AGREEMENT BETWEEN STATE OF MONTANA MONTANA LOTTERY AND THE MONTANA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

2017-2019

STATE OF MONTANA, MONTANA LOTTERY AND MONTANA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION LOCAL # 6101

PREAMBLE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this day of septemble, 2017, between the State of Montana, Montana Lottery, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer" and the Montana Public Employees Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Association". It is the intent and purpose of this Agreement to assure sound and mutually beneficial working relationships between the Employer and the Association, to provide an orderly and peaceful means of resolving grievances, to prevent interruption of work and interference with efficient operation of the facility, and to set forth herein a basic and complete agreement between the parties concerning terms and conditions of employment which are not otherwise mandated by statute. Both parties hereto recognize the Employer's need for continuous and reliable service to the public.

ARTICLE 1 RECOGNITION

<u>Section 1.</u> The Employer recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive representative for all employees within the bargaining unit as certified by the Board of Personnel Appeals.

ARTICLE 2 ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

<u>Section 1</u>. In the event the Association designates a member employee to act in the capacity as official spokesperson for the Association on any matter, such a designation shall be made in writing and shall specify the period covered by the designation.

<u>Section 2</u>. A written list of the accredited officers and representatives of the individual bargaining units shall be furnished to the agency director immediately after their election and the agency director shall be notified of any changes of said representatives within seven calendar days.

<u>Section 3</u>. The internal business of the Association shall be conducted by the employees during their non-duty hours; provided, however, that selected and designated Association officers or appointees shall be allowed a pre-approved reasonable amount of paid time to investigate and process grievances, including arbitration matters, but the Employer will not compensate the aforementioned individuals for time spent in such activities outside of their normal work schedule, nor

may an individual create any overtime liability as a direct or indirect result of such activities.

<u>Section 4</u>. The Association's staff will be allowed to visit work areas of the employees during work hours and confer on employment relations matters, provided that such visitations shall be coordinated in advance with management, and shall not unduly disrupt work in progress and the representative shall follow all established lottery security procedures.

<u>Section 5</u>. The Association may utilize a reasonable amount of space on bulletin boards as determined by local management on bulletin boards currently used for employee notices. No derogatory information concerning the Employer shall be posted by the Association.

<u>Section 6</u>. Accredited Association representatives shall, with the written approval of the employee, have the right to inspect an employee's personnel file, with the exception of medical information unless the issue involves such matters, and only where justification is advanced for such access by the Association.

<u>Section 7</u>. The Association may be allowed to use the employer's facilities for Association meetings contingent upon availability and management approval. The Association shall be liable for any damages as a result of such use.

ARTICLE 3 ASSOCIATION SECURITY

<u>Section 1</u>. Employees covered by the terms of this Agreement shall not be required to become members of the Association but must, as a term and condition of employment, pay a representation fee to the Association.

<u>Section 2</u>. Upon receipt of a written authorization from an employee covered by this Agreement, the Employer shall deduct from the employee's pay the amount owed to the Association by such employee for dues or a representation fee. The Employer will remit to the Association such sums within 30 calendar days. Changes in the Association membership dues rate and representation fee will be certified to the Employer in writing over the signature of the authorized officer or officers of the Association and shall be done at least 30 calendar days in advance of such change.

<u>Section 3</u>. All employees covered by the terms of this Agreement shall within 30 days of the signing of this Agreement, or within 30 days of employment, whichever is later, pay dues or the representation fee to the Association. Employees who fail to comply with this requirement shall be discharged by the Employer within 30 days after receipt of written notice of default by the Association. The Association may make written notice of default and demand for discharge after the 30-day period specified above. The Employer shall initiate appropriate discharge actions under this Section to insure

discharge of the affected employee(s) within 30 days from receipt by the Employer of the Association's written notice of default and demand for discharge.

<u>Section 4</u>. The Employer, within 30 days of the signing of this Agreement, shall present the Association with a list of names and addresses of all current employees covered by this Agreement, and shall update such list each month for all new hires.

<u>Section 5</u>. The Association will indemnify, defend and hold the Employer harmless against any claim made and against any suit instituted against the Employer, including attorney's fees and costs of defense thereof, on account of any provision of this Article.

