



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Between**

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LOCAL UNION NO. 1245**

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**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 1245**

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 3500 et seq. of the Government Code of the State of California.

The parties have met and conferred in good faith regarding wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment for the employees in said representation unit, and have freely exchanged information, opinions and proposals and have reached agreement on all matters relating to the employment conditions and employer-employee relations of such employees.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be presented to the City of Alameda through the City Council and the Public Utilities Board as the joint recommendation of the undersigned parties for salaries and employee benefits for the period commencing December 27, 2015 and ending December 26, 2018.

**Section 1. Recognition**

1.1 Union Recognition

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1245 hereinafter referred to as the "Union", is the recognized employee organization for the classifications listed in Appendix A hereinafter referred to as the "Unit".

1.2 AMP Recognition

The General Manager of Alameda Municipal Power, which is a department of the City of Alameda or any person or organization duly authorized by the General Manager, is the representative of the City hereinafter referred to as the "AMP", in employer-employee relations, as provided in Resolution No. 7476 adopted by the City Council on May 21, 1969.

**Section 2. Union Security**

2.1 Dues Deduction

Payroll deductions from employees in the Unit for union membership dues or agency fees shall be made by AMP only on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1245.

The following procedures shall be observed in the withholding of employee earnings:

- (1) Payroll deductions for Union dues or agency fees shall be for a specific amount and uniform as between employee members of the Union and shall not include fines, fees and/or assessments. Dues or agency fees deduction shall be made only upon the employee's written authorization.
- (2) Authorization cancellation or modification of payroll deduction for Union dues or agency fees shall be approved by the General Manager. The voluntary payroll deduction authorization shall remain in effect until employment with AMP is

terminated or until canceled or modified by the employee. Employees in the Unit may authorize dues or agency fees deductions only for the Union.

- (3) Amounts deducted and withheld by AMP shall be transmitted to the officer designated in writing by the Union as the person authorized to receive such funds at the address specified.
- (4) Union membership dues or agency fees shall be deducted only provided that the employee's earnings are sufficient; after all other required deductions are made, to cover the amount of the deductions herein authorized. When an employee is in a non-pay status for an entire pay period, no withholding will be made to cover that pay period from future earnings nor will the employee deposit the amount with AMP which would have been withheld if the employee who is in a non-pay status during a part of the pay period, and the salary is not sufficient to cover the full withholding, no deduction shall be made. In this connection, all other required deductions have priority over the Union dues or agency fees deduction.
- (5) The Union shall file with the General Manager an indemnity statement wherein the Union shall indemnify, defend and hold AMP harmless against any claim made and against any suit initiated against AMP for the deduction of Union dues or agency fees. In addition, the Union shall refund to AMP any amounts paid to it in error upon presentation of supporting evidence.

## 2.2 Agency Shop

The parties hereto recognize that membership in the Union is not compulsory, that employees in the Unit have the right to join, not join; maintain, or drop their membership in the Union and that neither party shall exert any pressure on or discriminate against an employee regarding such matters. The Union agrees it is obligated to represent all of the employees in the Unit fairly and equally, without regard to whether or not an employee is a member of the Union.

Any employee of AMP in the Unit shall, as a condition of continued employment, either be required to belong to the Union or to pay to the Union an amount (agency fees) equal to that which would be paid by an employee who decides to become a member of the Union at the time of employment. For new employees, the payment shall commence thirty-one (31) days following date of employment. The payment of dues, or agency fees, shall be deducted only for Union dues, or agency fees, upon written authorization from the employee to AMP and is subject to religious or other exceptions as provided by State law. Any disputes arising out of the application of said State law is solely between the Union and the employee involved in the dispute, and shall not involve AMP, in any way, in resolving the dispute.

Deductions for payment to the Union shall be made only provided that the employee's earnings are regularly sufficient after other legal and required deductions are made to cover the amount of dues or agency fees authorized. When an employee is in a non-pay status for an entire pay period, no withholding will be made to cover the pay period from future earnings. In the case of an employee who is in a non-pay status during only part of the pay period, and the salary is not sufficient to cover the full withholding, no deduction shall be made. In this connection, all other legal and required deductions have priority over Union dues. The Union shall notify AMP in writing as to the amount of such dues or agency fees uniformly required of all members in the Union.

Monies withheld by AMP shall be transmitted to the Officer designated in writing by the President of the Union as the person authorized to receive such funds, at the address

specified. The union shall indemnify, defend, and hold AMP harmless against any claims made, and against any suit instituted against AMP on account of deduction of employee organization dues or agency fees. In addition, the Union shall refund to AMP any amount paid to it in error upon presentation of supporting evidence.

### 2.3 Employee Rights

The Union, on behalf of the employees it represents, retains all of the rights granted to it by the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act.

## **Section 3. Union Representatives**

AMP employees who are official representatives of the Union shall be given reasonable time off with pay to attend meetings with management representatives, or to be present at hearings where matters within the scope of representation or grievances are being considered. The use of official time for this purpose shall be reasonable and shall not interfere with the performance of AMP services as determined by AMP. Except by mutual agreement, the number of employees excused for such purposes shall not exceed three (3).

## **Section 4. Access to Work Locations**

Reasonable access to employee work locations shall be granted officers of the Union and their officially designated representatives for the purpose of processing grievances or contacting members of the Union concerning business within the scope of representation. Such officers or representatives shall not enter any work location without the consent of the General Manager. Access shall be restricted so as not to interfere with the normal operations of the department or with established safety or security requirements.

Solicitation of membership and activities concerned with the internal management of the union, such as collecting dues or agency fees, holding membership meetings, campaigning for office, conduction elections and distributing literature, shall not be conducted during working hours.

## **Section 5. Use of AMP Facilities**

AMP employees or the Union or their representatives may, with the prior approval of the General Manager, be granted the use of AMP facilities during non-work hours for meetings of AMP employees provided space is available. If required by the General Manager, all such requests shall be in writing and shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting.

The use of AMP equipment other than items normally used in the conduct of business meetings, such as desks, chairs, ashtrays and blackboards is strictly prohibited, the presence of such equipment in approved AMP facilities notwithstanding.

## **Section 6. Bulletin Boards**

The Union may use a portion of AMP bulletin board under the following conditions:

- (1) All materials must be dated and must identify the Union that published them.
- (2) Unless special arrangements are made between the Union and the General Manager, materials posted may be removed by AMP thirty-one (31) days after the publication date.
- (3) AMP agrees to provide a bulletin board in reasonable locations and designate a reasonable portion thereof for Union use.

- (4) If the Union does not abide by these rules, it will forfeit its right to have material posted on AMP bulletin boards.

## **Section 7. AMP Rights**

Unless otherwise modified by this Memorandum of Understanding, the rights of AMP include, but are not limited to, the exclusive right to determine the mission of its constituent departments, commissions and boards; set standards of service; determine the procedures and standards of selection for employment and promotion; direct its employees; take disciplinary action; relieve its employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons; maintain the efficiency of operations; determine the methods, means and personnel by which operations are to be conducted; determine the content of job classifications; take all necessary actions to carry out its mission in emergencies; and to exercise complete control and discretion over its organization, technology, procedures and standards, all in accordance with Good Utility Practice of performing its work.

## **Section 8. No Discrimination**

There shall be no discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, ancestry, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, or legitimate union activities against any employee or applicant for employment by the union or by the City or by anyone employed by the City; and to the extent prohibited by applicable state and federal law, there shall be no discrimination because of age. There shall be no discrimination against any disabled person solely because of such disability unless that disability prevents the person from meeting the minimum standards established.

## **Section 9. Hours of Work**

### **9.1 Electrical, Facilities and Other Classifications**

#### **A. Work Schedule**

The normal working days each week will be Monday through Friday, inclusive, between the hours of 0700 to 0730 start time and 1530 to 1600 quitting time for Operations employees (except System Operators) and Electrical Maintenance Technicians with one-half (1/2) hour off for lunch; 0700 to 0800 start time and 1530 to 1700 quitting time for Store Room employees with up to one (1) hour off for lunch; and between the hours of 0800 and 1700, with one (1) hour off for lunch for Engineering Aides; 0730 to 1630 for Facilities Maintenance Worker with a one (1) hour lunch, 0700-1530 and 0830-1700 with a one-half (1/2) hour lunch for Meter Service Technicians, the time of the lunch period being subject to change at the discretion of Management. Alternate work schedules would be subject of meet and confer between AMP and the Union. Current alternate work schedules are set forth in Appendices D and E.

#### **B. Alternative Shifts**

Currently, employees in the classification of Streetlight Maintenance Technician and Service Line Worker are assigned to work on a second shift. The second shift will commence between the hours of 1400 to 1600 and end between the hours of 2230 and 0030. In the future, AMP may return an employee from the second shift to the first shift.



The assignment of additional classifications to work alternative shifts will be subject of meet and confer between AMP and the Union.

C. Rest Period

AMP recognizes that work during the period from 2300 to 0500 interferes with the employee's normal time for sleep, and might endanger a person's health or safety if required to continue with a full regular shift in a tired condition.

AMP will provide a rest period of one (1) hour for each hour worked between 2300 and 0500 hours, to be taken after the beginning of the regular weekday shift, on the same day, without loss of compensation.

Payment for the rest period will be at the regular straight-time rate. In computing the length of a rest period, a minimum of one (1) hour will be credited. However, travel time and time to eat a meal, as provided in accordance with subsection 11.9, will not be considered for this purpose to be time worked.

If the work period starts early and terminates prior to 0500, the rest period will commence at the beginning of the regular weekday shift. If the work period starts late and continues beyond 0500, the employee may be required to continue to work the regular shift, with the rest period deducted from the end of that shift. If the work period extends the full six (6) hours from 2300 to 0500, the employee need not report for work on the regular shift until the next workday, in which case, the person will be paid for the full regular shift as if it had been worked. In the event that an employee, due to operational need, is required to work during an earned rest period during regular work hours, the employee will be paid for the earned rest period in addition to wages earned for hours worked.

The provisions of this Section (9.1 C) shall not be applicable to System Operators or Electric Maintenance Technicians assigned to substitute as System Operators, or to classifications working an alternative shift as outlined in 9.1.B above. Employees assigned to work an alternative shift will normally have the provisions concerning overtime, rest period and meals adjusted to reflect their assigned work schedule.

9.2 Change of Schedule

An employee regularly assigned to work second or third shift may be scheduled to a day shift for the duration of scheduled absences such as jury duty, mandatory training and development, etc. For a single shift incident, if the employee's rest period is impacted, the employee will be paid at the applicable overtime rate for the hours of attendance and allowed to return to work an equal amount of time after the beginning of the regular shift.

**Section 10. Inclement Weather**

10.1 Regular or probationary employees who are unable to work in the field because of inclement weather or other similar causes will receive pay for the full day, provided they have reported for duty. During such a day, they may be held pending emergency calls, may be given first aid, safety or other instruction, or they may be assigned to perform miscellaneous duties in sheltered locations.

10.2 Full-time temporary personnel who have reported for work but are unable to work in the field because of inclement weather or other similar causes will be paid only for the time they work or are held by the City, except, however, that they will be paid for not less than two (2) hours.

- 10.3 AMP Superintendents will be responsible for determining whether weather conditions warrant cessation of outside work. In arriving at the decision with respect to weather conditions, the Superintendent in consultation with the Working Supervisors, shall take into account such factors as: (a) employee health and safety, (b) undue hazards, (c) operating requirements, (d) service to the public, (e) job site working conditions, (f) anticipated duration of time required to leave unfinished job in a safe condition, (g) anticipated duration of inclement weather, and (h) distance from job site to the Service Center.

## **Section 11. Overtime, Compensatory Time, Call Back, Meals**

### **11.1 Overtime Definition**

Overtime is defined as whenever an employee is required to work as follows:

- (1) Outside his or her workday; or
- (2) Outside his or her workweek; or
- (3) More than eight (8) hours in any day; or
- (4) More than forty (40) hours in any week; or
- (5) On any official AMP holiday.

