

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

by and between

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

on behalf of

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

and

INTERNATIONAL UNION

OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, AFL-CIO

on behalf of Local Union No. 399

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ARTICLE I
UNION RECOGNITION

Section 1. Recognition

The employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining agent in all matters pertaining to wages, hours, and conditions of employment for its employees at Eastern Illinois University who have been appointed to status positions in the following classifications:

Steam and Power Plant III
Steam and Power Plant IV

Section 2. Union Activity/Non-Discrimination

The Employer and the Union agree that there shall be no discrimination against or coercion by any Employer or Union representative against employees regarding Union membership, that all Union membership is entirely a matter of the employees' free choice and determination. Further, the Employer agrees that there will be no discrimination against spokespersons or officers of the Union, engaged in the negotiation of agreements, the adjustment of grievances or the performance of related work in the interest of the Union and its members.

During the effective dates of this Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Union and its members shall not solicit membership or carry on Union activity on the Employer's premises with the Employer's workers outside this bargaining unit during their working hours. A Union spokesperson with permission of proper authority may leave the assigned work to investigate an alleged grievance or to present matters according to Regulations, the spokesperson being in a non-pay status while so occupied if proper permission to be absent from work has not been obtained.

Section 3. Compensation for Negotiations

A limit of two (2) Union Spokespersons shall be granted credit hours for each hour or major fraction thereof but not to exceed eight (8) hours per day spent in negotiations.

Such hours shall be honored by allowing released time off with pay during the shift assignment scheduled preceding or following the close of negotiations on any given day.

An employee scheduled to work during the time negotiations are scheduled shall be allowed time off from work with pay for all time spent in negotiations.

The Employer shall approve payment of wages to Union representatives for time spent in negotiations between the Parties to this Collective Bargaining Agreement, during the employee's regular work shift.

ARTICLE II

MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The Union recognizes the right of the Employer to manage its operations and to plan, direct, and control the policies and conditions of employment of its employees insofar as such policies and conditions of employment are not inconsistent with the expressed provisions of this Collective Agreement. The Employer recognizes the Union's interests in any changes which materially affect conditions of employment of those it represents and the need to keep it informed prior to any such changes. The Employer will negotiate regarding any change of conditions of employment except those controlled either by law or established by existing provisions of Regulations, the law and rules governing the State Universities Civil Service System of Illinois, or the Bylaws and

Governing Policies promulgated by the Board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University, and as may be amended, all of which are made part of this Collective Agreement.

ARTICLE III

NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Union and the Employer agree that they will not practice discrimination against any employee because of sex, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, age, marital status, parental status, physical or mental disability, political affiliation or union affiliation. Complaints involving discrimination or sexual harassment shall be reported to the EIU Office of Civil Rights and Diversity.

ARTICLE IV

DUES DEDUCTION

Section 1.

The Employer agrees to deduct from the pay of those employees who individually request it any or all of the following:

- a) Union membership dues or assessments;

Section 2.

In accordance with the provisions for deduction as described in Section 1 of this Article, the Employer shall cause the State Comptroller or other authorized wage paying authority to withhold those deductions or fees from the wages due to each bargaining unit employee, pursuant to the State Salary and Annuity Withholding Act and/or other applicable state statutes and/or procedures established by the Comptroller and/or the Employer and shall cause the amounts so withheld to be remitted to Local 399, International Union of Operating Engineers by the State

Comptroller or other authorized wage paying authority on a regular basis at the address designated, in writing, by the Union. The Union shall advise the Employer and the Employees in the bargaining unit of any changes in dues, in accordance with the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act.

Section 3.

The Union shall indemnify, defend, and hold the Employer harmless against any claim, demand, suit, or any form of liability (monetary or otherwise), including attorney's fees and costs, arising from any action taken or not taken by the Employer, its members, officers, agents, employees or representatives in complying with this Article or in reliance on any notice, letter or written authorization forwarded to the Employer pursuant to this Article.

Section 4.