ARTICLE 4 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

<u>Section 1.</u> The Union shall recognize the prerogatives of the agency to manage, direct, and control its business in all particulars, in such areas as, but not limited to:

- 1) Direct employees;
- 2) Hire, promote, transfer, assign, and retain employees;
- Relieve employees from duties because of lack of work or funds or under conditions where continuation of such work would be inefficient and non-productive;
- 4) Maintain the efficiency of government operations;
- 5) Determine the methods, means, job classifications, and personnel by which the agency operations are to be conducted;
- Take whatever actions may be necessary to carry out the missions of the agency in situations of emergency; and
- 7) Establish the methods and processes by which work is performed.

Such rights are retained by the Employer except as specifically limited or relinquished in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5 ASSOCIATION/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

An Association/Management Committee may be formed which will consist of no more than three employees who are members of the bargaining unit and employer representative(s). The Committee shall not take the place of bargaining or the grievance procedure, but will consider day-to-day kinds of matters which are not

discussed in the staff meetings, unless it is mutually agreed that the subject be considered by the Committee.

The Director of the Montana Lottery, the Director's designee or the bargaining unit executive committee may request such a meeting. The meeting will be held on the Employer's time whenever possible, at a time and date mutually agreeable. In no case will this meeting modify or abrogate the terms and conditions of this contract.

ARTICLE 6 WAGES & OTHER WORKING CONDITIONS

Section 1. Wages shall be paid in accordance with the Broadband Pay Plan contained in Addendum A.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Employer agrees to contribute an amount towards the provisions of health insurance as required by statute.

<u>Section 3.</u> The regular workweek shall be 40 hours per week. Employees shall earn overtime pay or compensatory time at one and one half their regular pay rate for all hours worked over 40.

<u>Section 4</u>. Overtime hours may be offset by flexing hours within the work week by mutual agreement.

Employees may be allowed to accrue and use non-exempt compensatory time in lieu of cash overtime compensation.

Employees have the right to choose whether they receive compensatory time or overtime pay. Selection for either option can only be made at the beginning of each quarter (January, April, July, and October) or upon initial hire, or when an employee changes positions. Employees must sign a selection form with the payroll office when making an initial selection and when they desire to change their selection.

<u>Section 5</u>. An employee may accrue a maximum balance of 120 hours of compensatory time. When the balance exceeds 120 hours, the employee will be paid out overtime compensation for the excess hours.

<u>Section 6.</u> One fifteen (15) minute rest break shall be provided for every four (4) hours worked. Rest breaks may be interrupted for service.

Section 7. Overtime as provided for in the Agreement shall not be pyramided under any circumstances.

<u>Section 8</u>. On-call means a period of time outside the employee's normal work hours in which that employee is scheduled by a supervisor for on-call. The employee

must be available and reachable outside normal work hours to respond. Any employee placed in a scheduled on-call status shall receive 1 hour of compensatory time. On call pay is considered time worked under Article 6, Wages & Other Working Conditions, Section 3.

<u>Section 9. Call out pay.</u> Call-out means a period of time when an employee is called out to physically report to a work location after the employee's regularly scheduled shift. The employee called out shall receive a minimum of 2 hours compensation. All compensatory time and overtime provisions, bases on the employee's quarterly designation, will apply for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek.

<u>Section 10. Night draw pay.</u> An employee who as part of their work schedule works the Wednesday night draw, will receive a minimum of 1 hour of pay. An employee who as part of their work schedule works the Saturday night draw, will receive a minimum of 2 hours of pay.

Section 11. Lottery draw back up, and site security duty. Lottery draw back up or site security duty means a period of time outside the normal office hours when an employee is scheduled by a supervisor for Lottery draw back up duty or site security duty. The employee must be available and reachable outside normal office hours to respond. Any employee scheduled for Lottery draw back up duty or site security duty during the normal workweek (Monday through Friday) shall receive 1 hour of compensation at the appropriate rate for each scheduled draw day. Any employee scheduled for Lottery draw back up duty or site security duty, on a Saturday, Sunday, or a State-recognized Holiday shall receive 2 hours of compensation at the appropriate rate for each scheduled draw day.

<u>Section 12.</u> Employees placed on a regular or designated work schedule shall not have their work schedule changed unless given 10 days' notice of the change, except in emergency situations.

<u>Section 13</u>. If an employee is selected and given written authorization by a management designee to temporarily fill a vacancy in a higher paid job, the employee shall be paid at the higher pay. Management will not adopt a policy of refusing to authorize such assignments.