### **11.2 Overtime Authorization**

All overtime must be as authorized by the General Manager or his or her designated representative.

### **11.3 Computation of Overtime**

Overtime will be reported by each employee on a time card which shows the exact amount of overtime worked. If an employee in a classification covered by this MOU is called from home to work overtime, the time worked to be entered on the time card shall start at the time leaving home, and at ten (10) minutes after leaving the Service Center.

Overtime will be computed to the nearest one-tenth (1/10) of an hour.

### **11.4 Categories of Overtime**

Overtime shall be categorized as 1) Prearranged; 2) Short Notice Call-Out; 3) Anticipated Extension of the Work Day; and 4) Unanticipated Extension of the Work Day. The definition of each category of overtime and an administrative procedure for the execution of such category of overtime is contained in the following Subsections.

At the outset, the parties to this MOU recognize and agree that City of Alameda Municipal Power employees are Disaster Service Workers as defined in the State of California Government Code Title 1, Division 4, Chapter 8. Section 3100 of this Code provides, in part:

“It is hereby declared that the protection of the health and safety and preservation of the lives and property of the people of the state from the effects of natural, manmade, or war-caused emergencies which result in conditions of disaster or in extreme peril to life, property, and resources is of paramount state importance requiring the responsible efforts of public and private agencies and individual citizens. In furtherance of the exercise of the police power of

the state in protection of its citizens and resources, all public employees are hereby declared to be disaster service workers subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their superiors or by law.”

It is agreed that when a natural, manmade, or war-caused emergency which results in a condition of disaster or in extreme peril to life, property, and resources exists, the provisions of Subsection 11.4.2, Short Notice Call-Out, may be suspended.

#### 11.4.1 Prearranged Overtime

Prearranged overtime is defined as work outside regular work hours on a work day or non-work day or holiday for which notice has been given during regular work hours on a work day and which was given a minimum of four (4) hours in advance of the start of such work.

Prearranged overtime work shall be distributed among employees in the same classification as equally as is practicable. It is understood that such distribution is on a calendar year basis and the balancing of such is also on a calendar year basis. In other words, should an imbalance occur in the prearranged overtime worked/credited, AMP is obligated to balance overtime within the classification as equally as is practicable by the end of the calendar year.

When an employee is notified to report to the job for work which does not immediately follow the conclusion of the regular work day, the employee will be paid at one and one-half (1 1/2) times the straight time rate for a minimum of two (2) hours. Prearranged overtime must be cancelled six (6) hours or more prior to start of work to avoid penalty payment of the minimum two (2) hours of overtime.

An employee scheduled to work prearranged overtime must appear for such work unless there is a valid excuse. An employee under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or in an impaired condition for any reason, shall inform the supervisor that the employee cannot report for duty.

AMP shall establish and post a prearranged overtime list at the first of each calendar year. The list shall be arranged by classification, in order of seniority with AMP. When a prearranged overtime work assignment is made, it shall be offered to the employee at the “top of the list”, (the employee with the fewest number of hours worked and/or credited or to the senior employee in the classification if hours worked/credited are equal). An employee who is offered an opportunity to work prearranged overtime but declines shall be credited with the same number of hours actually worked by the employee who does work. Calculation of employee at the “top of the list” shall include hours actually worked as well as hours charged.

Bi-weekly (in conjunction with normal payroll cycle), AMP shall post the list of prearranged overtime hours worked and credited for each employee, grouped by classification, and arranged in the order of least hours worked/credited to most hours worked/credited. During the subsequent two-week period, prearranged overtime assignments shall be offered to employees in the order they appear on the list.

Should there be insufficient volunteers to perform the work required, AMP shall assign the work to the employee(s) in the needed classification who has the least number of year-to-date total hours. If two or more employees have the same number of year-to-date total hours worked, the employee with the least AMP seniority shall be assigned to work.

An employee scheduled to be on vacation or floating holiday shall not be scheduled to work overtime for the period between the end of the employee’s last regular day of work preceding

the employee's vacation and the start of the employee's first regular day of work following the vacation. An employee who is off due to illness or injury shall not be scheduled to work overtime until such employee returns to work on a regular workday.

A new hire, an employee coming back off a leave of absence, or an employee not previously volunteering for duty will initially be credited with one (1) hour more than the maximum accrued in his/her classification. In other words, the employee would go to the "bottom of the list".

#### 11.4.2 Short Notice Call-Out

Short notice call-out overtime is defined as overtime for which the employee was not given notice four (4) or more hours in advance on a workday during work hours.

When an employee is asked to work pursuant to this Subsection, such employee must appear for such work unless there is a valid excuse. An employee under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or in an impaired condition for any reason, shall inform the supervisor that the employee cannot report for duty.

When an employee is called for short notice work, he/she shall, upon reporting, receive a minimum of two (2) hours pay at double time (2X). The employee may be required to remain available for the entire two (2) hours. For the purpose of this section, concurrent or successive emergency assignments to a worker, between the time leaving home (or wherever contacted for emergency work) up to the time of being released, will be considered as a single call. The employee may be released as soon as an emergency job is completed by the supervisor or the System Operator on duty.

Under ordinary circumstances, the worker will be released as soon as an emergency job is completed, providing no other emergency has developed requiring further services. However, if the worker is asked to stay on duty in anticipation of further trouble after completing the known emergency work, the employee will be paid for such time at double (2X) the straight time rate when extending beyond the two (2) hour minimum provided herein for emergency calls.

AMP shall establish and post a short notice overtime list at the first of each calendar year. The list shall be arranged by classification, in order of seniority with AMP. When a short notice overtime work assignment is made, it shall be offered to the employee at the "top of the list", (the employee with the fewest number of hours worked and/or credited or to the senior employee in the classification if hours worked/credited are equal).

Short notice call out assignments shall be handled pursuant to the following administrative procedure:

- (1) Short notice assignments shall be distributed and rotated as equitably as practicable among qualified employees in the same classification who have volunteered to be available. Lineworker/Service Lineworker and Line Working Supervisor shall be considered as separate classifications for this purpose. Priority may be given to persons who reside within 30 miles of Alameda.
- (2) Each week, AMP will post the short notice call out overtime worked or credited as worked (see below) for each person for that week and will, at the end of the week, run up a new accumulated total, update the list, post the list, and distribute the list to AMP personnel concerned with overtime call-out for the next week.

- (3) AMP will call the volunteer with the least amount of recorded short notice call out hours. In the event employees are called for voluntary emergency overtime and cannot be reached, they will nevertheless be credited with overtime hours for the purpose of this section in the same amount as received by those who did the work.
- (4) When there are insufficient volunteers available for short notice call out duty, AMP may require employees to report for work on an emergency basis.
- (5) A new hire, a person coming back off a leave of absence, or a person not previously volunteering for short notice call out duty will initially be credited with one (1) hour more than the maximum accrued in his/her classification. In other words, he/she would go to the "bottom of the list".
- (6) A person bidding into or demoted to a new classification, or a person coming back off of an extended sickness will initially be credited with the mean accumulated hours for the classification. In other words, he/she would go to the "middle of the list".
- (7) If it is determined that AMP has made a mistake in the administration of this procedure, AMP will place the aggrieved employee at the "top of the list".
- (8) By written agreement between AMP and the Union, other call-out procedures may be adopted.

#### 11.4.3 Anticipated Extension of the Work Day Overtime

Anticipated extension of the workday overtime is defined as time worked immediately following the conclusion of regular work hours on a regular workday and in conjunction with the job in progress.

Generally, assignments to work anticipated extension of the workday shall be made utilizing the provisions of Subsection 11.4.1 Prearranged Overtime. However, where the nature and complexity of the job in progress makes it impractical to utilize the prearranged overtime list for such assignments, the crew assigned to the job during regular work hours/regular work days may be assigned the anticipated extension of the work day overtime associated with the specific job in progress.

In the event one or more of the employees on the crew of the job in progress request not to work the anticipated extension of the workday overtime, replacement employee(s) shall be selected utilizing the prearranged overtime list. However, the employee who requests replacement on the crew shall be credited with the same number of hours as is worked by the employee(s) who replaced him/her.

All hours worked as anticipated extension of the workday shall be accumulated as prearranged overtime hours worked/credited and any imbalance created by such assignment shall be subject to the equal distribution and balancing provisions of Subsection 11.4.1.

#### 11.4.4 Unanticipated Extension of the Work Day Overtime

Unanticipated extension of the work day overtime is defined as time worked immediately following the conclusion of regular work hours on a regular work day, for which four (4) hours advance notice has not been provided and which is either

- (1) Unplanned/unscheduled work which AMP's management made a decision to proceed with during the work day, where the assignment results in the work beginning during or concurrent with the conclusion of regular work hours or
- (2) In conjunction with the job in progress, for which the required advance notice has not been provided.

Generally, assignments to work unanticipated extension of the workday shall be made utilizing the provisions of Subsection 11.4.1, Prearranged Overtime. However, where the nature and complexity of the job in progress makes it impractical to utilize the Prearranged overtime list for such assignments, the crew assigned to the job during regular work hours/regular work days may be assigned to complete the job as an unanticipated extension of the work day overtime, except, however, such work is limited to that associated with the specific job in progress.

In the event one or more of the employees on the crew of the job in progress request not to work the unanticipated extension of the workday overtime, replacement employee(s) shall be selected utilizing the short notice call out overtime list. However, the employee who requests replacement on the crew shall be credited with the same number of hours as is worked by the employee(s) who replaces him/her.

All hours worked as unanticipated extension of the work day shall be accumulated as prearranged overtime hours worked/credited and any imbalance created by such assignment shall be subject to the equal distribution and balancing provisions of Subsection 11.4.1.

## 11.5 Standby Duty

### A. Weekend and Special Standby

In order to minimize the length of any unforeseen power outage and/or reduce the response time for any maintenance service, the following standby provisions shall be utilized. The classifications subject to standby duty under this provision are: Journey Lineworker, Service Lineworker, Line Working Supervisor and, on a voluntary basis only, Electrical Maintenance Technician.

On a quarterly basis, a sign-up sheet will be posted for employees to select the weekend(s) they wish to take standby duty. Any weekends not filled in on a voluntary basis will be filled by management using the names of employees with the least amount of recorded short-notice call out hours.

The weekend standby duty period begins at 0201 Saturday through 0200 Monday.

The employee assigned to standby duty will be provided a cell phone or pager and does not have to remain at home, but must be available for contact and fit to report to work. If the employee is contacted by System Dispatch or management to respond, the worker will leave their location promptly and report to work.

Employees shall receive one and one-half (1 1/2) hours at the straight time rate of pay per eight (8) hours shift of Standby Duty. An employee assigned to standby duty who is called back shall receive both standby pay and call back compensation in accordance with the pay provision of Section 11.4.2 Short Notice Call Out for time worked.

AMP reserves the right to limit the number of consecutive standby duty periods an employee is scheduled to work.

AMP may designate other days as requiring standby duty shifts for which the same provisions above would apply. Compensation for such shifts shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) hours at the straight time rate of pay per eight (8) hours shift of Standby Duty.

B. Holiday Standby Duty

Employees, who are assigned standby duty on one of the ten (10) Holidays recognized in this MOU, shall receive three (3) hours at the straight time rate of pay per eight (8) hour shift. Any employee called out during standby duty period, will be compensated in accordance with the pay provisions of Section 11.4.2 Short Notice Call Out. These payments are in addition to Holiday Pay.

C. Reassignment of Standby Duty

If an employee has signed up for a standby duty period and encounters a scheduling conflict or is otherwise unable to fulfill the standby duty, he/she may arrange a trade with a qualified employee (which must be submitted in writing and approved by AMP), or AMP will offer the duty to other employees through a posting process. If no arrangement is made for a trade or if insufficient time is available to make such arrangements, then AMP will assign the duty to the qualified employee who has the least amount of short-notice call out hours.