Authorized deductions shall be irrevocable except in accordance with the terms under which an employee voluntarily authorized said deductions and the laws of the State of Illinois. Any employee wishing to revoke these deductions shall be directed to the Union. The Employer shall honor employees' individual authorized deduction forms and will stop dues fees once the Union advises the University.

ARTICLE V

WAGES

Section 1. Method of Establishment of Rates

Pay rates specified herein shall be arrived at through negotiations by and between the parties.

Section 2. Effective Date of Wages

Wages stipulated in this Collective Agreement become effective at 12:01 a.m., August 1, 2021, unless otherwise provided herein.

Section 3. Wages (Basic Straight Time)

a. Basic straight time hourly wages are hereby defined as those payable for work performed during the five (5) scheduled days of work in a work week, but for not more than eight hours' work during any one day.

b. The wage scales for the various classifications shall be defined in Addendum A of this Agreement.

Section 4. Wages (Overtime)

Time worked by the employees covered in this Collective Agreement in excess of eight (8) hours in the daily work shift (unless otherwise specified herein) is overtime and will be compensated at one and one-half (1 1/2) times the basic straight time hourly wages established herein.

Work in excess of forty (40) hours in any one work week shall be paid at one and one-half (1 1/2) times the regular hourly rate.

Employees who work less than forty (40) hours in any work week shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all work performed in excess of eight (8) hours in any one day.

Employees who are required to work on their first scheduled day off in a work week shall be paid time and one-half for that day. Employees who are required to work on their second scheduled day off in a work week shall be paid at the rate of double time for that day.

The Employer shall be allowed flexibility with the work schedule of the relief employee provided that a notice of a schedule change shall not be less than forty-eight (48) hours and provided that the relief employee shall not be required to work more than ten (10) consecutive days at the straight-time rate and provided the relief employee shall have two (2) consecutive days off.

Section 5. Call-Back/Call-In

Employees covered by this Collective Agreement on call-back/call-in shall have a minimum guarantee of four (4) hours pay or be paid for actual work performed, whichever is greater, at the applicable overtime rates specified elsewhere herein, provided that the employee presents himself on the Employer's premises and reports himself available for work. If the employee's regularly scheduled shift starts within two (2) hours after he is called in he shall revert to his regular rate at the start of his regular scheduled shift, but in no case can he be paid less than two (2) hours at the overtime rate for time worked prior to his shift.

Section 6. Wages (Holiday)

Work performed for the Employer by the employees covered herein during any of the eleven (11) holidays recognized elsewhere herein shall be compensated at two (2) times their basic straight time hourly rates, this being additional to payment to them of eight (8) hours basic straight time hourly rates for holidays enumerated in ARTICLE VI of this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Section 7. Work Schedule Change

Except in emergency situations, whenever work schedules are changed at management's discretion, notice in writing of such change shall be posted in the Plant at least forty-eight (48)

hours before such change becomes effective. Time worked as the result of a schedule change when notice is less than forty-eight (48) hours shall be paid at the appropriate premium rate until expiration of the forty-eight (48) hour posting period.

Section 8. Shift Differential

a. Employees who are regularly scheduled and do work half or more of their hours on the afternoon or evening shift shall receive one-dollar-and-fifty-cents (\$1.50) per hour shift differential.

b. Premiums as defined in paragraph a. immediately above shall be added to the basic hourly wage for the purpose of overtime, holiday, sick leave, and accrued leave pay calculations.

c. Employees who are regularly scheduled on the afternoon or evening shift shall receive their shift differential as part of their base for the computation of overtime for all overtime that is a continuation of their regular shift. A continuation of a shift is defined as overtime hours that occur directly prior to the shift or directly after the conclusion of a shift. Overtime hours that occur during the day shift that is not a continuation of the Employee's regular shift shall not have the shift differential as a part of the base for the computation of overtime.