ARTICLE 7 RECRUITMENT, SELECTION, AND PROMOTION

The following procedures will be followed in the posting and filling of vacant or newly created positions. The purpose of this system is to inform employees of vacancies and newly created positions and to afford employees, who are interested and feel they qualify an equal opportunity to apply for the vacant or newly created position.

<u>Section 1</u>. When a vacant or newly created permanent position is to be filled, the Employer shall prepare a job posting notice and send it to be posted. The notice will be posted in a specific place designated for job opening notices, and shall state where interested employees are to make application, the cutoff date for application submittals and the minimum qualifications.

<u>Section 2</u>. Qualifications, capabilities and seniority shall be the controlling factors in filling new or vacant positions within the bargaining unit.

<u>Section 3</u>. Members in the bargaining units who are unsuccessful applicants shall be so notified upon completion of the selection process. When a bargaining unit employee who has applied for an open position is not selected, s/he shall be entitled, upon request, to an explanation of the reasons why s/he was not selected.

<u>Section 4</u>. All positions in the bargaining unit shall be posted per the provisions of this Article for at least seven calendar days.

ARTICLE 8 EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

<u>Section 1</u>. A probationary period shall be utilized for the most effective adjustment of a new employee and for the elimination of any employee whose performance does not, in the judgment of the employee's supervisor, meet the required standard of performance.

The probationary period shall last for twelve months. If the Employer determines at any time during the probationary period that the services of the probationary employee are unsatisfactory, the employee may be separated upon written notice from the Employer.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Employer may discharge any employee with permanent status only for just cause. The Employer shall furnish an employee subject to discharge or suspension with a written statement of the grounds and specific reason(s) for such actions and shall in addition notify the Association of the removal of an employee for cause. An employee with permanent status may appeal his/her dismissal, suspension or other punitive disciplinary action through the grievance procedure. This in no way limits management's prerogative to lay-off employees.

<u>Section 3</u>. Letters of caution, consultation, warning, admonishment, and reprimand shall be considered temporary contents of the personnel file of an employee and shall be removed from the personnel file no later than 18 months after they have been placed in the file unless such items can be used in support of possible disciplinary action arising from more recent employee action or behavior patterns or is applicable to pending legal or quasi-legal proceedings.

<u>Section 4</u>. No information reflecting critically upon an employee shall be placed in the personnel file of the employee that does not bear either the signature or initials of the

employee indicating that s/he has been shown the material, or a statement by a supervisor that the employee has been shown the material and refused to sign it. A copy of any such material shall be furnished to the employee upon request.

<u>Section 5</u> An employee desiring that material which s/he feels is incorrect and should be removed from the personnel file of the employee, shall have the right to appeal it through the grievance procedure.

<u>Section 6</u>. If an employee is required to wear a uniform, protective clothing, or any type of protective clothing or protective device, the Employer shall furnish said items.

ARTICLE 9 SENIORITY & LAY-OFF

<u>Section 1</u>. Seniority means the length of continuous service with the agency since the last date of hire.

<u>Section 2</u>. Seniority shall cease to accrue during a period of layoff or leave without pay that exceeds 60 working days or after a permanent transfer out of the bargaining unit. Previously credited service, however, will not be lost and an employee who is recalled or transfers back into the bargaining unit will retain all prior seniority. If leave without pay is for active duty military service, seniority shall continue to accrue as if the employee were continuously employed during the leave.

Seniority shall be revoked upon termination, retirement, or discharge for cause.

<u>Section 3</u>. Seniority, qualifications and capabilities shall be the controlling factors in filling new or vacant permanent positions.

<u>Section 4</u>. Qualifications, seniority and capabilities shall be the controlling factors in selection of employees for layoff among positions of the same job title and occupational pay range.

Section 5. Recall from layoff shall be in reverse order of layoff. The Employer shall notify a laid off employee to return to work by sending a certified, return receipt letter to the last known address for the employee with a copy to the Association and shall therein notify the employee that failure of the employee to notify the Employer of his/her intent to return to work within 10 calendar days of the mailing of said letter shall constitute a forfeiture of his/her right to return to work. Recall rights shall be limited to a period of two years following the date of layoff.

<u>Section 6</u>. No permanent employee shall be laid off while temporary or probationary employees in the same skill are retained.

<u>Section 7</u>. The Employer shall give permanent employees subject to layoff a minimum of 21 calendar days advance notice and shall deliver a copy of said notice to the association which shall be allowed opportunity for comment.

