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VDVNA and AMF

The NECA Labor Relations department has fielded questions from NECA Chapters regarding the Voice-Data-Video National Agreement (VDVNA) and the payment of Administrative Maintenance Funds (AMF) when an employer travels from a base local union NECA Chapter to a different site local union NECA Chapter.

AMF is established as a benefit under this agreement under Section 8.01 (b), which reads:

The employer shall also pay such local administrative maintenance funds or receiving trusts as established in the base or site local union agreements. The employer's contribution to such funds shall be sent to the appropriate chapter in accordance with the compensation procedures in Section 4.06.

The compensation procedures in Section 4.06 are also referenced through the agreement for NEBF, apprenticeship, NEIF, NLMCC.

All AMF should therefore be paid to the NECA Chapter covering the Local Union the individual is referred from.

Example

If NECA Chapter A or NECA Chapter B did not have a telecommunication or like named agreement with AMF language and rates, AMF is not payable on those individuals.

Anytown Electric, a contractor from Base Local A under NECA Chapter A, secures a project in Site Local B, which falls under NECA Chapter B.

Anytown Electric ports two employees from Base Local A to work at the new site. Additionally, they hire one employee who is referred from Site Local B.

- For the two employees who were ported from Base Local A to Site Local B, the Administrative Maintenance Fund (AMF) contributions would be paid back to NECA Chapter A, as outlined by the agreement of Base Local A.
- For the one employee hired from Site Local B, AMF contributions would be made to NECA Chapter B, as outlined by the agreement of Site Local B.

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