Section 9. Compensatory Time

a. Option for Compensatory Time

Employees shall have the discretion to opt for compensatory time in lieu of receiving overtime compensation. An employee may opt to exchange each hour of overtime worked for 1.5 hours of compensatory time, unless the hours worked were accrued at double time then each hour worked will be exchanged for 2 hours of compensatory time.

b. Scheduling

The scheduling of compensatory time shall be subject to mutual agreement between the non-bargaining supervisor and the bargaining unit employee with due consideration for operational needs.

c. Accumulation

Bargaining unit employees may earn up to 40 hours of compensatory time in total without the opportunity for rolling accumulation. An employee may not accrue more than forty (40) hours of compensatory time in any fiscal year. Any compensatory time not used by June 30th, shall be paid in cash by June 30th.

d. Implementation

The execution and administration of this compensatory time provision shall adhere to the terms stipulated within this Article.

e. The use of compensatory time will not generate overtime at any time.

ARTICLE VI

BENEFITS

General

Benefits shall include but not be limited to: Accrued leave, holidays, sick leave, leaves-of-absence are as set forth in the Board of Trustees Regulations. Benefits in the control of the Employer will not be diminished during the life of this agreement except as indicated below and any improvements in any of them will be made applicable to employees covered by this agreement.

The benefits described in these Regulations shall be subject to applicable state and federal laws and shall be automatically terminated or modified to maintain congruence with such laws or any repeal or amendment thereof.

Section 1.

All vacation requests shall be submitted to the non-bargaining unit supervisor at least ten (10) business days in advance. In the event the Employer cannot grant some or all those requests, it will so inform the employees. If requests conflict with each other, seniority within the Steam Plant and Renewable Energy Center shall be the controlling factor in determining which requests to approve.

Section 2.

A. Bargaining unit employees who are regularly scheduled to work Monday through Friday shall observe holidays on days designated by the Employer in accordance with the Board of Trustees Regulations.

B. Bargaining unit employees who are regularly scheduled to work other than Monday through Friday shall observe holidays on the actual calendar date of the holiday, including the days before Christmas and New Year's Day.

C. Holidays for employees in the bargaining unit shall be as shown below:

Labor Day
Day after Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving
Day before or after Christmas
Christmas Day
Day before or after New Year's
New Year's Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday
Lincoln's Birthday
Memorial Day

Independence Day
Juneteenth
General Election Day (only when statutorily required)

D. The Employer will compensate bargaining unit employees for eight (8) hours at the basic straight time hourly rate for such days whether or not work is performed for the employer on the holiday. Such holiday pay as prescribed shall constitute time worked for the purpose of computing overtime with the exception of the employee who receives pay for a holiday falling on one of his regularly scheduled days off within the work week.

E. The Employer, based on plant operational needs, may reduce staffing to one (1) bargaining unit member during a holiday observed by the University. When more than one (1) employee is scheduled to work the holiday, the Employer shall rely on operational need or seniority as to who shall or shall not work the holiday assignment. However, if more than one (1) employee is scheduled to work the holiday and both opt not to work the assignment, the Employer shall offer the assignment to those interested in working the assignment. In the event no one accepts the work assignment, an employee from the regularly scheduled shift shall work the assignment. In the event no one accepts the offered assignment, then no one will be charged with the hours offered. No consecutive one-person shifts shall occur while burning solid fuels.

ARTICLE VII

HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE, PENSIONS AND DISABILITY

Section 1. Group Insurance

During the terms of this Agreement, health and life insurance benefits shall be provided to all eligible employees covered by this Agreement in accordance with Illinois State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. The parties agree to accept the terms and conditions of life, health

and employee assistance benefits as provided by the Department of Central Management Services at the statewide level intended to apply to state universities.

Section 2. Pension and Disability

During the term of this Agreement, retirement, death, and disability benefits shall be provided to all eligible employees covered by this Agreement in accordance with the ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES, Chapter 40, Pension.