11.6 Overtime Rate of Pay and Compensatory Time Off

An employee who works overtime may elect to be compensated in cash or compensatory time off at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the employee's regular straight-time rate of pay, with the following exceptions, when employees will be compensated in cash or compensatory time off at double (2X) the straight-time rate:

- (1) When an employee is called out on emergency work after having gone home at the completion of the regular work shift and before scheduled to commence the next work shift.
- (2) When an employee is required to work on an official AMP holiday, in which case he or she will be paid double time (2X) in addition to the holiday pay.
- (3) When an employee is required to work on Sunday.
- (4) When required to work between 0000 and 0600, the employee will be paid at double time (2X).
- (5) When required to work over twelve (12) continuous hours, the employee will be paid for any additional hours at double time (2X).
- (6) When an employee is scheduled to work on a not regularly scheduled workday when notification per Subsection 11.4.1, Prearranged Overtime, has not been given.

Compensatory time off may be taken by mutual agreement of the employee and the supervisor.

Employees will not be allowed to have more than sixty-four (64) hours in their compensatory time bank at any one time.

#### 11.7 System Operator

Each working week will start at 0001 Sunday morning and will extend to 2400 the succeeding Saturday night. The normal shifts will be:

Shift No. 3– 2100 to 0500 hours  
Shift No. 1 –0500 to 1300 hours  
Shift No. 2– 1300 to 2100 hours

A System Operator's normal working week will be forty (40) hours. A rotating schedule will be posted monthly. For the first forty (40) hours of time worked during the above period, the employee will be paid at the established straight time rate. The employee will also be paid at the appropriate established straight time rate for holiday which falls on a regularly scheduled day off, if the employee does not work on said holiday, although that person might or might not have previously worked forty (40) hours that week at straight time. Alternate work schedules would be the subject of meet and confer between AMP and the Union.

Whenever a System Operator works on a holiday, the employee shall receive compensation for the respective positions as follows:

Straight time at the established base rate for eight (8) hours for the holiday, plus one and one-half (1 1/2) times the rate for that part of the shift actually worked between 0000 and 2400 hours on the holiday.

Double time (2X) pay for all time worked by System Operators on their first or second scheduled day off when that day falls on one of the official holidays allowed by AMP.

Whenever a System Operator is entitled to receive compensation for a period off duty, in accordance with the provisions herein, said compensation shall be computed at that employee's base wage.

A System Operator will be paid at the overtime rate applicable to the employee's scheduled shift whenever required to work eight (8) minutes or more over eight (8) hours in one continuous shift. When straight time worked hours exceed forty (40) hours per week, all hours actually worked in addition to said forty (40) hours will be at the overtime rate of pay for the employee's scheduled shift.

Whenever the employee works more than eight (8) hours in the same day, the overtime rate applicable to the employee's scheduled shift will be paid. For example, a person works normal straight time Shift No. 3 (February 1, 0000 to 0800) and is called back to duty at 2000 (same day) until 0000 and continues to work Shift No. 3, February 2, in the immediate next day, the employees will be compensated as follows:

February 1, 0000 to 0800	eight (8) hours straight time (computed on base wage plus third shift differential)
February 1, 2000 to 2400	four (4) hours overtime (computed on base wage plus third shift differential)
February 2, 0000 to 0800	eight (8) hours straight time (computed on base wage plus third shift differential)



A System Operator who is required to work on the second day of scheduled days off shall be paid at double time (2X) for the hours worked.

An employee who is assigned as a relief System Operator shall receive the established shift differential for any regularly scheduled shift and the established overtime rate for the shift worked and fall under the rules governing System Operator.

For the purpose of overtime, System Operators will be contacted first before Electrical Maintenance Technicians are contacted as per Section 11.5.

#### 11.8 Meals

AMP agrees to reimburse an employee in any classification covered by this MOU for meal expense up to the amounts specified in the Citywide policy regarding meal reimbursement, but not less than the current specified amounts of:

Breakfast	\$13
Lunch	\$19
Dinner	\$32

This meal reimbursement policy for the first meal applies only when an employee works four and one-half (4 1/2) hours of consecutive overtime on call back on his or her regular day off or when the employee works two (2) hours of consecutive overtime in conjunction with the employee's regular duty shift or pre-arranged overtime as specified below. For each four and one half (4 1/2) consecutive overtime hours thereafter, an additional meal will qualify for reimbursement.

In all of the above instances, wages shall be paid for the time necessarily taken to eat any meal provided such eating time shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. The foregoing meal allowance and time with pay to eat the meal shall not apply to prearranged overtime work, unless the assignment was scheduled for less than ten (10) hours but extends beyond ten (10) hours.

The meal allowance shall be the actual cost of the meal for the worker and claim for reimbursement shall be supported by proper receipt from the firm furnishing food, and shall be subject to approval of the supervisor. An employee who is entitled to a meal at the expense of AMP, but does not accept such meal, shall be entitled to such time allowance of thirty (30) minutes, but no allowance for the meal.

### **Section 12. Salaries**

#### 12.1 Rates of Pay

The salary range for each classification shall be set forth in Appendix A which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Effective the first full pay period following ratification by IBEW and adoption by the City Council, IBEW represented employees employed by the City shall receive a three percent (3%) salary increase.

Effective the first full pay period following January 1, 2017, IBEW represented employees employed by the City shall receive a three percent (3%) salary increase.

Effective the first full pay period following January 1, 2018, IBEW represented employees employed by the City shall receive a three percent (3%) salary increase.

## 12.2 Starting Rate

Except as herein otherwise provided, the entrance salary for a new employee entering AMP service shall be the minimum salary for the class to which appointed. When circumstances warrant, the General Manager may approve an entrance salary which is more than the minimum salary. The General Manager's decision shall be final.

An AMP employee who has successfully completed an AMP apprenticeship will be transitioned to the "5" step or higher in the pay range for the journey-level classification.

## 12.3 Step Increases

No increase in salary shall be automatic merely upon completion of a specified period of service. All increases shall be based on merit as established by record of the employee's performance and shall require recommendation of the Division Manager.

If the General Manager at any time determines that it is in AMP's interest, he/she may assign an employee to a higher rate within the salary range fixed for the classification. The General Manager shall regulate all advancement through the salary range steps.

Subject to the provisions of this subsection 12.3, an employee shall be eligible to receive increases in salary in accordance with Appendix A upon completion of twelve (12) months' service if the General Manager approves.

## 12.4 Apprentices

Refer to Apprenticeship Program master Agreement Appendix "C". Significant issues which arise related to the apprenticeship program would be the subject of meet and confer between AMP and the Union.

### 12.5.1 Acting Pay

An employee who voluntarily accepts assignment by the employee's supervisor and approved by the Department Head to perform the full range of duties and responsibilities of a higher job classification during the temporary or permanent absence of an employee shall be paid the greater of the first step of the higher classification which is above the salary of the employee assigned to the acting position or (i) five percent (5%) for the Working Supervisor Level or (ii) ten percent (10%) for the First Line Supervisor (Management) level. However, the minimum and maximum salary will be that of the higher classification.

Employee shall be paid hour per hour for time worked in a higher classification. One hour shall be the minimum qualifying time period. If an employee works in a higher classification for fraction of an hour the time shall be rounded to the nearest hour.

Where a person is assigned duties of a higher position due to sick-leave/vacation for entire date, "Acting Pay" will be for the entire day.

Employees receiving acting pay shall be immediately eligible to receive paid leave at their acting assignment rate. This does not apply to employees receiving additional duty pay.

#### 12.5.2 Additional Duties Pay

An employee who voluntarily accepts assignment by the employee's supervisor and approved by the Department Head to perform duties that are substantially above and outside their normal classification, and for which there is no classification available the employee will receive additional duties pay of no less than 5% over their current hourly wage.

Additional duties pay may also be paid if an employee is partially doing work that is outside of their job descriptions, and for which there is not a classification available.

#### 12.6 Supplemental Pay

##### 12.6.1 Shift Pay

An employee working other than normal, day shift hours will be paid an additional percentage of base pay as shown below while working during the shift identified:

2<sup>nd</sup> shift – 2.5%  
3<sup>rd</sup> shift – 5%

Employees paid on an hourly basis will not be permitted to change shifts with each other for personal convenience or other reasons without written approval of the Management. If such an approval is received and one person works for the other, the employee who actually works the shift in questions will not be paid at the overtime rate if, because of working this shift, the total hours worked in that week run over forty (40) hours.

##### 12.6.2 Rubber Glove Educational Incentive

Effective upon ratification, the rubber glove premium shall be shown in Appendix A as a six percent (6%) wage increase and not a premium for employee(s) assigned to the classifications of Journey Lineworker, Service Lineworker, or Line Working Supervisor

##### 12.6.3 Electrical Maintenance Technician Educational Incentive

1. The following pay incentives shall apply on to Electrical Maintenance Technician (code 7770) and Substation and Meter Supervisor (code 7750) ("EMTs"):
  - a. Effective December 29, 2013, the classifications of Electrical Maintenance technician and Electrical Maintenance Working Supervisor shall be eligible for Educational Incentive compensation of 2% of their base salary. In order to receive the 2% Educational Incentive compensation, the employee must successfully attain, demonstrate and continue to maintain certain advanced skills. The parties shall meet to develop the mutually agreed upon advanced skills and technical training as soon as practicable. In the event that the technical training is not developed in sufficient time for employees to complete the training prior to December 29, 2013, nevertheless, upon successful completion of the training and certification, the 2% Educational Incentive compensation shall be retroactive to that date. The retroactive pay only applies to eligible employees who enlist in the initial advanced skill training developed pursuant to the adoption of this section. Otherwise, the Educational Incentive compensation becomes effective on the first day of the pay period following successful completion of the training and certification.

- b. Individual who choose not to gain advanced training will not receive the 2% incentive. The City of Alameda agrees that it will provide all training necessary to gain and maintain these advanced skills.

12.7 AMP Right to Increase Pay

AMP reserves the right to increase the pay level for any classification in the bargaining unit after notifying the Union in writing.

12.8 Equity Adjustments

Classifications	<u>Equity increase effective the first full pay period following ratification by IBEW and adoption by City Council</u>
Apprentice Electric Maintenance Technician, Electric Maintenance Technician, Substation and Meter Supervisor	<b><u>8%</u></b>
Apprentice Lineworker Journey Lineworker Service Lineworker Lineworking Supervisor	<b><u>5%</u></b>
System Operator Trainee, System Operator, Chief System Operator	<b><u>10%</u></b>
Street Light Maintenance Technician Meter Service Technician	<b><u>3%</u></b>
All other classifications	<b><u>1%</u></b>

**Section 13. Health and Welfare**

13.1 Medical

The City of Alameda has contracted with the Public Employee’s Retirement System (PERS) for the purpose of providing health insurance benefits for employees and their eligible dependents, eligible retired employees and eligible survivors of retired employees. Eligibility of retired employees and survivors of retired employees to participate in this program shall be in accordance with applicable law, and regulations promulgated by PERS.

For the purpose of this section, a dependent is defined as a person who satisfies the definition of dependent in the PERS health insurance plan in which the employee is enrolled. Such dependents must also be enrolled in and covered by the plan.

The City shall make a monthly contribution for each employee toward the Flexible Benefit Amount as set forth below. In the event this City payment toward health insurance premiums is insufficient to pay 100% of the premiums required of employees enrolled in any one of the other PERS health insurance plans, the City shall make a payroll deduction from the employees pay to cover the difference in cost.

If an employee chooses not to enroll in one of the City's health plans, they will receive a cash amount of \$230 per month. Proof of other insurance must be provided to the satisfaction of the City prior to an employee choosing not to enroll in one of the City's health plans and receiving this cash amount.

Beginning January 2016, the City shall contribute up to a maximum per month toward the Flexible Benefit Amount as follows\*:

0 Party	\$230.00
Employee only	\$947.26
Employee plus one	\$1,894.53
Employee plus family	\$2,462.89

Effective January 1, 2017, the City's contribution shall increase by 50% of the increase to the Kaiser premiums based upon the coverage level elected by the employee.

Effective January 1, 2018, the City's contribution shall increase by 50% of the increase to the Kaiser premiums based upon the coverage level elected by the employee.

