the employer, and clients of the employer. Any disregard to this Article will not be tolerated in the workplace and will result in a requirement for education and/or discipline.

ARTICLE 7 - HOURS, OVERTIME, SHIFTS AND HOLIDAYS

Article 7.01

First Shift: Eight (8) hours of work between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. shall constitute a work day on the first shift. Hours of work may be varied if mutually agreed to by the employer and the employee.

Article 7.02

Second Shift: If a second or evening shift is employed, it shall start at the end of the first shift, but shall end after seven and one-half (7.5) hours of work, the employees receiving eight (8) hours' pay at their regular rate, plus twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per hour. An employee shall be given not less than five (5) working days' notice of change of shift and such notice shall be given prior to the start of the last shift preceding the change of shift. The new shift will start on the first working day of the week and continue for the balance of the week.

Shift Weeks Shall be Monday to Friday Inclusive

This does not preclude the possibility of mid-week or short notice shift changes for the replacement of sick or otherwise absent employees. The Company will as far as it is practical assign shift work on a fair and equitable basis and in so far as it does not conflict with this intent, the senior employees in the applicable classifications shall have shift preference.

Article 7.03

Work Week: Forty (40) hours of work in a five (5) day period shall constitute a work week, Monday through Friday except when otherwise provided by mutual consent of the parties hereto.

Article 7.04

Service Employees

Certain service employees, i.e. Janitor, may be required to work other hours than those previously stated but in no case shall their hours of work exceed eight (8) hours per day nor shall their starting times be earlier than 5:00 a.m. and no later than 10:00 p.m.

Article 7.05 - Overtime

- (a) All hours worked in excess of the hours specified for the day and afternoon shifts shall be paid at time and one-half the regular hourly rate of pay for the first two (2) hours immediately following the shift and double time thereafter.
- (b) All hours worked prior to regular starting time on day shift or prior to starting time of any shift, shall be paid at double the regular hourly rate of pay.
- (c) Work performed on Saturday/Sunday shall be paid for at the rate of double the regular hourly rate of pay.
- (d) Overtime premiums may be banked by the Company on a continuing basis at the option of the employee. Equivalent time off in lieu of payment to be taken at a time mutually agreed to by the Company and the employees. In the event that banked premiums are not used prior to December 31, of any year, payment of the balance will be made at the applicable rate of earnings in force at the time the overtime was worked.

Article 7.06 - Minimum Overtime Rates

- (a) Employees shall receive a minimum of one (1) hour's pay at overtime rates if required to work overtime.
- (b) Employees shall receive a minimum of four (4) hours' pay at overtime rates if called to work from their homes.
- (c) Employees shall receive one full day's notification if required to work overtime. In a case of emergency, this overtime notification may be waived.

Article 7.07 - Meal Allowance

Should an employee be required to work two (2) hours or more after regular quitting time, on any shift, he/she shall receive a half-hour paid lunch period at the overtime rate, plus an eight (\$8.00) cash meal allowance paid in advance of overtime.

Article 7.08 - Rest Period and Lunch Period

The Company agrees to grant all employees covered by this Agreement, two (2) ten (10) minute rest periods, each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, at a time specified by the Company. Employees called upon to work overtime shall be granted a coffee break every two (2) hours while overtime lasts.

Employees will be granted one-half (0.5) hour lunch break as close to the middle of the work day as possible.

Article 7.09 - Wash-Up-Time

All employees shall receive a three (3) minute wash-up time prior to their mid-day lunch break.

Article 7.10 - Special Rates

Employees required to weld on galvanized, or painted metal, shall receive one and one-half (1.5) times their normal rate for such time employed. This clause does not pertain to material coated with oil for storage purposes.

Article 7.11 - Outside Work

For work done outside the shop the Journeymen shall receive the rate of pay and conditions outlined in the appropriate Inside Wiremen's Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Employees other than Journeymen will receive the Journeymen Wireman's rate of pay if sent out to the job alone; otherwise, such employees shall receive the same percent differential as that between the current Manufacturing Journeyman rate and the current Journeyman Wireman rate at the time the work is performed.

Article 7.12 - Annual Holidays

- (a) Employees who have completed less than one (1) year of accumulated service with the employer will not be entitled to vacation in that year.
- (b) An employee who will have completed one (1) or more years of accumulated service by December 31, will be entitled to two (2) weeks' vacation in that calendar year, with pay at 4% of his/her total wages for the "holiday year".
- (c) An employee who will have completed three (3) or more years of accumulated service by December 31, will be entitled to three (3) weeks' vacation in that calendar year, with pay at

6% of his/her total wages for the "holiday year".

- (d) An employee who will have completed eleven (11) or more years of accumulated service by December 31, will be entitled to four (4) weeks' vacation in that calendar year with pay at 8% of his/her total wages for the "holiday year".
- (e) An employee who will have completed eighteen (18) or more years of accumulated service by December 31, will be entitled to five (5) weeks' vacation in that calendar year with pay at 10% of his/her total wages for the "holiday year".
- (f) An employee who has completed 225 days of actual work (inclusive of a maximum of 22 days of absence due to verified illness, accident, or authorized leave of absence, which 22 days shall be considered days worked) during the "holiday year", shall be entitled to the greater of 4% or 80 hours of pay, 6% or 120 hours of pay, 8% or 160 hours of pay, 10% of 200 hours pay in (b), (c), (d) or (e) respectively.
- (g) If during the term of this Agreement, the federal and/or B.C. governments shall, by legislation, set forth certain minimum vacation allowance standards to be observed within the province of British Columbia and such minimum vacation allowance standards are greater than the vacation allowance provided for in this Agreement, then such new minimum vacation allowance standards shall become part of this Agreement.
- (h) The "holiday year" for vacation pay is defined as the period July 1 to June 30 inclusive.
- (i) No employee shall be permitted to accept pay in lieu of actual time off.