Section 3. Worker's Compensation Insurance

During the term of this Agreement, statutory benefits under workers' compensation shall be provided to all eligible employees covered by this Agreement in accordance with the ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES, Chapter 820, Workers' Compensation and Occupational Diseases Act.

Section 4. Other Benefits

During the term of this Agreement, related optional benefits (e.g., U.S. Savings Bonds, supplemental health and life insurance, tax sheltered annuities) available to other eligible university employees, shall be available to eligible employees covered by this agreement in accordance with applicable Board of Trustees policies and guidelines.

Section 5. Employee Assistance Program

The parties indicate by this agreement their mutual support of Employee Assistance Programs and to that end will encourage employees needing and/or desiring such services to contact the provider.

ARTICLE VIII

WORKING RULES AND CONDITIONS

Section I. Notice of changes

a. The Employer will invite the Union to submit its views and comments on Regulations, prior to changes which the Employer initiates or processes and will consider such views and comments in formulating the Employer's decision.

b. Members of this bargaining unit shall operate, maintain, and repair all machinery and equipment, including new equipment and technologies as introduced, for which they are responsible as stated in appropriate Civil Service Classification. The members of this bargaining unit shall perform all work of the Employer that has traditionally and historically been performed by them; and all work of this bargaining unit, traditionally and historically done by its members, shall be performed by workers in the unit, and no such work shall be performed by any other person or be sublet or contracted out where such action causes layoff of employees in the unit.

Workers under the designated supervisor shall receive their orders from him and the designated supervisor shall be responsible to his supervisor for carrying out orders of management in the operation of the plant. Management shall inform the designated supervisor of any contemplated major repairs and/or alteration to be made in the equipment under the jurisdiction of the engineers.

c. The Employer recognizes its responsibility to make all reasonable provisions for the safety and health of the workers and to maintain a sound operating practice which will result in safe working conditions and efficiency of operations, and to accomplish this, will conduct discussions of safety as necessary. The Union recognizes the responsibility of the individual

worker in this regard and each employee is expected to obey safety rules and to follow safe work practices to insure safety of property and self as well as that of other employees and students. Any unsafe working conditions or work practices are to be immediately reported to the appropriate supervisor. Where an unsafe practice or condition directly affects a member of this bargaining unit, it shall be reported as stated. If the matter is not resolved, the Union Business Representative may take it up directly with the Director of Facilities Planning and Management. In the event the matter is not resolved with the Director of Facilities Planning and Management the issue may be grieved at Step 2 of the grievance procedure.

d. In the event the University establishes a heating plant safety committee the union will be immediately informed. The committee will be made up of no more than two (2) persons representing the union and two (2) persons representing the university. The committee will be limited to reviewing and discussing safety and safety related items such as training which will enhance the safe operation of the plant. At no time shall the committee engage in discussions over issues subject to collective bargaining. The committee may make non-binding recommendations to the Director of Facilities Planning and Management for consideration.

ARTICLE IX

HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

Section 1. Shift Schedule

- a. The Employer shall determine shift schedules and scheduling requirements based upon the operational needs of the university.
- b. The work day is a fixed regularly recurring period of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours and begins at 7:00 a.m. each calendar day.

c. The work week is a fixed and regularly recurring period of seven (7) consecutive, twenty-four (24) hour periods beginning at 7:00 a.m. Monday and ending at 6:59 a.m. the following Monday.

d. Each work week shall consist of five (5) consecutive work days containing eight (8) consecutive hours of work per day.

e. Employees shall receive a paid thirty (30) minute meal period during each work day. The meal period shall be scheduled approximate to the midpoint of the work day, operations permitting. Employees shall be required to remain at the worksite during the meal period.

f. Each of the three shifts shall have the following starting and ending times:

First Shift: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Second Shift: 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Third Shift: 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

g. Employees in the same classification may occasionally trade days off and shift within the same pay period based upon operational need and supervisor approval, provided there will be no additional cost to the Employer.