\*The amounts indicated above do not include Life Insurance or Dental Insurance premiums which are paid by the City separately. The amounts indicated above do include the PERS Minimum Employer Contribution (MEC) as required by state law, regardless of the year or amount, if enrolled in PERS medical insurance.

At and following the expiration of this MOU, the amount of money allocated to the Flexible Benefit Amount for medical benefits shall remain the same, unless agreed to in a successor MOU.

Each employee shall notify the City in writing on a form provided, on or before the last day of the PERS open enrollment month each year as to which health plan they are choosing to enroll. Thereafter, no change to designations so made will be allowed until the following year unless a qualified reason occurs.

Each employee shall be responsible for providing immediate written notification to the Human Resources Department of any change to the number of his/her dependents which affects the amount of the City payment to the health premium. An employee, who by reason of failing to report a change in dependents, receives a City payment greater than the amount to which he/she is entitled, shall be liable for refunding the excess amounts received via a reduction in the employee's pay to cover the difference in cost. Changes to the health premium payments required because of a change in an employee's number of dependents shall take effect at the start of the first pay period in the month next following the month in which the information received by the City from the employee. No retroactive increases to the City's payments shall be allowed.

During the term of this agreement, the City may propose alternate medical providers, to replace the PERS program. The bargaining unit will be notified of any proposed change in advance and be allowed the opportunity to meet with the City prior to making any such change. If negotiations are requested regarding the change, the parties agree to participate in a coalition format. In the event cost savings are realized as result of a change in plans, the application of such savings will be subject to negotiations.

### 13.2 Dental

AMP shall make the necessary contributions per month per eligible employee toward AMP's Flexible Benefit Amount to provide the dental plan to the employee and eligible dependents. This coverage will be mandatory for all employees. Any change in the premium shall cause a like change in the Flexible Benefit Amount. Effective January 1, 2016, the dental plan will be improved from \$2100/\$2000 to \$2600/\$2500 per employee and eligible dependents for annual dental care and lifetime orthodontic care.

### 13.3 Life Insurance

AMP shall make the necessary contributions per month per eligible employee toward AMP's Flexible Benefits to provide each employee with a Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$50,000.00) life insurance program. This coverage will be mandatory for all employees.

### 13.4 Employee Assistance Program

The City shall continue to provide for all employees and employee assistance program. The cost of such program shall continue to be paid by AMP only during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding.

### 13.5 Long-Term Disability Insurance

AMP will provide a paid-for Long-Term Disability Insurance plan equal to benefits provided for in the current plan. If benefits in plan are improved, such improvements shall be incorporated in the Long Term Disability Insurance plan at no cost to all employees covered under this Memorandum of Understanding.

## **Section 14. Retirement Plan**

### 14.1 Retirement Plan

The present Retirement Plan between the City of Alameda and Public Employers Retirement System shall be maintained at the current benefit level for the duration of this Memorandum of Understanding, subject to any agreement reached pursuant to Section 14.4, below.

The individual employees did, and shall continue to, make their own normal employee contributions to PERS, in the amount of 7%, and they shall have the option, if legally possible, to have those payments tax deferred under IRS Policy and Rule 414(h)2).

PERS retirees may enroll in a PERS Health Plan at their own expense in accordance with PERS procedures and regulations.

### 14.2 Cost Sharing – Miscellaneous Classifications

The City shall contract with PERS for Variable Rate Cost Sharing of up to the Permanent Cost Share of 1.868% under Government Code Section 20516(a), based on the optional benefits established in the Miscellaneous Plan of the City's contract with PERS for the 2%@55 and One-Year Final Compensation Optional Benefits. This PERS contract amendment shall take effect no earlier than January 1, 2013. Effective the first day of the next full pay period following the effective date of the PERS contract amendment, in addition to the current 7% employee contribution, employees in the Miscellaneous Classifications covered by this MOU shall contribute an additional 1.868% of the employee's PERSable

earnings towards the employer retirement contribution. This 8.868% contribution shall be in accordance with Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code whereby employee contributions shall be tax deferred and not subject to taxation until the time of constructive receipt.

#### 14.3 Alternative to PERS Cost Sharing

Should the other City employees under the City's PERS Miscellaneous Plan not approve the PERS cost sharing by December 31, 2012, then effective January 13, 2013, the employees covered by this MOU shall contribute a cost share amount to the City as an additional 1.868% of earnings towards the employer retirement contribution through a payroll deduction, which shall be deducted in accordance with Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, to the extent legally allowed, whereby employee contributions shall be tax deferred and not subject to taxation until the time of constructive receipt.

Pursuant to California Government Code section 3505, the City is currently meeting and conferring with IBEW, ACEA, MCEA, and PANS for successor MOUs to their respective MOUs that expired on December 31, 2011. During this meet and confer process with ACEA, MCEA, and/or PANS, if the City agrees to or allows any employee cost-sharing percentage rates for retirement that are lower than 1.868% or a wage reduction in lieu of cost-sharing for retirement that is lower than 1.868%, IBEW's cost-sharing contribution for retirement shall be reduced to that lower percentage rate.

### **Section 15. Holidays**

Regular and probationary employees shall be entitled to take all authorized holidays at full pay, not to exceed eight (8) hours for any one (1) day, provided they are in paid status a minimum of eight (8) hours on both their regularly scheduled workdays immediately preceding and following the holiday. New employees shall be provided prorated floating holidays based on the number of days remaining in the calendar year at hire date. For example, an employee with a hire date of September 1, 2015 with 8 hours per holiday:  $3.5 \text{ floaters} \times 8 \text{ hours} = 28 \text{ floating holiday hours}$ ; 121 days remaining in 2015;  $121/365 = .3315 \times 28 = 9.2822 \text{ floating holiday hours}$  provided to the new employee.

The authorized holidays in AMP are:

- (1) New Year's Day
- (2) Martin Luther King Jr.
- (3) President's Day
- (4) Memorial Day
- (5) Independence Day
- (6) Labor Day
- (7) Veterans Day
- (8) Thanksgiving Day
- (9) Day after Thanksgiving Day
- (10) Christmas Day
- (11 – 13.5) Three and one-half (3 1/2) floating holidays (to be taken in the period January 1 through December 31)

If any of the above holidays fall on a Saturday, it shall be celebrated on the preceding Friday; if any of such holidays falls on a Sunday, it shall be celebrated on the following Monday. Employees who are normally assigned to work on a Saturday or Sunday may be returned to a regular Monday through Friday work schedule during a holiday week. AMP will meet with such employee(s) in advance of the holiday and discuss alternative arrangements which are

mutually acceptable. Observance of holidays by employees on a 12-hour shift schedule shall be governed by the terms of the letter of agreement attached as Appendix E for as long as that side letter remains in place.

## **Section 16. Vacation**

### **16.1 Vacation Scheduling**

The times during the calendar year at which an employee shall take vacation shall be determined by the General Manager or the designated representative with due regard to the wishes of the employee and particular regard to the need of AMP. If requested by the General Manager, all employees, on a form provided by AMP, shall indicate during November and December their preference for vacation periods for the following calendar year. Preference of vacation date shall be given to employees according to their length of service in as reasonable a manner as possible.

### **16.2 Vacation Benefits**

Every employee who on the most recent anniversary date of his or her employment shall have been in the service of AMP for a period of one (1) year or more shall be entitled to a vacation as follows:

Ten (10) working days of vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of AMP for a period of one (1) year or more but less than five (5) years prior to such anniversary date.

Fifteen (15) working days of vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of AMP for a period of five (5) years or more but less than six (6) years prior to such anniversary date.

Sixteen (16) working days of vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of AMP for a period of six (6) years or more but less than eight (8) years prior to such anniversary date.

Seventeen (17) working days of vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of AMP for a period of eight (8) years or more but less than ten (10) years prior to such anniversary date.

Eighteen (18) working days of vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of AMP for a period of ten (10) years or more but less than twelve (12) years prior to such anniversary date.

Nineteen (19) working days of vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of AMP for a period of twelve (12) years or more but less than fourteen (14) years prior to such anniversary date.

Twenty (20) working days of vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in service of AMP for a period of fourteen (14) years or more but less than twenty-one (21) years prior to such anniversary date.

Twenty-one (21) working days of vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of AMP for a period of Twenty-one (21) years or more but less than twenty-two (22) years prior to such anniversary date.



Twenty-two (22) working days of vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of AMP for a period of Twenty-two (22) years or more but less than twenty-three (23) years prior to such anniversary date.

Twenty-three (23) working days of vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of AMP for a period of twenty-three (23) years or more but less than twenty-four (24) years prior to such anniversary date.

Twenty-four (24) working days of vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of AMP for a period of Twenty-four (24) years or more but less than Twenty-five (25) years prior to such anniversary date.

Twenty-five (25) working days of vacation with pay if he or she shall have been in the service of AMP for a period of twenty-five (25) years.

### 16.3 Vacation Accumulation

Employees may accumulate no more than the amount of vacation the employee is entitled to accrue in one (1) year plus ten (10) days at any one time. In the event this maximum accumulation level is reached, the employee will temporarily stop accruing vacation until he/she uses vacation time and their accumulation level is again below the maximum level. An employee may submit in writing a request to accumulate vacation in excess of the maximum set forth above. Such excess accumulation may be approved, at the sole discretion of the City Manager, on a case by case basis. Except as so limited, earned vacation not used may be accrued and carried over from year to year without limitation.

### 16.4 Probationary Employees

Employees on original probation shall be eligible to use their accrued vacation after six (6) months of service.

## **Section 17. Sick Leave**

### 17.1 Benefits

An employee shall accrue sick leave at the rate of one (1) day per month, except during a leave of absence or other time off without pay. An employee assigned to a classification represented by the Union and who was hired by AMP prior to February 1, 1985 shall, upon completion of each anniversary year, accrue additional sick leave at the following rate:

#### Years of Service Sick Leave

1-5 – 10 working days per year  
6-15– 15 working days per year  
10 or more–20 working days per year

Sick leave usage shall not be considered as a privilege which an employee may use at his or her discretion, but shall be allowed only in case of necessity caused by actual sickness or disability of the employee. Charge for sick leave used shall be on the basis of one (1) hour for each hour used; provided, however, that sick leave shall be charged for only those hours when the employee was absent from work. In no event shall sick leave be converted into a cash bonus, except as provided in subsection 17.5. Sick leave may not be used before it is earned. Sick leave may only be used for necessary hours for illness and doctor appointments.

## 17.2 Notification Requirement

In order to receive compensation when absent on sick leave, the employee shall notify Alameda Municipal Power one-half (1/2) hour prior to the scheduled time for beginning his or her work duties.

## 17.3 Doctor's Certification or Other Proof

At the discretion of the employee's supervisor, a physician's certificate may be required for any period of absence for which sick leave is claimed; however, when absence is for more than five (5) consecutive workdays the employee shall file a physician's certificate with the Division Manager stating the cause of the absence. The physician's certificate shall be applicable for every day of the employee's absence.

## 17.4 Sick Leave during Original Six Months of Employment

Employees on original probation shall be eligible to use their accrued Sick Leave upon employment.

## 17.5 Sick Leave upon Retirement or Resignation

An employee hired by AMP prior to April 1, 1979, who resigns or retires from AMP employment and has been in the service of AMP for a minimum of ten (10) years shall be eligible for payment of unused accumulated sick leave based on the following calculation.

Formula for payment of an employee's unused accumulated sick leave at the time of resignation or retirement.

One and two-tenths of one percent (1.2%) of the employee's unused accumulated days of sick leave, at the time of resignation or retirement, times the number of full years of service by the employee with AMP times the employee's daily pay rate at the time of resignation or retirement; provided, however, that in no event shall the payment for unused accumulated sick leave exceed thirty percent (30%) of the monetary value of the employee's unused sick leave accumulation.

Unused sick leave accumulation for the purpose of the payment at time of retirement or resignation shall not exceed the number of days accrued by the employee on April 1, 1979.

There shall be no payment for unused accumulated sick leave if an employee's service with AMP is terminated due to discharge, unless such discharge actually is determined to be without merit.

