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February 6, 2013

Joshua J. Swanson  
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Re: Industrial Engine and Machine Mechanic Rate

Dear Mr. Swanson:

This letter is in response to various items of correspondence you provided relating to a request that the department eliminate the wage rates currently published for "industrial engine and machine mechanic." There is no scope of work description for these wage rates.

As you will recall, this matter came up most recently at a Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee (PWAC) meeting shortly after I took over responsibilities as the industrial statistician. At that meeting it was noted that at prior PWAC scopes meetings the matter was discussed and there appeared to be no reason to retain the rates, but it was suggested the stationary engineers might have some interest in keeping them. Thereafter you provided me with a copy of a letter directed to David Soma, former industrial statistician, from IUOE 302 dated February 8, 2011, and signed by Daren Konopaski, Business Manager for IUOE 302 and David Maxwell, Business Manager for Stationary Engineers, Local 286. That letter (attached) indicates that both locals concur that the pay rates are not necessary and should be removed.

Last month I contacted members of the Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee and other interested parties regarding your request, and notified them that I intended to eliminate the wage rates. Responses to that notification indicate that there is no apparent disagreement that removal of the rates will cause no harm, and would serve to eliminate misuse of the power industrial engine and machine mechanic wage rates.

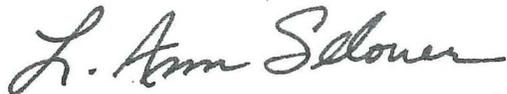
Based upon the referenced discussions, the February 8, 2011 letter signed by the business managers for IUOE Local 302 and Stationary Engineers Local 286, and the fact that I

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could locate no historical justification for retaining the rates, I agree that it is best to eliminate the wage rate classifications. This will be done, effective March 1, 2013.

If you have questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Ann Selover".

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cc: Daren Konopaski, Business Manager, IUOE 302  
David Maxwell, Business Manager, Stationary Engineers, Local 286



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Daren Konopaski, *Business Manager*

February 8, 2011

David Soma, Industrial Statistician  
Prevailing Wage Program Manager  
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RE: Power Industrial Engine and Machine Mechanic Rate

Dear Mr. Soma:

As part of the Department's Scope of Work review process a decision was made to not develop a scope of work for this particular published rate of pay. While we do not fully know the history or reasoning behind the adoption of this rate, we agree that the most agreeable solution is to remove this particular pay rate from use.

At the last Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee meeting Josh Swanson of IUOE Local 302 raised questions about the next steps toward removal of this rate. Mr. Swanson was instructed to discuss this matter with the Stationary Engineers to determine if they had any concerns or reservations with the removal of this pay rate. These conversations have been had and both Locals concur that this pay rate is not necessary and should be removed from use as soon as possible.

We are aware of contractors that, absent a Scope of Work, are potentially misusing this pay rate in place of the appropriate Power Equipment Operator rates for construction work. To eliminate this misuse and confusion we believe that the most appropriate course of action is to remove this pay rate in its entirety. Contractors will be able to fully utilize the appropriate pay rates that have accompanying Scopes of Work for public work projects.

Please let us know if you have any questions or require any additional information. Josh Swanson at 206-293-8350 is the appropriate contact for Local 302 and Christian Dube at 253-351-9095 is the appropriate contact for Local 286.

Thanks for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Daren Konopaski, Business Manager  
Operating Engineers, Local 302

David Maxwell, Business Manager  
Stationary Engineers, Local 286

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