Section 2.

a. It is mutually agreed that wash-up time shall be provided to employees prior to lunch time and prior to the end of the shift. This wash-up time will not exceed ten (10) minutes before lunch and the end of the shift.

b. Employees may request permission to shower after completion of assigned tasks. Supervisory personnel shall approve or deny this request based on its operational need.

Section 3.

a. When an employee in a lower classification is assigned and does perform work on a temporary basis in a higher classification for one (1) or more hours on a shift, the employee shall be upgraded and receive the rate of pay for the higher classification for the period of assignment. When an employee is assigned and does work on a temporary basis in a lower paid classification, the employee shall continue to receive their regular rate of pay.

b. When the Steam and Power Plant V operator is absent one or more days, a Steam and Power Plant III operator will be upgraded and paid the Steam and Power Plant IV operator rate of pay on the day shift.

c. Such upgrades shall be in accordance with the State Universities Civil Service System Rules.

Section 4. Overtime Assignments

Inasmuch as the Employer operates an educational institution, functioning in the public good and welfare, and services provided it by employees covered in this Collective Agreement are essential to the operation of said institution, all employees through acceptance of this Collective Agreement by their duly constituted Bargaining Agent, guarantee to perform reasonable amounts of overtime work whenever the Employer deems such work necessary.

Overtime, except in an emergency, must be offered on as equal basis as possible by classification, provided that if a special skill is required, the Employer shall select the employee with the fewest number of hours on the overtime chart who possesses the special skill.

a. A chart recording all overtime will be maintained and displayed for all employees to review at any time. The chart will be zeroed out once per year, on the first Monday of the first full pay period in February.

b. A new employee in the classification shall be credited with the highest number of overtime hours of those in the class.

c. Employees receiving overtime offerings shall be charged with the hours offered if refused. However, if an employee splits a shift and works he shall only be charged with the time worked.

d. Employees off on leave (sick, personal, vacation, etc...) shall not be offered or charged with any overtime offerings.

e. When an upgrade or downgrade has occurred, overtime must be offered within the regular employees of that classification first according to the overtime chart before it can be offered to the employee on upgrade or downgrade. If an employee on upgrade or downgrade is offered overtime he will be charged with those overtime hours regardless of his classification.

Section 5. Missed Overtime Assignment

Missed assignments of overtime by employees does not obligate the Employer to compensate an employee who would have worked the overtime assignment. However, the employee who missed the opportunity would be eligible for a future overtime assignment to which he/she is qualified.

Section 6.

The university will make available training opportunities to the extent possible for employees to promote within a promotional line. Any training shall be available to the employees within a promotional line on a time available basis. The employee shall receive their regular rate of compensation while being provided this training during the employee's regular work hours.

Section 7.

In the event a layoff of bargaining unit employees occurs, the university will make an effort to relocate any employees subject to layoff to other vacant and available positions for which they are qualified.

Section 8.

a. Regardless of the fuel being used, the Employer agrees to schedule a minimum of two (2) bargaining unit employees on each shift in the Heat Plant. The Employer is not required to provide overtime in the event a scheduled employee is absent from work.

b. During scheduled or unscheduled outages or breakdowns of the Heat Plant, the Employer may assign bargaining unit members to an alternative shift.

c. Whenever the RENG Facility or the Old Steam Plant Facility is being started/lit off from a cold/shutdown plant status there will be a minimum of two employees on shift.

ARTICLE X

DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Written Reprimand, Suspension and/or Discharge

Whenever an employee covered by this Collective Agreement is given a written reprimand, suspension, or is discharged, written notice in accordance with the Statutes and Rules of the State Universities Civil Service System of Illinois will be given him and a copy of such notice will be sent to the Union's Business Representative.