## 17.6 Sick Leave Reward

AMP will provide one paid day off for each employee in a position included in the Units, and not on temporary status, whose sick leave is five (5) days or less, for the year. The measure shall be taken each year, and the paid day off would be taken any time in the following year, subject to the same provisions as floating holidays. If an employee, having earned such a day off, terminates or is terminated prior to taking that day off, he or she shall be compensated for that day upon termination in the same way as for vacation.

## 17.7 Illness in the Immediate Family

In compliance with State law, an employee may, during a calendar year, use sick leave up to the amount earned in six (6) months to attend to the illness of a child, parent, spouse or domestic partner. At the City's request, the employee will provide satisfactory evidence of the fact justifying such absence.

## **Section 18. Leaves of Absence**

### **18.1 Leave without Pay**

The General Manager may grant regular employees a leave of absence without pay. No leave shall be granted except upon written request of the employee. Such requests shall be submitted to the General Manager. Such leaves shall normally be granted to permit the employee to engage in activities that will increase his value to AMP upon return, or because of sickness, injury or personal hardship. Employees may not be granted a leave of absence until all accrued vacation and all floating holiday time is taken. Failure on the part of an employee on leave to report at its expiration may result in dismissal of the employee. Vacation and sick leave credits shall not accrue to an employee on leave of absence. The decision of the General Manager on granting or refusing to grant a leave of absence or extension thereof shall be final and conclusive and shall not be subject to the grievance procedure of this Memorandum of Understanding.

### **18.2 Jury or Witness Duty**

An employee summoned to jury duty or subpoenaed as witness shall inform his or her supervisor and, if required to serve, may be absent from duty with full pay only for those hours required to serve.

### **18.3 Military Leaves of Absence**

The provisions of the Military and Veterans Code of the State of California shall govern military leave of AMP employees.

### **18.4 Industrial Disability Leave**

Employees who suffer any disability arising out of and in the course of their employment, as defined by the Workers' Compensation Laws of the State of California, shall be entitled to temporary disability indemnity benefits as provided by the Workers' Compensation Laws of the State of California or, upon eligibility, to retirement, under the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). Compensation indemnity benefits shall be determined and paid in accordance with the Workers' Compensation Laws of the State of California upon a determination that the illness or injury is covered by the Workers' Compensation Laws of the State of California. The City shall supplement the compensation indemnity payment received by the employee under the said Workers' Compensation Laws, with supplemental pay or salary replacement from the City up to a combined total payment of 80% of his/her base wages, during the time the employee is unable to work for a cumulative period of 12 months due to this instance of industrial illness or injury. During their cumulative 12 month period, the employee shall be allowed to integrate his/her accumulated sick leave so that he/she receives up to the full salary level during periods of entitlement to compensation for temporary disability indemnity benefits. When the cumulative 12 months of supplemental pay or salary replacement from the City expires, the employee shall be allowed to continue to integrate his/her accumulated sick leave automatically up to full salary levels as stated above. Except for benefits as provided by the Workers' Compensation Laws of the State of California and except for allowing employee to "integrate" accumulated sick leave, no

additional pay or salary replacement beyond that specified above shall be provided by the City of Alameda to the employee.

An employee who is absent from work as a result of a work related injury may be returned to work and given a temporary light duty assignment that is within his/her ability to perform. Such assignment and its duration shall be determined by AMP. Employees shall be compensated at the rate of their regular classification while engaged in such temporary duties.

#### 18.5 Funeral Leave

In the event of a death in the immediate family of an employee the employee shall, upon request, be granted such time off with pay as is necessary to make arrangements for the funeral and attend same, not to exceed four (4) regularly scheduled working days. This provision does not apply if the death occurs while the employee is on leave of absence, layoff, or sick leave.

For the purpose of the provision, the immediate family shall be restricted to father, mother, brother, sister, spouse, child, domestic partner, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, grandchildren, step-parents or stepchildren where there is a child-rearing relationship.

Funeral leave applies only in instances in which the employee attends the funeral or is required to make funeral arrangements, but is not applicable for other purposes such as settling the estate of the deceased.

#### 18.6 Other Statutory Leave

The provisions of Federal and State law regarding statutory leaves shall govern such leaves of City employees.

### **Section 19. Probationary Period**

All original and promotional appointments shall be subject to a probationary period. The probationary period shall be regarded as part of the testing process and shall be utilized for closely observing the employee's work for securing the most effective adjustment of a new employee to his or her position and for rejecting any probationary employee whose performance does not meet the required standards of work.

The probationary period for employees is twelve (12) months. All employees entered in the Apprenticeship Program shall be subject to the probationary period as defined in the Apprenticeship Program Master Agreement Appendix "C".

During the probationary period, an employee may be rejected at any time by the General Manager without cause and without the right of appeal or grievance.

Any employee rejected during the probationary period following a promotional appointment shall be reinstated to the position from which he or she was promoted, at the same salary step as that prior to the promotional appointment unless he or she is discharged.

## **Section 20. Promotion and Transfer**

Every opportunity for promotion and transfer shall be given to AMP employees. Qualifications are to be determined by AMP.

## **Section 21. Layoff and Re-employment**

In the reduction of forces in a classification, the last employee hired shall be the first employee laid off, and in rehiring, the last employee laid off shall be the first employee rehired until the list of former employees is exhausted; provided that the employee retained or rehired is capable, in the opinion of AMP to perform the work required.

Service with AMP shall be terminated by discharge, resignation, or twelve (12) consecutive months of unemployment with AMP.

An employee who is laid off shall not accrue or be eligible for any benefits, including but not limited to vacation, sick leave, holidays, medical, dental, life insurance, retirement contributions and uniforms. Any employee reemployed after a layoff shall retain all vacation and sick leave accruals that the employee did not receive compensation for at the time of layoff.

Seniority shall prevail in any reduction in force in accordance with the following provisions:

- (1) The employee with the least seniority within the affected job classification shall be the first to be displaced.
- (2) The employee with the greatest seniority with the affected job classification shall be the last to be displaced.
- (3) Any displaced employee shall have the right to displace the most junior employee with less seniority in any other classification in which he/she has been successfully employed previously within AMP and for which he/she meets the minimum qualifications, which employees shall also have bumping rights.

## **Section 22. Discharge**

### **22.1 Right of Discharge**

AMP shall have the right to discipline up to and including discharge any employee for cause, including but not limited to dishonesty, insubordination, drunkenness, drug use, incompetence, willful negligence, failure to perform work as required, or to observe AMP's safety and house rules and regulations which must be conspicuously posted and not in derogation of the Memorandum of Understanding, or for engaging in strikes, individual or group slowdowns to work stoppages, or refusal to accept overtime, or for violation or ordering the violation of the Memorandum of Understanding.

### **22.2 Appeals**

If an employee feels he or she has been unjustly discharged, he or she shall have the right to appeal his or her case through either the grievance procedure, as provided for in this Memorandum of Understanding (Section 24) or through the appeal process, as provided for in the City's Civil Service Rules and Ordinances. An employee may not use both the

grievance procedure and the Civil Service appeal process and once the employee selects the procedure or process to be used, the choice may not be revoked. If the employee chooses to file a grievance, such grievance must be filed by the employee and/or a Union representative with the General Manager in writing within five (5) calendar days from the date of discharge. If the employee chooses to appeal, such appeal must be filed with the Civil Service Board by the employee and/or a Union representative within five (5) calendar days from the date of discharge.

In either case, the grievance or appeal must be filed in accordance with these provisions or the right to file a grievance / appeal is lost.

### **Section 23. Personnel Files**

An employee or his or her representative, on presentation of written authorization from the employee, shall have access to the employee's personnel files on request located in City of Alameda Human Resources Department. AMP shall furnish the employee copies of all performance evaluation reports and letters of reprimand or warning prior to placement of such documents into the employee's personnel file. The employee may be required to acknowledge the receipt of any document entered into his personnel file without prejudice to subsequent arguments concerning the contents of such documents.

### **Section 24. Grievance Procedure**

#### **24.1 Purpose & Definition**

The purpose of this section is to promote improved employer-employee relationships by establishing a procedure through which an employee can obtain a review of a grievance in a fair, systematic manner. It is the intent of this regulation that grievances be settled as near as possible to the point of origin.

A grievance shall be defined as any dispute arising during the term of the Memorandum of Understanding that involves the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding; any rules, regulations and ordinances referenced in this MOU; or the discipline or discharge of an individual employee.

#### **24.2 Special Provisions**

- A. If an employee wishes to file a grievance concerning a discharge or suspension without pay, such grievance will be filed at the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) step of the grievance procedure, as provided for in Section 24.3 of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- B. In those cases involving suspension without pay for thirty (30) days or more, the employee shall have the right to appeal his or her case through either the grievance procedure, as provided for in this Memorandum of Understanding or through the appeal process, as provided for in the City's Civil Service Rules and Ordinances. An employee may not use both the grievance procedure and the Civil Service appeal process and once the employee selects the procedure or process to be used, the choice may not be revoked. In either case, the grievance or Civil Service appeal must be filed in writing within five (5) calendar days from the date of the notice of suspension or the right to file a grievance / appeal is lost.
- C. In the event an employee wishes to appeal an action taken under any provision of the Civil Service Ordinance, or the Civil Service Rules and Regulations which are adopted

pursuant to the City Charter that are not referenced in this MOU, such appeal shall be processed in accordance with the applicable provision, if any, contained in that document and not using the Grievance Procedure contained in this MOU.

### 24.3 Grievance Steps

The following steps shall be followed in processing a grievance as defined above.

Step 1 An employee and/or a designated Union representative shall first discuss the grievance with the employee's immediate supervisor within seven (7) working days of the occurrence of the grievance or of the time at which the employee reasonably should have been aware of such grievance. The immediate supervisor shall have five (5) working days to informally respond to the employee concerning his or her grievance. Every effort should be made by both parties to find an acceptable solution to resolve the grievance by informal means.

Step 2 If the grievance is not resolved through informal discussion, the employee and/or a Union representative shall submit, within five (5) working days after the completion of Step 1, a written statement of his or her grievance, which shall be submitted to the employee's immediate supervisor's superior. In the event a request to advance the grievance to the next step is not timely filed, the grievance shall be considered as resolved at the prior step. The written statement must specify the basis for the grievance, the provision of the MOU that is alleged to have been violated and the desired remedy. The statement must be signed by the aggrieved employee. A meeting between the superior and the employee and/or his or her Union representative shall be convened. The superior shall submit to the employee and his or her Union representative within five (5) working days after such meeting a written reply to the grievance.

Step 3 If the grievance is not resolved at the previous step, the aggrieved employee and/or a Union representative may request that the next level of supervision review the grievance. This request must be filed in writing with the appropriate supervisor within five (5) working days after receipt of the superior's response mentioned in Step 2. In the event a request to advance the grievance to the next step is not timely filed, the grievance shall be considered as resolved at the prior Step. A meeting shall be convened in an attempt to discuss and resolve the grievance, and the supervisor at this level of the organization shall reply in writing to the employee's grievance within five (5) working days after such meeting. This step shall be repeated for each subsequent level in the chain of command below the level of General Manager.

Step 4 If the grievance is not resolved at the previous step, the aggrieved employee and/or a Union representative may file his or her grievance in writing with the General Manager within five (5) working days after completion of the previous step in the grievance procedure. In the event a request to advance the grievance to the next step is not timely filed, the grievance shall be considered as resolved at the prior Step. A meeting shall be convened with the employee and/or his Union representative with the General Manager to discuss and attempt to resolve the grievance.

Step 5 If the grievance is not resolved at the previous step, the Union may, within five (5) working days after completion of the previous step in the grievance procedure; file a request for arbitration in writing with the General Manager. In the event a timely request for arbitration is not filed, the grievance shall be considered as resolved at the prior Step. A designated representative of AMP and the Union shall meet promptly

to select an arbitrator. If they are unable to agree on an arbitrator within five (5) working days of the request, an arbitrator shall be selected from a list of seven arbitrators provided through the services and pursuant to the rules of the State Mediation and Conciliation Service.

