

ORGANIZING AND NEUTRALITY

Section 1.4 The Company agrees to remain neutral during any organizing campaign of employees eligible for union representation under the NLRA. This means that the Company will not hold any captive audience meetings, and when responding to inquiries, will only advise employees that it is an individual employee's choice to support or not support the Union's organizing efforts and/or join or not join the Union. The Company, including its supervisors, will not take any action or make any statements that will state or imply any opposition by the Company to the selection by such employees of a collective bargaining agent. The Union agrees that information distributed (verbally or in writing) will contain accurate information that is not disparaging towards the Company or any of its employees and that it will not attempt to organize any employees in the Human Resources, Labor Relations, or Legal departments.

The Company agrees that when non-represented employees of the Company who perform duties similar to currently represented employees choose representation by CWA as a result of organizing efforts, the Company shall apply this Collective Bargaining Agreement except as to provisions which the Company can establish would cause it financial hardship if implemented for this newly represented group of employees. As to such provisions, the parties will meet and negotiate to resolve such financial hardships.

In other instances in which employees of the Company choose representation by CWA as a result of organizing efforts (e.g., the Union has organized employees who worked for an acquired company or who do not perform work that is similar to that of existing represented employees), the Company shall apply the grievance/arbitration procedures and other administrative provisions of this Collective Bargaining Agreement to these newly represented employees unless otherwise agreed. In addition, the Company will perform a good faith evaluation of whether these employees can be represented under the remaining terms and conditions of this Collective Bargaining Agreement in a cost effective manner. If so, the employees will be represented under the terms and conditions of this Collective Bargaining Agreement. Otherwise, the Company and Union will meet and negotiate an appropriate Addendum that could modify work rules, benefits, or other terms and conditions of the Agreement for those employees in such a manner that economic requirements can be met.