ARTICLE XI

SENIORITY

Section 1. Seniority Roster

a. The Employer agrees to provide rosters to the Union of the employees in classifications covered by this Collective Agreement showing each employee's seniority and job classification as such rosters are prepared for use of the operating department.

b. The Employer agrees to provide to the Union the above mentioned roster upon its request annually.

c. Seniority shall be by classification and shall prevail in regard to layoffs, and choice of working shifts so far as operating needs of the department permit. However, any employee initiated shift movement shall not obligate the Employer to pay overtime when the new schedule is implemented.

d. Vacation preference shall be by departmental seniority regardless of classification. Department seniority is the total service time in the individual departments covered by this Agreement.

Section 2. Bid Meeting

a. Employees covered by this Agreement shall be allowed a shift bid once per contract year. The bid shall be posted on the first Monday in January to be effective on the first Monday of the first pay period in February. Seniority shall be used in the selection process.

b. Employee initiated shift movement due to the annual shift bid shall not obligate the Employer to pay overtime when initiating the new shift change.

c. Once a vacancy is determined to be filled, the shift will be posted for bid within the classification. Each shift will be filled by seniority and a new shift will be posted and bid until the least desired shift is left. The new employee to the classification shall assume the last available shift.

ARTICLE XII

PROMOTION

Section 1.

a. Promotional examinations and training courses conducted in preparation for promotional examinations shall be open to all qualified employees within the bargaining unit in the promotional line.

b. Seniority shall be the determining factor, unless a less senior employee has identifiable skills and/or education, and/or experience in excess of the senior employee(s) and is eligible.

c. In the event of a disagreement between the Union and Employer in the evaluation of "identifiable skills", the Employer will discuss the decision with the Union.

d. If the matter is not resolved following discussion between the Employer and the Union, the matter will be submitted to grievance and arbitration in accordance with this Agreement.

ARTICLE XIII
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. Informal Resolution

It is the intent of the parties to this Agreement to use their individual and collective best efforts to promote and encourage the informal and prompt adjustment of any complaint which may arise between the Union or any member covered under this agreement and the Employer.

Section 2. Definitions

For the purposes of this grievance procedure, the following definitions shall be applicable:

Grievant - shall mean any member covered under this Agreement or the Union in behalf of all members in the unit, who, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, seeks resolution for a grievance.

Grievance - is an allegation by the Grievant that any express provision or term of this Agreement or any of the written policies of the Employer expressly incorporated elsewhere in this Agreement has been violated by the Employer. A grievance shall be submitted as a written and signed statement setting forth all known facts material to the alleged violation including the specific contractual provision alleged to have been violated or in dispute.

Day - shall mean a working day, Monday through Friday, exclusive of any Employer approved holiday.

Section 3. Dialogue

An Employee having a misunderstanding or who wishes to offer a complaint regarding employment shall consult with the immediate supervisor. The supervisor shall consider and attempt to resolve or adjust such issues.

Section 4. Procedure

Step 1 Within five (5) days following any violation giving rise to a grievance, and the grievant was or should have been aware of the violation, the grievant may submit a written grievance to the appropriate Department Head or designee. The Department Head or designee shall first review the grievance and then personally discuss the issue with the grievant. Every effort shall be first made to conciliate the matter. Should conciliatory efforts not resolve the matter, the Department Head or designee shall render a decision regarding settlement or denial of the grievance and shall forward a copy of the grievance and the decision in writing to the grievant and to the Department of Employee and Labor Relations within five (5) days following receipt of the grievance. The grievant retains the right to have the Union Spokesperson present at any discussions between the grievant and the Department Head.

Step 2 Should the grievance not be resolved in Step One (1) to the mutual satisfaction of the parties, the grievant may appeal the grievance to the Director of Employee and Labor Relations within five (5) days in writing following receipt of the Department Head's response. The Director of Employee and Labor Relations or designee shall first review and investigate the grievance and the history of actions taken in Step One (1) and then personally discuss the issue with the grievant and the Union within ten (10) days of the receipt of the grievance. Every effort shall be first made to conciliate the matter. Should such conciliatory efforts not resolve the matter, the Director of Employee and Labor Relations shall render a decision regarding the settlement or denial of the

grievance and shall forward that decision in writing to the grievant and the Union within ten (10) days following the meeting with the Union.

