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days of the occurrence of the alleged discrimination. Such grievance shall be investigated by the Joint Port Labor Relations Committee at a regular or special meeting of the Committee at which the individual involved shall be permitted to appear to state his case, at which time he may present oral and written evidence and argument.

**17.411** With respect to any claim of violation of Section 13, the Joint Port Labor Relations Committee shall extend the time for filing of such claim beyond the time established in Section 17.41 whenever such extension is necessary because the period of limitation otherwise applicable is determined to be unlawful or because in the judgment of the Committee in the exercise of its sound discretion, such an extension is otherwise necessary to prevent inequity but in no event shall the time for filing of such claims be extended beyond 6 months from the date of the occurrence of the alleged discrimination.

**17.42** Either the Employers, the Union or the man involved may appeal the decision of the Joint Port Labor Relations Committee. Such appeal shall be to the Joint Coast Labor Relations Committee by letter addressed to the Joint Coast Labor Relations Committee. To be timely, such appeal must be delivered or mailed within 7 days of the decision of the Joint Port Labor Relations Committee.

**17.421** If such an appeal is taken within the time limits allowed, the Joint Coast Labor Relations Committee shall either confirm or reverse or modify the decision of the Joint Port Labor Relations Committee without any further hearing, or order a further hearing and thereupon issue its decision on the basis of the entire record including that at both hearings.

**17.43** An appeal from the decision of the Joint Coast Labor Relations Committee can be presented to the Coast Arbitrator (or by agreement of the Joint Coast Labor Relations

Committee to an Area Arbitrator) by the individual involved, the Employers or the Union. An appeal to the Coast Arbitrator filed by an applicant for registration or a casual longshoreman involving the subject of registration shall be permitted only for those grievances which the Joint Coast Labor Relations Committee, in its sole discretion, certifies to the Coast Arbitrator that the facts introduced in support of the grievance into the record of the prior proceedings, if unrebutted, may support a finding of a violation of the grievant's Section 13 rights under this Agreement. Appeal shall be by a written request for an arbitrator's hearing mailed or delivered to the Union and the Employer representatives of the Joint Coast Labor Relations Committee if by an individual, or to the individual and the other party's representative on the Joint Coast Labor Relations Committee if by either the Union or the Employers. Such an appeal shall be timely only if such request for an arbitrator's hearing is so filed in writing with the Joint Coast Labor Relations Committee no later than 7 days after issuance of the decision of the Joint Coast Labor Relations Committee from which an appeal to an arbitrator is taken.

**17.431** The arbitration procedure shall be carried on in accordance with the procedures generally applicable under this Agreement for arbitration before the Coast Arbitrator.

**17.5** Arbitrators and Awards.

**17.51** The parties shall have an arbitrator for each of the said 4 port areas and a Coast Arbitrator.

**17.511** The Area Arbitrator shall be appointed by the Joint Coast Labor Relations Committee and shall serve at its discretion. If any Area Arbitrator shall at any time be unable or refuse or fail to act, the Joint Coast Labor Relations Committee shall select a successor or substitute.

**17.512** The Coast Arbitrator shall be selected by the Joint Coast Labor Relations Committee to serve a term coextensive with the term of the Agreement. The Coast Arbitrator may be reappointed for the term of the next Agreement by mutual agreement of the Parties. The Coast Arbitrator shall be a highly qualified neutral arbitrator with maritime experience, located on the West Coast. If the Committee fails to agree on the selection of the Coast Arbitrator, the individual shall be selected by a 6-person panel of prominent industry representatives: 3 selected by the Union and 3 selected by the Employers.

**17.5121** If after thirty (30) days, the Panel is unable to select a Coast Arbitrator, the Panel shall submit to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) a request for a list of seven (7) highly qualified neutral arbitrators with maritime experience, located on the West Coast. If the Union and the Employer representatives agree that the list is unacceptable, they may jointly request that the FMCS provide a second list. In the event, the Parties cannot mutually select a Coast Arbitrator from the FMCS Panel, the selection shall be determined by a striking process. The first strike shall be determined by a coin flip. The Party that correctly calls the coin flip shall have the choice of striking first or last.

Note: John Kagel will succeed Sam Kagel as Coast Arbitrator upon the effective date of this contract (February 1, 2003). It is agreed that since PMA nominated John Kagel, in the event a FMCS Panel is required to select the successor to John Kagel, the Union shall have the choice of a first or last strike. Thereafter, the procedure of coin flip set forth in Section 17.5121 shall apply.

**17.52** Powers of arbitrators shall be limited strictly to the application and interpretation of the Agreement as written. The arbitrators shall have jurisdiction to decide any and all disputes

arising under the Agreement including cases dealing with the resumption or continuation of work.

**17.53** Arbitrators' decisions must be based upon the showing of facts and their application under the specific provisions of the written Agreement and be expressly confined to, and extend only to, the particular issue in dispute. The arbitrators shall have power to pass upon any and all objections to their jurisdiction. If an arbitrator holds that a particular dispute does not arise under the Agreement, then such dispute shall be subject to arbitration only by mutual consent.

**17.54** In the event the parties agree that an arbitrator has exceeded his authority and jurisdiction or that he is involved in the industry in any other position of interest which is in conflict with his authority and jurisdiction, he shall be disqualified for any further service.

**17.55** All decisions of the arbitrators, except as provided in Sections 17.261 and 17.6, shall be final and binding upon all parties. Decisions shall be in writing signed by the arbitrator and delivered to the respective parties.

**17.56** All expenses and salaries of the arbitrators shall be borne equally by the parties, except where specifically provided herein to the contrary.

**17.57** All decisions of arbitrators shall be observed and/or implemented. No decision of an Area Arbitrator, interim or formal, can be appealed unless it is observed and/or implemented.

**17.6** Informal hearings and interim rulings.

**17.61** When a grievance or dispute arises on the job and is not resolved through the steps of Sections 17.21 and 17.22, and it is claimed that work is not being continued as required by Section 11, a request by either party shall refer the matter to the Area Arbitrator (or by agreement of the Joint Coast Labor Relations Committee to the Coast Arbitrator) for his considera-