

August 24, 2005

Mr. William Wilson
ATU Division 1287
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RE: Grievance 2005-MN-20

Dear William:

In response to grievance 2005-MN-20, "towing of buses by an outside vendor, having always been the job of the 1287 Bargaining Unit." Understanding that all buses today can't be lifted by conventional means, the Authority has to go to outside contractors for this work. At this time the maintenance department doesn't own the proper equipment to tow low floor models of equipment. The equipment that can be towed by the maintenance department will always be towed by maintenance, giving the qualified manpower availability. Situations sometimes arise and the Authority has no choice but to call in an outside contractor if all else fails. The Authority will do everything possible to keep the towing of buses that is historically done by maintenance employees in the maintenance department.

Sincerely,



Larry Wanbaugh
Superintendent of Maintenance