Step 3 Failing to reach agreement with the Director of Employee and Labor Relations or designated representative within thirty (30) days following the Director of Employee and Labor Relations or designee representative's response, either party may submit the grievance to an Arbitrator mutually agreed upon by the parties. Arbitration of the grievance may be invoked only by the Employer or the Union. The right of appeal to an Arbitrator is waived by either party if the Employer or the Union do not request arbitration in writing to the other party within the thirty (30) day period.

Section 5. Arbitration

The Director of Employee and Labor Relations or designee and the Union shall attempt to agree upon an Arbitrator, but if they are unable to do so within ten (10) working days of the written notice to arbitrate, the parties shall jointly request the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to submit a panel of seven (7) Arbitrators. Either party may reject one panel and the parties will submit a request for a new panel. The parties shall alternately strike the names of three (3) Arbitrators, taking turns as to the first strike. The remaining person shall be the Arbitrator who shall be notified of their selection by a joint letter from both parties requesting that a date and time for the hearing be established subject to the reasonable availability of the parties.

Both parties agree to attempt to arrive at a joint stipulation of the facts and issues as outlined to be submitted to the Arbitrator. The Employer or the Union shall have the right to request the Arbitrator to require the presence of witnesses and/or documents. Each party shall bear the expense of its own witnesses who are not employees of the Employer. The Employer shall not be

obligated for payment of employee's travel expenses and/or time spent outside of the employee's normal working hours.

Questions of arbitrability shall be decided by the arbitrator. The Arbitrator shall make a preliminary determination of the question of arbitrability. Once a determination is made that the matter is arbitrable or if such preliminary determination cannot be reasonably made, the Arbitrator shall then proceed to determine the merits of the grievance. The Arbitrator shall have no authority to amend, modify, nullify, ignore, add to or subtract from the provisions of this agreement.

The decision and award of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding on the Employer, Union and the employee or employees involved. The expenses and fees of the Arbitrator and the cost of the hearing room shall be shared equally by the parties.

If either party desires a verbatim record of the proceedings, it may cause such a record to be made, providing it pays for the record and makes a copy available without charge to the Arbitrator. If the other party desires a copy, it shall pay for the cost of that copy.

Section 6. Advancement of Grievance

Failure to respond by the Employer's representative at any step does not find in favor of the grievant, but automatically advances the grievance to the next step of the grievance procedure. Failure of the grievant or the Union to advance a grievance during the time period specified by these procedures shall be construed that the grievance has been resolved to the satisfaction of the grievant. The time limit at any step may be extended by mutual agreement by the parties involved at that step.

ARTICLE XIV

NO STRIKE

Section 1. No interruption of Service

The Union recognizes and agrees that the employees it represents will provide the Employer service on a continuous basis. The Union and its members hereby agree that during the term of this contract there will be no interruption of this service due to any strike, walkout, work stoppage, slow down, picketing, or other activity which interrupts services. No employee may refuse to report to work or refuse to work due to the existence of an informational picket line.

Section 2. No Lock Out

The Employer hereby agrees that during the term of this contract there will be no lock out of its employees.

ARTICLE XV

LIMITATIONS OF AGREEMENT

Section 1. Legal Limitations

- a. No provision or clause of this Collective Agreement may supersede law or governmental order.
- b. Previous agreements and commitments by and between the Parties contrary to and not made a part of the terms of this instrument are agreed to be null and void.

Section 2.

No provision or clause of this Collective Agreement may supersede or contradict any existing provision of Regulations of the law and rules governing the State Universities Civil

Service System of Illinois, or the Bylaws and Governing Policies promulgated by the Board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University, all of which are made part of the Collective Agreement.

ARTICLE XVI

EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT

Section 1. Effective Date

This Collective Bargaining Agreement shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees and shall remain in effect through July 31, 2027. It shall automatically be renewed thereafter from year to year unless either Party notifies the other in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date that it desires to modify or terminate this Agreement.