A hearing shall be held before the arbitrator as soon as practical. In matters involving the interpretation of provisions of this MOU with the exception of the discharge, suspension, demotion, examination and/or promotion of an employee, the decision of the arbitrator shall be binding upon AMP and the Union. In any matter involving the discharge, suspension, demotion, examination and/or promotion of an employee, the decision of the arbitrator shall be advisory. The arbitrator's fees and court reporting expenses shall be borne equally by AMP and the Union, except in the case of an advisory arbitration decision which is not accepted by AMP, in which case the arbitrator's fees and court reporting expenses shall be borne by AMP.

#### 24.4 Processing a Grievance

The time limits specified in the above procedure may be extended to a definite date by mutual agreement of the employee or his or her Union representative and AMP, in writing. Also, the time limits specified in 24.3 above shall be extended automatically if the aggrieved employee and/or the appropriate supervisor is ill or on vacation. The time limits specified in 24.3 above will be extended only by the number of sick leave or vacation days taken by such employee or supervisor.

The employee and the affected supervisor may request the assistance of another person of their choosing in preparing and presenting material at meetings concerning a grievance at any level of review.

The employee and his or her representative may use a reasonable amount of work time as determined by the General Manager or his or her representative in conferring about and presenting a grievance.

Employees are assured freedom from reprisal for using the grievance procedure.

Proposals to add to or change this Memorandum of Understanding or written agreements or addenda supplementary hereto shall not be grievable and no proposal to modify, amend or terminate this Memorandum of Understanding may be referred for grievance under this Section; and no arbitrator shall have the power to amend or modify this Memorandum of Understanding or written agreements or addenda supplementary hereto or to establish any new terms or conditions of employment.

No changes in the Memorandum of Understanding or interpretations thereof will be recognized unless agreed to by the General Manager and the Union.

### **Section 25. Outside Employment**

No full-time employee of Alameda Municipal Power shall enter into any outside employment or establish any business that constitutes a conflict of interest for the employee or the City. Such outside business or work for others, aside from his or her regular duties with Alameda Municipal Power is subject to the authorization of the General Manager and will be allowed only under the provisions that:

- (1) Such outside work, or business, does not interfere with his or her efficiency in performing regular duties;



- (2) Such outside work, or business, does not prevent him or her from responding to orders from Alameda Municipal Power to perform overtime work;
- (3) Such outside work, or business, does not occasion discredit upon or create embarrassment for Alameda Municipal Power and/or City government.

## **Section 26. Miscellaneous**

### **26.1 Break Periods**

All employees will be allowed a fifteen (15) minute break period approximately midway during the first half of any workday and a fifteen (15) minute break period approximately midway during the second half of any workday.

### **26.2 Tool Replacement**

Hand tools and equipment, replaced under the subsection, are defined as all those hand tools and equipment originally purchased by an employee and used to do construction and repair work for Alameda Municipal Power. AMP is authorized to replace certain personal hand tools worn out in the course of employment. AMP will replace a unit, at AMP expense, only if it is worn out by the employee while doing work for AMP. No unit will be replaced unless the used, worn-out unit is turned in at the time replacement is requested. A supervisor must approve the replacement of any unit before the Storekeeper issues a new one. AMP shall determine which tools will be replaced for each job classification. If, in the judgment of an employee's supervisor, a tool is broken through misuse or abuse, or is lost, it will not be replaced. When an employee needs one of these units which cannot be replaced at AMP expense under this subsection, AMP is authorized to sell it to said employee at stock card cost. Where the tool is purchased is optional with the employee.

The following list of tools represents those which have been determined as necessary for the various job classifications.

#### **Lineworker and Apprentice**

- Pliers
- Crescent Wrenches
- Body Belt
- Channel Locks
- Folding Rules
- Hammers
- Screwdrivers
- Safety Belts
- Hooks (Climber)
- Straps (Climber)
- Pads (Climber)
- Knives
- Gaffs
- 1/2" x 9/16" Speed Wrench
- 5/8" x 3/4" Speed Wrench
- Small Parrot Bill Cutters (Non-ACSR)

#### **Electrical Maintenance Technician and Apprentice**

- 9" Lineworker's Pliers

9" Stakon Pliers  
10" Channel Locks  
7" Diagonal Pliers  
4" Screwdrivers  
6" Screwdrivers  
Jeweler's Screwdriver Set  
8" Screwdrivers  
4" Phillips Screwdrivers  
6" Phillips Screwdrivers  
8" Phillips Screwdrivers  
4" Screw Starters  
6" Screw Starters  
6" Crescent Wrenches  
10" Crescent Wrenches  
Allen Wrench Sets  
Knopp Voltage Testers  
Tool Pouch (Electrician's)  
Tool Pouch Belts  
Awls  
Hammers (Claw and Ball Pein)  
Nut Driver Sets (Spintite – 3/16" to 1/2")  
Jeweler's Glass (7 Power)  
Screw Holder Sets (Magnetic)

#### Helper, Electrical

9" Klein Pliers  
6" Screwdriver  
12" Crescent Wrench  
8" Crescent Wrench  
Skinning Knife  
Tool Pouch  
Tool Pouch Belt  
Channel Lock Pliers  
Ripping Hammer  
1/2" x 9/16" Speed Wrench  
5/8" x 3/4" Speed Wrench  
Small Parrot Bill Cutters (Non-ACSR)

#### Meter Service Worker

9" Lineworker's Pliers  
7" Diagonal Pliers  
7" Long Nose Pliers  
10" Crescent Wrenches  
Knopp Voltage Testers  
6" Screwdrivers  
6" Phillips Screwdrivers  
Electrician's Knives

All tools listed for each job classification, obviously worn out in the normal course of employment with AMP, will be replaced. Requests for replacement of tools where there is no tool to turn in, or there is question as to whether the tool should be replaced, shall be made through a supervisor.

### 26.3 Reimbursement for the Costs of Work-Related Study

Any permanent full-time employee will be reimbursed for the cost of tuition, books, and laboratory fees in an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$750 ) Dollars per year upon successful completion of any course of work-related study. In order to qualify for this payment, an employee must show evidence of the work-related nature of the course of study to the General Manager and obtain approval prior to enrollment. Reimbursements for these costs will normally be made at the end of each semester or quarter, upon presentation of satisfactory certificate of completion from an approved school or college, together with receipts for expenditures made in connection thereof. Reimbursement for the cost of approved correspondence courses will be made whenever evidence of satisfactory completion of sections of the course are submitted, in the proportion that each section is to the total number of such sections in the complete course; but not at intervals of less than three (3) months.

The Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$750) Dollars maximum for any one year period will be disregarded for an Apprentice who is training under the Apprenticeship Program Master Agreement Appendix "C".

### 26.4 Work Clothing

AMP employees shall wear safety clothing in accordance with the policies set forth in the AMP Safety Manual. Any revisions to the policies within the AMP Safety Manual that are within the scope of representation, as defined by California Government Code section 3504, including safety clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE), shall be subject to the meet and confer process with the Union. AMP will provide Store Room personnel with five (5) pants and five (5) shirts and one set of rain gear on a replacement basis.

An employee who submits a receipt for the purchase of AMP designated work shoe (Appendix B) will receive payment up to the full amount allowed for that classification per fiscal year as reimbursement for one pair of shoes. Any excess funds left over may be spent on repair of work shoes during the fiscal year.

One pair of safety glasses will be furnished at AMP expense each fiscal year for those employees working the majority of their time in an environment requiring Safety glasses. AMP management will determine if in addition a pair of sunglasses will be provided annually for those who spend the majority of their time working outside in an environment requiring Safety glasses.

Those workers who climb can choose between buying a climbing boot or ground work boot. Work shoes shall be worn as a condition of employment.

## **Section 27. Separability of Provisions**

Should any part of this Memorandum of Understanding, or any provisions herein contained be rendered or declared invalid by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation, or by any decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidation of such part or portions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not invalidate the remaining portions thereof. The remaining portions or parts shall remain in full force and effect. It is mutually agreed that, upon such invalidation, AMP and the Union will meet and confer in good faith with reference to the parts or provisions thus invalidated.

## **Section 28. Past Practices and Existing Memoranda of Understanding**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall supersede all existing memoranda of Understanding between AMP and the Union. However, it is understood and agreed that letters of understanding or letters of agreement executed by the parties shall not be superseded unless specifically agreed to by the parties.

Made and entered into this 21st day of June, 2016.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

CITY OF ALAMEDA

and

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 1245

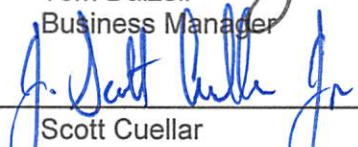
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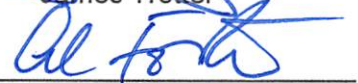
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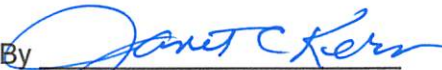
  
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CODE	CLASSIFICATION	HOURLY					
		STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6
	<i>Non-Exempt</i>						
7790	Apprentice Electrical Mtce Technician		37.14	39.00	40.95	43.00	
7780	Apprentice Electrician		34.80	36.54	38.37	40.29	
7785	Apprentice Lineworker	35.50	37.28	39.14	41.10		
7718	Chief System Operator					55.37	58.14
7270	Electrical Engineering Aide	28.75	30.19	31.70	33.28	34.94	
7797	Electrical Helper	27.89	29.28	30.74	32.28	33.89	
7770	Electrical Maintenance Technician			45.77	48.06	50.46	52.98
7133	Facilities Maintenance Worker	28.82	30.26	31.77	33.36	35.03	
7135	Inventory Control Clerk	29.96	31.46	33.03	34.68	36.41	
7775	Journey Lineworker					51.02	53.57
7794	Lead Electrical Helper	29.28	30.74	32.28	33.89	35.58	
7745	Line Working Supervisor					56.10	58.90
7795	Meter Service Technician	31.66	33.24	34.90	36.64	38.47	
7765	Service Lineworker					52.28	54.89
7130	Stock Clerk	27.42	28.79	30.23	31.74	33.33	
7140	Storekeeper			35.79	37.58	39.46	
7789	Street Light Maintenance Technician	34.69	36.42	38.24	40.15	42.16	
7750	Substation and Meter Supervisor					55.48	58.25
7760	System Operator			45.67	47.95	50.35	52.87
7761	System Operator Trainee	39.45	41.42	43.49			
7791	Utility Construction Compliance Specialist	34.02	35.72	37.51	39.39	41.36	
7799	Utility Construction Foreperson	32.19	33.80	35.49	37.26	39.12	

**Rubber Glove Educational Incentive (6%)**  
(MOU Sec 12.6.2)

7785	Apprentice Lineworker		2.24	2.35	2.47		
7775	Journey Lineworker*						
7745	Line Working Supervisor*						
7765	Service Lineworker*						

\*Included in base wage listed above

## Appendix "A"

<b>Shift Pay - 2nd Shift (2.5%)</b> <i>(MOU Sec 12.6.1)</i>							
7718	Chief System Operator					1.38	1.45
7789	Street Light Maintenance Technician	0.87	0.91	0.96	1.00	1.05	
7765	Service Lineworker					1.30	1.37
7760	System Operator			1.14	1.20	1.26	1.32

<b>Shift Pay - 3ed Shift (5%)</b> <i>(MOU Sec 12.6.1)</i>							
7718	Chief System Operator					2.77	2.91
7760	System Operator			2.28	2.40	2.52	2.64

<b>Shift Pay - 12-Hour Shift (5%)</b> <i>(MOU Appendix E, #12)</i>							
7718	Chief System Operator					2.77	2.91
7760	System Operator			2.28	2.40	2.52	2.64

<b>Electrical Maintenance Technician Educational Incentive - (2%)</b> <i>(MOU Sec. 12.6.3)</i>							
7750	Substation and Meter Supervisor					1.11	1.17
7770	Electrical Maintenance Technician			0.92	0.96	1.01	1.06

