

OPERATING EMPLOYEES BLET Trip Rates GULF DIVISION

BLET Trip Rates as provided for in the 2003 BLE National Agreement will be implemented on the Gulf Division beginning Wednesday, November 1, 2006.

Implementation covers Galveston board 21 protecting service between Galveston and Seadrift in turn around service.

	<u>Version A</u>	<u>Version B</u>
Single trip rate for engineers =	\$ 259.12	\$ 317.45
Overtime extension for trip =	11 minutes	11 minutes

It is understood that this trip rate only applies to engineers protecting service by Galveston Board No. 21 protecting service between Galveston and Seadrift in turn around service. Version A Trip Rate represents the normal route via Alvin, mileage range 0-199. The engineers will claim 174 miles and will be paid Version A Trip Rate. Engineers operating via Houston, mileage range 200-299, will claim 214 actual miles and will automatically be paid the Version B Trip Rate.

Employees will continue to claim mileage as before, with the exception of lap back or side trip (non-penalty) miles. Establishment of BLET trip rates eliminates the need to claim the following constructive codes:

- IT Initial terminal switching
- FT Final terminal switching
- 17 Initial terminal delay
- 14 Final terminal delay
- IL Initial lite miles
- FL Final lite miles
- 09 Meal enroute
- 41 Meal enroute
- 72 Meal enroute
- IC Meal enroute
- ME Meal enroute
- MF Meal enroute
- M2 Meal enroute
- M3 Meal enroute

M4 Meal enroute
M5 Meal enroute
M6 Meal enroute
10 Intermediate switching
26 Intermediate switching
82 Aggregate station switching
YA Yard runaround
Rate of Service Conversions

If an employee creates an override ticket using option (1d), they will be required to enter the home terminal and board number of the service they are protecting before completing the override ticket.

When tying up in the TSS paperless system, please insure that the actual miles field is correct based on your service trip. Employees need to briefly explain their route traversed using code FE, on such trips as rescues, helpers and dogcatches. Any service performed (other than terminal to terminal working) needs to be explained in this manner. Current route codes and miles will be retained if applicable.