ARTICLE 10 GRIEVANCES AND ARBITRATION

<u>Section 1</u>. Having a desire to create and maintain labor relations harmony between them, the parties hereto agree that they will promptly attempt to adjust all disputes involving the interpretation, application or alleged violation of a specific provision of this Agreement. Addendum B, attached hereto, shall be utilized to resolve grievances.

<u>Section 2</u>. During the processing of any matter under this Article, the Association agrees not to strike, render unfair reports or cause slowdowns, and the Employer agrees not to lock out employees represented by the Association.

ARTICLE 11 LEAVES

<u>Section 1</u>. Jury And Witness Duty. Employees summoned to serve as jurors or witnesses shall be granted leave per 2-18-619, MCA. Employees answering subpoenas for a civil or criminal cause in connection with their official duties will be compensated as provided in 2-18-626, MCA.

<u>Section 2.</u> Sick Leave. Employees shall be granted sick leave per 2-18-618, MCA, and according to the following:

<u>Subsection 1</u>. Notice. Notification of absence because of illness shall be given as soon as possible to either the immediate supervisor or to the individual designated to receive such calls. If the employee fails to give such notification, the absence may be charged to leave without pay, and may be subject to disciplinary action. Absence in excess of one shift without receipt of proper notification by the Employer from the employee shall constitute just cause for immediate discharge, unless failure to give such notification was due to circumstances beyond the control of the employee.

<u>Subsection 2</u>. Sick Leave Exhaustion. Sick leave used must not exceed the amount accrued by the employee. If an employee is ill and has exhausted his/her sick leave credits, s/he may use other accrued leave.

<u>Subsection 3.</u> Employees Who Become III On Vacation. In the event an employee on annual leave becomes ill, the employee shall be afforded the right to change his/her annual leave status to sick leave status and to utilize available sick leave credits upon furnishing management acceptable medical certification.

<u>Subsection 4</u>. Doctor's Certification. The Employer may require a doctor's certification to substantiate sick leave usage should the employee be absent from work in excess of three days or if the Employer has good reason to suspect sick leave abuse.

<u>Subsection 5</u>. Holidays During Sick Leave. In the event that a holiday falls when an employee is on sick leave, the employee shall be changed from sick leave status to holiday status.

<u>Subsection 6</u>. Sick Leave Payout. An employee who terminates employment with the agency is entitled to a lump-sum payment equal to one-fourth (1/4) of the pay (or a like amount deposited in an authorized VEBA account) attributed to the accumulated sick leave, however, abuse of sick leave may be cause for dismissal and forfeiture of the lump-sum payments provided for in this section.

<u>Section 3</u>. Annual Leave. Employees shall earn leave credits consistent with the provisions of Montana Code Annotated (2-18-611 through 2-18-617).

<u>Subsection 1</u>. Rate Earned. Vacation leave credits are earned at a yearly rate calculated in accordance with the following schedule in 2-18-612 MCA, which applies to the total years of an employee's employment with any agency whether the employment is continuous or not:

Years of Employment Credit	Working Days
1 day through 10 years	15
10 years through 15 years	
15 years through 20 years	
20 years on	

<u>Subsection 2</u>. Employees will provide advance notice when requesting annual leave and will receive a timely response from management approving or denying the requested leave.

<u>Section 4</u>. Emergency Leave. In accordance with sick leave policy, accrued and available sick leave will be allowed for necessary attendance to the illness of the employee's immediate family until other attendance can be reasonably attained, to attend a funeral in the immediate family, to received medical, dental or eye examination, or for other disability related emergencies. Absence in excess of one shift without receipt of proper notification by the Employer from the employee shall constitute just cause for immediate discharge, unless the failure to give such notification was due to circumstances beyond the control of the employee.

Section 5. Military Leave. Military leave shall be granted per 10-1-604, MCA.

<u>Section 6</u>. Other Leaves. Educational leave, leave without pay and industrial accident leave shall be considered on a case-by case basis, in accordance with State policy.

ARTICLE 12 HOLIDAYS

<u>Section 1</u>. For pay purposes the following holidays shall be recognized in compliance with Section 1-1-216, MCA:

<u>Section 2.</u> An eligible employee shall receive holiday benefits for legal state holidays. This benefit is paid time off or pay at the regular rate. Holiday benefits shall not exceed eight (8) hours per holiday. An employee must be in a pay status either the last regularly working day before or the first regularly scheduled working day after a holiday is observed to be eligible to receive holiday benefits.