**AMP DESIGNATED WORK SHOE**

AMP Designated Work Shoe, as referenced in the MOU is as follows:

- Climbing Boot: 8 inch boot with shank, heel, and slip resistant sole.
- Personnel: Line Working Supervisor (LWS), Service Lineworker (SLW), Lineworker (LW), Apprentice Lineworker (LWA).
- Ground Work: Minimum 6 inch work boot, with or without heel, and slip resistant sole.
- Personnel: Line Working Supervisor (LWS), Service Lineworker (SLW), Lineworker (LW), Apprentice Lineworker (LWA), Electrician Working Supervisor (EWS), Electrical Helper (HE), Substation and Meter Supervisor (SMS), Electrical Maintenance Technician (EMT).
- Warehouse: Work boot or shoe, with steel toe, with or without heel, and slip resistant sole. Must comply with ANSI Z41 PT83 (stamped on boot or shoe)
- Personnel: Storekeeper (SK), Stock Clerk (SC)
- Other Work: Work boot or shoe, with or without heel, and slip resistant sole.
- Personnel: Facilities Maintenance Worker (FMW), Meter Service Technician (MST), System Operator (SO), Electrical Engineering Aid (EEA)

**REIMBURSEMENT FOR AMP DESIGNATED SHOES**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT CLIMBING</u>	<u>AMOUNT NON-CLIMBING</u>
LWS	\$400	\$205-Line Working Supervisor
SLW	\$400	\$205-ServiceLineworker
LW	\$400	\$205-Lineworker
LWA	\$400	\$205-Apprentice Lineworker
EWS	\$205-Electrical Working Supervisor	
HE	\$205-Electrical Helper	
SMS	\$205-Substation and Meter Supervisor	
EMT	\$205-Electrical Maintenance Technician	
MST	\$205-Meter Service Technician	
SK	\$205-Storekeeper	
SC	\$205-Stock Clerk	
FMW	\$205-Facilities Maintenance Worker	
SO	\$135-System Operator	
CSO	\$135-Chief System Operator	
EEA	\$135-Electrical Engineering Aide	



## APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM MASTER AGREEMENT

Alameda Municipal Power (AMP) under the auspices for the California State Industrial Relations, Apprenticeship Standards Department and in cooperation with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #1245 has entered into an apprenticeship program that will educate and train personnel in the performance of specific duties crucial to the operation of AMP.

### OBJECTIVE

This program is a conscious effort to gain journeylevel personnel capable of performing complex duties according to AMP and State of California standards and rules, and be knowledgeable of AMP system (electrical) and its intricacies. While it is the intent of AMP to conduct a totally in-house apprenticeship program, the option to include partial outside education, when an excellent course exists, or revert to home-study courses is included in this master apprenticeship agreement.

The above changes will be accomplished by sending notice of the intended change to the International Brotherhood electrical Workers and State Apprenticeship Standards Department prior to the actual change.

In either or any combination thereof relating to the methods of instruction described above, there shall be no lessening of curriculum standards.

### PROGRAM

This program contains separate apprenticeship programs that allow AMP to gain journeylevel workers in each of the classification as required. The number and classifications of personnel required to sustain the operation of AMP is such that AMP management will offer apprenticeships as determined by projected requirements for each classification.

### APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE

In an endeavor to remain impartial and ensure fairness to all apprenticeship applicants and all apprentices having their progress evaluated, AMP will utilize a five (5) person "Apprenticeship Committee (here after referred to as the "Committee"). This "Committee" shall consist of two (2) management personnel and two (2) working personnel of journey level or above from the appropriate division. The fifth member shall be the International Brotherhood electrical Worker Local #1245 Shop Steward.

The Committee shall interview for evaluation all Apprenticeship Program applicants that have been approved, according to Civil Service Rules, for hiring or promotion by the Human Resources Department of the City of Alameda. The Committee shall submit their recommendation/s to the appropriate Division Manager who will make the appointment/s.

\*Note: There will be allowances made for prior related apprenticeship time service and/or courses taken.

The Committee shall also have the responsibility of reviewing all progress and interim reports (of both courses and on the job training) and the making of any recommendations to the appropriate Division Manager regarding those reports. The recommendations can be for progression to the next step with a pay raise, the granting of a three (3) month extension to a twelve (12) month step when the difficulty is not lack of effort, or the removal of an apprentice from the program. The Committee

will further be responsible for reviewing the program and submitting any suggestions that would improve the program.

\*Note: A Maximum of two (2), three (3) month extensions may be granted to each apprentice during their entire apprenticeship.

### Apprenticeship Increments

The apprenticeships are divided into twelve (12) month increments referred to as steps. Each step carries with its certain courses, or portions thereof that must be completed in a satisfactory manner, also progressively more complex orders to follow and duties to perform, plus more responsibilities to accept in the On The Job Training.

Upon the satisfactory completion of a twelve (12) month step, in both the course and On The Job Training portions of that step, the apprentice will progress to the next higher step and receive a step increase in wages.

### TRAINING

The apprenticeship training includes non-working hours, classroom or other courses as required and "On The Job Training". The specifics of which can be found in each particular apprenticeship program.

Courses-The classroom/home study courses are of both general and specialized subjects. The general courses will review and teach mathematics to the level required for working the problems contained in the electrical courses. The electrical course/s will be such as to educate the apprentice to the level that they will be more than competent to work on all of the circuits and equipment they will encounter in AMP systems. Other specialized subjects will educate the apprentice in safety, work methods, standards of constructions, use of specialized equipment, etc.

Courses held in a classroom will be of sufficient length in each twelve (12) month period so as to allow the apprentice to complete the required courses or portions thereof, for that period of the apprenticeship.

The apprentice will be held responsible for the make-up of any missed classroom stuck and/or the satisfactory completion of all required home-study courses per period of apprenticeship.

On The Job Training-This portion of the apprenticeship program is designed to allow an apprentice to begin learning, by doing (hands-on). Basic duties that are required for each apprenticeship classification, under direct supervision, to learn progressively more complex duties and to accept more responsibility as they progress through the program.

### PROGRESS REPORTS

Courses-Each instructor with a course in progress shall submit a quarterly progress report for each apprentice attending the course. At the conclusion of a course the instructor shall submit a final report for each apprentice attending the course.

At the end of each twelve (12) month increment of the apprenticeship, all instructors that held classes during that period of time shall collectively submit an annual progress report for each apprentice.

Should an apprentice encounter great difficulty through either lack of ability to learn or lack of effort, the instructor shall submit an interim report regarding that apprentice and the problem.

On The Job Training-An apprentice shall (when practical) work for a supervisor for a maximum of three (3) months during any twelve (12) month increment of the apprenticeship. That supervisor shall submit a quarterly report for each apprentice under his/her supervision. If an apprentice works for more than one (1) supervisor during that period, all of the supervisors that the apprentice worked for shall collectively submit the Quarterly Report.

At the end of each twelve (12) month increment of the apprenticeship program for an apprentice, all supervisors that supervised that apprentice during that period of time shall collectively submit an annual progress report for the apprentice.

Should an apprentice encounter great difficulty through either lack of ability or effort, the supervisor of that apprentice shall submit an interim report regarding the apprentice and the problem.

All reports shall be submitted to the Apprenticeship Committee which shall review the progress or interim reports and submit their recommendations, as described in the Apprenticeship Committee section of this agreement, to the appropriate Division Manager.

#### Apprenticeship Deficiencies

Should an apprentice prove deficient in progressing through either the course or on the job training portion of an apprenticeship step that apprentice shall not progress to the next higher step nor shall the apprentice receive the step increase in wages.

An apprentice as described above may at the suggestion of the Apprenticeship Committee and approval by the appropriate Division Manager, be granted a three (3) month extension by AMP General Manager to eliminate the deficiency and be allowed to progress to the next higher step in the apprenticeship and receive the step increase in wages.

\*Note: A maximum of two (2) extensions may be granted during the term of an apprenticeship.

Should an apprentice be removed from the apprenticeship program because of lack of effort or inability to learn, one of the following actions will be taken.

- (1) An apprentice that was promoted from a permanent status position with AMP and is removed during the apprenticeship program shall be demoted to the prior classification in which they held permanent status or the Electrical Helper classification and be paid the basic wages for that classification. First consideration shall be given to placing the demoted employee in a classification where a vacancy exists. If there are no existing vacancies, the demotion shall not result in a permanent increase in the number of budgeted positions in the affected classification.
- (2) An apprentice that was promoted from a classification in which they held a probationary status with AMP and is removed prior to completing 1000 hours of work in AMP's apprenticeship program shall be reinstated to their prior classification. An apprentice that was promoted from a classification in which they held a probationary status with AMP and is removed after completing more than 1000 hours of work in AMP's apprenticeship program shall have their employment with AMP terminated.
- (3) An apprentice that was hired by AMP as an apprentice and is removed shall have their employment with AMP terminated.

## REIMBURSEMENT

Approved Items-An apprentice shall be reimbursed for the cost of all required tuition, books, and laboratory fees upon the satisfactory completion of each course or section of an extended course as provided for in Section #26.3 of this Memorandum of Understanding.

\*Note: Because the cost of the required courses may exceed the amount allowed in this Memorandum of Understanding, that amount shall be disregarded when proving reimbursement to an apprentice.

Items Not Approved-The apprentice shall not receive reimbursement for ordinary school supplies (paper, pens, etc.) for their time spent during non-work hours for classes, nor receive a mileage allowance for miles drive to gain the education required by the apprentice program.

\*Note: The exception to the above is that if the apprentice is required to attend a school or class located at such a distance as to prevent their returning home each night, the apprentice shall then be reimbursed for food and lodging, and receive the mileage allowance according to the prevailing AMP travel procedures.

## PROBATIONARY PERIOD

Any person appointed to the Apprenticeship Program shall be considered as a probationary employee during the first 1000 hours worked of their apprenticeship, as explained below.

- (1) During the first 1000 hours worked of the Apprenticeship, because they are a promoted or newly hired employee, the apprentice is working under the probationary period rules of section #19 of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- (2) From the completion of the probationary period (1000 hours worked), until their satisfactory completion of the Apprenticeship program, an apprentice's continued participation in the program will depend on their effort put forth, and their ability to learn to allow then to satisfactorily progress through the Apprentice Program.

## Appointment to a Journeylevel Classification

An apprentice who successfully completes the specified course work and required hours of training will be transitioned to a Journey level position. AMP, through the City of Alameda Human Resources Department, shall post a notice declaring that applications for a journey level position will be accepted. An apprentice shall apply and after satisfactorily completing the apprenticeship in that classification and upon approval of the City Manager, they shall be appointed to that position where they shall serve a probationary term of six (6) months.

The appointments to the journey level position will be awarded in accordance with the Civil Service Rules that govern the hiring or promotion of employees.

## WAGES

The apprentice shall be compensated for time worked in accordance with the wage scale for appropriate apprenticeship and step as found in Appendix A of this Memorandum of Understanding.

All other conditions of employment (normal hours, overtime, rest period, etc.) will be according to appropriate section of this Memorandum of Understanding.

## OBLIGATION OF THE APPRENTICE

All personnel entering the apprenticeship program shall sign an "Apprenticeship Agreement". This agreement required the apprentice to progress, in a satisfactory manner, by learning all that is required to become a journey level worker through classroom/home study and on the job training throughout their apprenticeship period.

- (1) The apprentice is responsible for attending in a prepared manner, all classroom courses and for applying themselves to gain their education. They are also responsible for the timely and satisfactory completion of all home study courses.

The apprentice is responsible for the make-up of assignments or other classroom work missed due to an excused absence. The apprentice is responsible for the purchase of all required books and payment of all required tuition and laboratory fees.

\*Note: Any reimbursements shall be in accordance with the conditions set forth in this Master Apprenticeship Agreement.

- (2) The On The Job Training portion of the apprenticeship program required the apprentice to begin by learning basic rules and procedures, and how to perform basic tasks under the direct supervision of a journey level worker. The apprentice shall, throughout their apprenticeship, while working under direct supervision learn progressively more complex rules, procedures and methods of accomplishing their work, plus accept more responsibility.