Section 2. Changes or Amendments

Negotiations of proposed changes or amendments to this Collective Agreement, specified in the notice required by Section 1, immediately above, and the respondent's reply thereto shall begin not later than thirty (30) days following notification of one Party to the other that it seeks changes or amendments.

Section 3. Status of Collective Agreement During Negotiations

a. The Parties recognize joint responsibility to provide continuing service to the end that educational processes are not interrupted. If, during the course of negotiations an impasse appears likely, every effort shall be made by them to resolve the dispute.

b. Negotiations, by and between the Parties, of proposed changes or amendments to the provisions of this Collective Agreement shall begin not later than thirty (30) days following notification of one Party to the other that it seeks changes or amendments. Such negotiations shall

continue with this Collective Agreement remaining in full force and vigor until a new Agreement is reached or until this Collective Agreement is abrogated by one Party giving the other ten (10) work days written notice that it has been terminated.

Section 4. Effective Dates of Changes or Amendments

These shall be established in negotiations by and between the Parties

ARTICLE XVII

ACCEPTANCE BY PARTIES

The parties hereby state that the foregoing instrument, consisting of pages one (1) through thirty-three (33) inclusive, is mutually acceptable to the Union and Employer and both parties covenant to maintain it and obey its provisions during the period of its effectiveness.

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**ADDENDUM A
BASIC HOURLY WAGE**

FOR THE PERIOD

<u>Classification:</u>	<u>8-01-23</u>	<u>8-01-24</u>	<u>8-01-25</u>	<u>8-01-26</u>
	\$1.50	\$1.50	4%	4%
Steam and Power Plant III	\$39.07	\$40.57	\$42.19	\$43.88
Steam and Power Plant IV	\$40.79	\$42.29	\$43.91	\$45.60

New Hire Stationary Engineer Rate:

0-6 Months	\$5.00 Below Stationary Engineer Base Rate of Pay
7-12 Months	\$3.00 Below Stationary Engineer Base Rate of Pay
After 12 Months	Base Rate of Pay for Stationary Engineer

Pay Differential:

Employees shall receive a differential added to the base salary rate, of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour for all hours worked in all boilers, tanks, pits, breachings, stacks, gasifiers, multicyclones, and electrostatic precipitators (ESP).

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

The Employer agrees that it will make available to bargaining unit employees a copy of the Board of Trustees Bylaws, Governing Policies and Regulations and associated Internal Governing Policies. Bargaining unit employees shall be responsible for familiarizing themselves with the above stated rules and regulations.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
GUIDELINES FOR ONE-MAN BOILER OPERATIONS

The Chief Engineer or designee of the Heat Plant will make the decision to fill or not to fill a vacancy based on operational needs.

The operator will **NOT** be expected to perform the following duties in the event a vacancy occurs resulting in a single operator. When one-man coverage of the Heat Plant occurs, the Supervisor shall have an established call-in, call-out safety procedure.

1. Shall not perform routine maintenance.
2. Shall not load or unload ash dumpsters.
3. Shall not unload biomass deliveries.
4. Shall not allow visitors inside the plant, unless said visitors are with a tour supervised by EIU staff.
5. Shall conduct gate and front door business through the intercom system and security cameras.
6. Shall not work on live steam or condensate lines. This shall not limit the operator from operating valves.
7. Shall not work at high elevations above six feet off of a ladder.
8. Shall not work in confined entry type areas.
9. Shall call Supervisor or designee when faced with difficult situations.
10. Shall defer 2300 – 0700 water testing to first shift, in the event that first shift is one man operations. The 2300-0700 operator may stay over on overtime until the testing is completed. In the event that the 2300-0700 operator cannot stay over, a two hour notification is required.
11. Shall not start-up a bio-mass boiler.

ADDENDUM B

FURLOUGH

In the event a Furlough Day program is deemed necessary by the President of the University, the university and union agree to meet and impact bargain the effects of the program prior to its implementation.