The above listed days shall be the recognized holidays for pay purposes. An employee may observe a holiday and receive holiday pay only once each year for each holiday listed.

<u>Section 3.</u> During the hours of 12:01 am and 11:59 pm on any recognized State holiday, employees shall be paid at time and one half of their regular pay rate for all hours worked. At no time shall overtime or premium pay be pyramided.

ARTICLE 13 NO STRIKE/NO LOCKOUT

<u>Section 1</u>. During the term of this Agreement, neither the Union nor its agents or representatives will cause, sanction or take part in any strike, sympathy strike, or any other interference with the operation of the Employer's business.

<u>Section 2</u>. During the term of this Agreement, there shall be no lockouts by the Employer.

ARTICLE 14 SEVERABILITY

<u>Section 1</u>. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be declared invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not invalidate the entire Agreement, it being the expressed intention of the parties hereto that all other provisions not declared invalid or unenforceable shall remain in full force and effect. Either party may initiate negotiations on the provision declared invalid.

ARTICLE 15 TERM OF AGREEMENT

<u>Section 1</u>. This Agreement is effective as of the first day of July, 2017 and shall remain in full force and effect through the 30th day of June, 2019.

<u>Section 2</u>. Should either party seek to modify this Agreement, it shall give written notice of such intention not less than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date of this Agreement. With mutual agreement, negotiations may commence at any time thereafter.

<u>Section 3</u>. The Union shall have the right to engage in concerted activities after December 31, 2018 for matters pertaining to wages and economic benefits in the 2017-2019 biennium in accordance with Article 12.

ARTICLE 16 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

<u>Section 1</u>. The parties acknowledge that during negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining, and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement.

Therefore, the Employer and the Union for the duration of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter specifically referred to or covered by this Agreement.

This Agreement is entered into on the 5th day of September 2017.

FOR THE STATE: FOR THE UNION:

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ADDENDUM A - BROADBAND PAY PROVISIONS

This addendum represents the parties' complete agreement for the 2017-2019 contract term concerning the placement, adjustment, and progression of bargaining unit employees' pay under the broadband pay plan prescribed by Section 2-18-303, MCA.

<u>Section 1</u>. Longevity. All pay calculations are on base rates and not inclusive of longevity.

<u>Section 2</u>. Hiring Rates. Employees new to the Montana Lottery will typically be hired at the entry for the occupation. In determining a new employee's hiring rate above entry, the Director, or designee, shall consider criteria such as: the employee's jobrelated qualifications and competencies; existing salary relationships within the job class, band and work unit; ability to pay; and the competitive labor market. The Employer will notify the Association whenever a new hire is hired above the entry rate.

<u>Section 3</u>. Future Pay Plan Provisions. The parties may agree to establish a work team of bargaining unit and management representatives to develop further pay plan components such as market progression, competency-based pay, situational pay and strategic pay. It is understood recommendations from the work group will need to be negotiated.

<u>Section 4.</u> All employees covered by the collective bargaining agreement between the parties shall be brought up to a target wage equivalent to 90% of the 2012 market midpoint.

Across the Board Pay Adjustments

Employees will receive a 1% salary increase each year of the biennium. Wage increases will become effective the first full pay period that included February 15th of each year of the biennium.

Further, in accordance with Section 2-18-303(4)(a)(i), these adjustments will not be provided to employees until the State receives written notice that the employee's collective bargaining unit has ratified the agreement. If that notice is received after the effective date of the pay adjustment, the adjustment will be paid retroactively.

Employer Contributions for Group Health Plan

HCBD is managing the State Employee Group Health Plan to contain costs and minimize member cost impacts. Member contributions, copay amounts, deductibles, coinsurance levels, and maximum out of pocket levels will not increase through December 31, 2018 and shall only increase in the 2019 plan year if the actuarially determined Risk Based Capital Level is at or below 250%.