Should a supervisor deem an apprentice capable of performing a task without direct supervision and both AMP and State Safety Rules allow it, the apprentice may be permitted to do so.

The apprentice is responsible for reporting, ready to work each day and for working in a safe and professional manner. This shall be accomplished by fully understanding and following all instructions and knowing what can or cannot be done, both electrically and according to AMP and State Safety Rules. If a lack of understanding or disagreement should exist, it is the duty of the apprentice to ask questions and/or discuss the instructions until they are completely understood and agreed to, prior to starting any work.

Should a work method disagreement arise between the "direct supervisor" and the apprentice, the crew supervisor shall make the final decision on how to proceed.

The apprentice is responsible for wearing appropriate clothing, footwear, and safety equipment as required by AMP and State Safety Rules as they pertain to that particular classification.

The apprentice shall purchase and be responsible for the care and maintenance of their personal tools and equipment which shall be of a quality that will withstand the rigors of the required use and be acceptable by AMP management.

\*Note: The apprentice will not be reimbursed for the cost of the tools and equipment. Alameda Municipal Power will replace these items as they are worn out or damaged through use on the job.

**ALTERNATE WORK SCHEDULE LETTER OF AGREEMENT  
9-80**

**1. Establishment of 9-80 work schedule**

The 9-80 work schedule shall apply to electric and facilities employees in the following classification groups. Employees shall work a Monday through Friday schedule, with shifts starting at 0630 and ending at 1600 Monday through Thursday and 0700 to 1530 on alternating Fridays.

Substation and Meter Supervisor  
Electrical Maintenance Technician  
Apprentice Electrician  
Apprentice Electrical Maintenance Technician

Meter Service Technician

Line Working Supervisor  
Journey Lineworker  
Service Lineworker  
Apprentice Lineworker  
Utility Construction Foreperson  
Lead Electrical Helper  
Electrical Helper  
Utility Construction Compliance Specialist

Street Light Maintenance Technician

Electrical Engineering Aide

Storekeeper  
Stock Clerk  
Inventory Control Clerk

Facilities Maintenance Worker

It is not the intent of the parties that the establishment of the 9-80 schedule as set forth in this Letter of Agreement should directly result in a reduction in staffing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, AMP retains the rights granted under Section 7, AMP Rights, of the MOU to determine staffing levels.

**2. Meals**

Lunch will be scheduled four to five hours after the start time.

**Overtime Meals**

Overtime Meals will be handled in accordance with section 11.8 of the MOU.

**3. Wages**

Employees will be paid established wage rates established in Section 12.1 and Appendix A.

#### **4. Overtime**

Overtime shall be paid in accordance with Section 11.1, except that 11.1(3) shall read

(3) More than regularly scheduled hours on regularly scheduled workdays; or

#### **5. Sick Leave**

Sick leave will be converted to hours, and shall be charged in one hour increments.

#### **6. Vacation**

An employee's vacation will be converted to hours, and employees taking vacation will be charged for 8 or 9 hours depending on employee regularly scheduled work hours.

#### **7. Holidays**

Effective each January 1, employees shall have 108 hours of holiday leave deposited into their holiday leave banks, representing 8 hours for each of the City's 10 observed holidays and 8 hours for the 3.5 floating holidays granted to employees under section 15 of the parties' MOU. Employees who actually work on a holiday shall report holiday leave hours in an amount equal to their regular shift on that day and will be eligible for overtime as set forth in section 11 of the parties' MOU, as modified by this side letter. If an observed holiday falls on an employee's regularly scheduled work day, he or she must report holiday leave hours in an amount equal to their regular shift on that day. If an observed holiday falls on an employee's regularly scheduled day off, he or she will not be required to report any holiday leave but rather shall maintain those eight (8) hours of holiday leave for use as a floating holiday prior to the end of the calendar year. Any holiday hours that are not used by the end of each calendar year shall have no cash value and shall not be carried over into an employee's holiday leave bank the following year.

#### **8. Jury Duty**

The provisions of section 18.2 of the MOU shall apply.

#### **9. Funeral Leave**

Time off for funeral leave which occurs on a regularly scheduled workday will result in the employee being credited with 9 or 8 hours worked, for pay purposes.

#### **10. Benefits**

All benefits which are currently based on the employee's base rate of pay will continue to be based on the employee's rate current 40-hour workweek rate. Benefits which are based on actual earnings will be so determined.

#### **11. Administrative Leave (discipline)**

AMP will provide 9 or 8 (depending on regular schedule) hours paid leave for Administrative Leave.

## **12.Cancellation**

Either the Union or the Company reserves the right to return to the eight-hour shift schedule by giving 30 days written notice. The 9-80 work schedule will be discontinued upon completion of the schedule's cycle.



**ALTERNATE WORK SCHEDULE LETTER OF AGREEMENT  
12 HOUR SHIFT**

**1. Establishment of 12-hour Shift**

It is not the intent of the parties that the establishment of the 12-hour schedule as set forth in this Letter of Agreement should directly result in a reduction in staffing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, AMP retains the rights granted under Section 7, AMP Rights, of the MOU to determine staffing levels.

FLSA Declared Work Period, Hours of Work, and Work Schedule

***Chief System Operator***

FLSA declared work period is 0000 Sunday – 2359 Saturday  
Works Tuesday through Friday from 0700-1700

***System Operators 1 and 3***

FLSA declared work period is 0400 Thursday – 0359 following Thursday  
Works schedule as illustrated on attached 12 Hour Shift Schedule

***System Operators 2 and 4***

FLSA declared work period is 2000 Wednesday – 1959 following Wednesday  
Works schedule as illustrated on attached 12 Hour Shift Schedule

**2.Meals**

Shift employees shall be permitted to eat their meals during work hours and shall not be allowed additional time at AMP expense.

**3.Overtime Meals**

Overtime Meals will be handled in accordance with Section 11.8 of the MOU.

**4.Wages**

Employees will be paid established wage rates established in Section 12.1 and Appendix A.

**5.Overtime**

Overtime shall be paid in accordance with Section 11.1 and 11.7, except that 11.1(3) shall read:

- (3) More than regularly scheduled hours on regularly scheduled workdays; or

Section 11.7 shall be modified to provide that a System Operator who is required to work on the third day of scheduled days off shall be paid at double time (2X) for the hours worked.

## **6. Rest Periods**

Rest periods shall be administered consistent with section 9.1 of the MOU.

## **7. Sick Leave**

Sick leave will be converted to hours, and shall be charged in one hour increments.

## **8. Vacation**

An employee's vacation will be converted to hours. A workday will consist of 12 hours for System Operators and 10 hours for the Chief System Operator, and employees taking vacation will be charged for 12 or 10 hours of use, depending on their regular schedule.

## **9. Holidays**

- A) Effective each January 1, employees shall have 108 hours of holiday leave deposited into their holiday leave banks, representing 8 hours for each of the City's 10 observed holidays and 8 hours for the 3.5 floating holidays granted to employees under section 15 of the parties' MOU. Employees who actually work on a holiday shall report holiday leave hours in an amount equal to their regular shift (e.g. 12 hours for System Operators and 10 hours for the Chief System Operator) and will be eligible for overtime as set forth in section 11.7 of the parties' MOU, as modified by this side letter. If an observed holiday falls on an employee's regularly scheduled work day, he or she must report holiday leave hours in an amount equal to their regular shift (e.g. 12 hours for System Operators and 10 hours for the Chief System Operator). If an observed holiday falls on an employee's regularly scheduled day off, he or she will not be required to report any holiday leave but rather shall maintain those eight (8) hours of holiday leave for use as a floating holiday prior to the end of the calendar year. Any holiday hours that are not used by the end of each calendar year shall have no cash value and shall not be carried over into an employee's holiday leave bank the following year.
- B) For employees working a 12-hour schedule, the authorized holidays set forth in section 15 of the parties' contract shall be recognized on the actual day of the holiday, not the day the holiday is observed by the City if those days are different.
- C) A holiday is the time period from 0000 hours to 2359 hours on the day on which the holiday is recognized. Employees who actually work a shift that spans two calendar days, one of which is a holiday, shall only receive premium holiday overtime pay and shall only be required to report holiday leave hours for the hours that actually fall on the holiday, not their entire shift. For example, an employee whose shift starts at 1700 hours on the day before New Year's Day and ends at 0500 on New Year's Day will only be paid premium holiday overtime pay and will only report holiday leave for the period of 0000 hours to 0500 hours on New Year's Day; the portion of their shift that runs from 1700 hours to 2359 hours on December 31<sup>st</sup> will be paid at straight time.
- D) In addition to the modifications set forth in paragraph 5 above, the overtime provisions for System Operators shall be modified as follows for so long as the 12-hour schedule is in place:

- 1) Whenever a System Operator works on a holiday, the employee shall receive compensation for the respective positions as follows:
  - a. Straight time at the established base rate for twelve (12) hours for the holiday, plus one and one-half (1 1/2) times the rate for that part of the shift actually worked between 0000 and 2359 hours on the holiday.
  - b. Double time (2X) pay for all time worked by System Operators on their scheduled day off when that day falls on one of the official holidays allowed by AMP.

## **10. Jury Duty**

The provisions of Sections 9.2 and 18.2 of the MOU shall apply.

## **11. Funeral Leave**

Employees are entitled to funeral leave per section 18.5 of MOU. Time off for funeral leave which occurs on a regularly scheduled workday will result in the employee being credited with 10 or 12 hours worked (based on their regular schedule), for pay purposes.

## **12. Shift Premium**

The established shifts shall be;  
0500-1700: no shift differential  
1700-0500: 5% shift differential

## **13. Benefits**

All benefits which are currently based on the employee's base rate of pay will continue to be based on the employee's rate current 40-hour workweek rate. Benefits which are based on actual earnings will be so determined.

## **14. Administrative Leave (Disciplinary)**

AMP will provide 10- or 12-hour paid leave for Administrative Leave, based on an employee's regular schedule.

## **15. Daylight Savings Time**

For the purpose of payroll and scheduling, the annual change in hours created by changing from daylight savings time to standard time shall result in the following: workers on duty when standard time goes into effect will work an additional hour on their shift and be compensated at the overtime rate of that hour.

For the purpose of payroll and scheduling, the annual change in hours created by changing from standard time to daylight savings time shall result in the following: workers on duty when daylight savings time goes into effect will be allowed to continue working for what would be an additional hour at the employee's regular rate of pay or take one hour of leave time (vacation, compensatory, or floating holiday time) if they elect not to do so. If the worker elects to work the additional hour, the hour will not be credited towards any overtime pay.

**16.Cancellation.**

Either the Union or the Company reserves the right to return to the eight-hour shift schedule by giving 30 days written notice. The alternate schedules will be discontinued upon completion of the schedule's cycle.

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CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. 15161

APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND THE CITY OF ALAMEDA FOR A THREE YEAR TERM COMMENCING DECEMBER 27, 2015 AND ENDING DECEMBER 26, 2018

WHEREAS, there has been submitted to the City Council a Memorandum of Understanding between the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the City of Alameda; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Alameda has fully examined said proposed Memorandum of Understanding, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and thereby finds and determines adoption of said documents to be in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alameda that said Council hereby approves and adopts said revised Memorandum of Understanding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provision of this Resolution shall supersede any other resolution in conflict herewith.

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Council of the City of Alameda in a regular meeting assembled on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2016, by the following vote to wit:

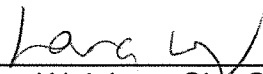
AYES: Councilmember Daysog, Ezzy Ashcraft, Matarrese and Oddie – 4.

NOES: Mayor Spencer – 1.

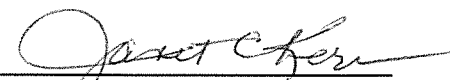
ABSENT: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2016.

  
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Lara Weisiger, City Clerk  
City of Alameda

APPROVED AS TO FORM

  
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Janet C. Kern, City Attorney  
City of Alameda