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Re: VACATIONS FOR 5-DAY ROAD SWITCHER ASSIGNMENTS

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

As information, all Engineers on 5-day assignments will be allowed to start vacations on the first day of the employee's workweek. This will be accomplished by moving the start date forward or backward by no more than three (3) days. As you know, this has been in effect for the yard assignments for many years and will now be extended to all 5-Day Road Switcher Assignments.

Labor Relations has notified Crew Management of the change for 2005. Engineers on 5-day assignments will be required to call Crew Management and mark off for vacation on the first day of their workweek. This process is in line with past practice in regard to yard assignments.

Also, I have enclosed for your information, a copy of a recently signed Training Agreement between the Norfolk Southern and the UTU.

I am sure you have all heard of the tragic accident near the Georgia/South Carolina State lines. Chris Seeling was the Secretary-Treasurer on this Committee for Division 85. I met Chris in late October and was very impressed with his youthfulness and enthusiasm of serving the Brotherhood. Chris will be sadly missed by all who knew him. This is a great loss to this Committee as well as his employer (NS). Please keep his family members in your prayers as they cope with this tragic loss.

Fraternally yours,

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