ADDENDUM B - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- <u>Step 1</u>. Any dispute involving the interpretation, application or alleged violation of a specific provision of this Agreement shall be taken up with the employee's immediate supervisor within 15 working days of the grievance. The immediate supervisor shall have 5 working days to respond. All grievances must be discussed with the immediate supervisor prior to the filing of a formal grievance and no formal grievance may be filed until the immediate supervisor has been given opportunity to attempt resolution.
- Step 2. If the grievance is not resolved informally, a formal grievance may be presented in writing within 10 working days from the receipt of the immediate supervisor's response of Step 1 to the appropriate management official as defined in the supplemental agreement. The management representative at the second step shall have 10 working days from receipt of the grievance to respond in writing. Grievances filed on disciplinary actions up to and including suspensions shall be filed at this step and shall be subject to the time limits contained herein.
- Step 3. If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2, it may be presented to the department director or his/her designee within 10 working days of the receipt of the Step 2 response. The director shall have 15 working days to respond to the grievance in writing. Discharge grievances shall be filed at this step and shall be subject to the time limits contained herein.
- <u>Step 4</u>. Should the Association consider the decision of the director unsatisfactory, the Association shall, within 15 working days of receipt of such decision, notify the director and the Chief, Office of Labor Relations of its decision to take the grievance to final and binding arbitration.

RULES OF GRIEVANCE PROCESSING

- 1. Time limits of any stage of the grievance procedure may be extended by written mutual agreement of the parties at that step.
- 2. A grievance not filed or advanced by the grievant within the time limits provided shall be deemed permanently withdrawn as having been settled on the basis of the decision most recently received. Failure on the part of the Employer's representative to answer within the time limit set forth in any step will entitle the employee to the next step.
- 3. An appointed authority may replace any titled position in the grievance procedure, provided that such appointee has full authority to act in the capacity of the person being replaced.
- 4. When the grievance is presented in writing there shall be set forth all of the following:
 - A. A complete statement of the grievance and facts upon which it is based.

- B. The rights of the individual claimed to have been violated and the remedy or correction requested.
- 5. Those employees desiring to use alternative grievance procedures may not pursue the same complaint under the provisions of this contractual procedure. Similarly, an employee pursuing a grievance under the provisions of this contract may not pursue the same grievance under another procedure.
- 6. In the event of a classification related grievance, the statutory classification appeal route shall be followed wherein the grievance may be submitted to the Board of Personnel Appeals for final resolution. Where a question arises as to whether the matter falls under the jurisdiction of the Board or could possibly be arbitrated, the matter shall be referred to the Board for a decision.

RULES OF ARBITRATION

- 1. Within 10 working days of receipt of the Association's notice of its intent to arbitrate a grievance, the parties shall call upon the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service for a list of 5 potential arbitrators.
- 2. Each party shall be entitled to strike names from the list in alternate order and the name so remaining shall be the arbitrator. The moving party shall have the first strike. The arbitrator shall render a decision within 30 working days of the hearing and that decision shall be final and binding on all parties. In the event an arbitrator has not been selected within 6 months of receipt of notice of intent to arbitrate, the grievance shall be considered abandoned. This time limit may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.
- 3. Each party shall share equally the cost of the arbitrator. In the event one of the parties wants transcripts from the proceedings of the arbitration, the party requesting the transcripts shall pay all costs. If each party requests a transcript, they shall equally share the cost.
- 4. The arbitrator may not add to, subtract from or modify the terms of this Agreement.
- 5. In the event the arbitrator charges a fee(s) for canceling an arbitration hearing, the party requesting the cancellation is responsible for payment.

ADDENDUM C - GRIEVANCE FORM

The following form shall be used to process grievances in accordance with Addendum B, Grievance Procedure, of this Agreement. The employee(s) shall fill out the following form if they are not satisfied with the Step 1 answer of the immediate supervisor within (10) working days of receipt of said response:

EXPLANATION OF THE GRIEVANCE (to in the contract that were violated, and when the if any, to support your claim):	
YOUR PROPOSED SOLUTION TO THE GR	RIEVANCE:
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Employee(s)' Signature	Date
STEP 2 RESPONSE (The Management Representation of the Management R	
Signature of Management Representative (or his/her designee)	Date

respond to the grievance in writing.	
REASONS (The employee(s) shall state the re answer at Step 2):	ason(s) for not accepting Management's
Employee(s)' Signature	Date
STEP 3 RESPONSE (The Director of the Departure of the employee(s)' grievance below within fifte grievance at Step 3):	
Director's or his/her designee's signature	Date

<u>Step 3</u>. If no settlement is reached at Step 2, forward on this form to the Department Director or his/her designee within 10 working days of the receipt of the written Step 2 response. The Director, or his/her designee, shall have 15 working days in which to

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