Vacation periods are non-cumulative.

Article 7.13 - General Holidays

- (a) Double time in addition to regular general holiday pay shall be paid employees for work performed on the day on which the following general holidays are observed:

New Year's Day	Labour Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Easter Monday	Remembrance Day
Victoria Day	Christmas Day
Canada Day	Boxing Day
B.C. Day	Floater Day

or any other day which might be declared by the federal and/or provincial governments.

If the general holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it will be observed on the following Monday; unless otherwise mutually agreed.

- (b) If no work is performed on the general holiday enumerated in Article 7.13 (a), employees shall receive straight-time pay, at regular rates.
- (c) In order to qualify for the pay set out in Article 7.13 (a) above, an employee must have been on the payroll of the Company for at least one (1) calendar month prior to the holiday.
- (d) When one of the aforementioned paid holidays occurs during the period when an employee is taking his or her annual holidays, he or she shall receive an extra day's holiday in accordance with provisions of the Agreement.
- (e) No member of the Union shall be required to work on Labour Day excepting to preserve life or property.
- (f) An employee on excused absence or who is on sickness and accident or Workers' Compensation Board benefits, will be paid for the holidays falling during the benefit period but in no case for a period exceeding four (4) months.
- (g) New employees will be entitled to the "Floater" only after the probationary period of one-hundred and twenty (120) days is completed. In any subsequent year the employee must work a minimum of one hundred and eighty (180) days to be entitled to the "Floater" with full pay. If the employee takes the floater within those 180 days and they are terminated within those same 180 days, the employer is entitled to back-pay of the "Floater" on a pro-rated basis.

Article 7.14 - Payment of Wages

Wages shall be paid every second Friday before quitting time.

ARTICLE 8 - JOINT ELECTRICAL GROUP RRSP

The Group RRSP is arranged by the trustees for the Joint Electrical Group RRSP. The Company agrees to submit two and eight-tenths percent (2.8%) of the employees' regular hourly rate per hour paid into the Joint Electrical Group RRSP on behalf of each employee.

In addition to the above an employee may voluntarily contribute to the RRSP through payroll deductions. The employer agreed to deduct and forward all voluntary deductions as specified in writing by the employee to the Joint Electrical Group RRSP.

ARTICLE 9 - AGREEMENT SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have hereunto affixed their hands and seals through their respective officers.

SIGNED BY THE COMPANY:

SIGNED BY THE UNION:

VANCOUVER ELECTRIC BOXES

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF
ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 258

BLAKE SEALE

JOHN E. McGRAW
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary

Date

Date

APPENDIX "A"

SCHEDULE OF WAGES

CLASSIFICATIONS

	<u>Jul 1/01</u>	<u>Oct 1/02</u>	<u>July 1/03</u>
Charge Hand	\$ 21.83	\$ 22.27	\$ 22.94
Journeyman	\$ 19.65	\$ 20.04	\$ 20.64
Improver	\$ 18.53	\$ 18.90	\$ 19.47
Production Mechanic			
Upon completion of:			
24 full months of work	\$ 17.33	\$ 17.68	\$ 18.21
18 full months of work	\$ 16.59	\$ 16.92	\$ 17.43
12 full month of work	\$ 16.05	\$ 16.37	\$ 16.86
6 full months of work	\$ 15.53	\$ 15.84	\$ 16.32
Beginner Hiring rate:			
1st three full months of work	\$ 14.52	\$ 14.81	\$ 15.25
2nd three full months of work	\$ 15.05	\$ 15.35	\$ 15.81
Labourer	\$ 12.04	\$ 12.28	\$ 12.65

APPENDIX "B"

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Journeyman

Tradesman with the ability and experience to perform all aspects of the work performed in the shop. Required to bring to completion any project without supervision. Must be capable of instructing and directing employees in the Improver and Production Mechanic classifications.

Improver

Employee who has at least two (2) years' experience at the top rate of a Production Mechanic or its equivalent. Works from drawings under limited supervision. Sets up and operates related machines in the shop. Does tig welding and inputs basic programming to computerized machinery. To be capable of directing Production Mechanics.

Production Mechanic

Works under supervision. Is responsible for shipping and receiving of goods. Must be capable of performing assembly duties which may include but are not limited to spot and mig welding, simple fabrication, paintings and basic machine operation.

Charge Hand

Leads and directs all employees. Reports to and assists the Manager. Keeps records as directed. Must be familiar with all aspects of the employer's production operations.

All Employees

May be required to perform various record keeping on paper or computer. Also be responsible for basic housekeeping in their respected areas.

SIGNED BY THE COMPANY
Vancouver Electric Boxes Ltd.

SIGNED BY THE UNION
Local 258 of the IBEW

Date

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