AA Proposal

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Contract Reference(s): Section 22

Maintain the Pre-Arbitration Conference and enhance with the following improvements:

- Add the presence of a recognized mediator/arbitrator as a facilitator at the conference. ~~When possible t~~The ~~mediator/~~facilitator ~~should~~ will be selected~~one~~ from an approved PAC list. ~~of facilitators / mediators for the System Board of Adjustment~~. If no one from the PAC list is available for a scheduled conference, the parties shall mutually agree to an alternate selection for that conference only.

- The conferences will meet quarterly, or as agreed by the parties. ~~There will be, at a minimum, four Pre-Arbitration Conferences per year.~~

- Conferences will be scheduled ~~so as~~ to allow a brief but thorough discussion of the cases submitted ~~a minimum of one day per four cases~~.

- Each party will provide position statements and supporting documents no less than~~at least~~ 5 business days in advance of the Pre-Arbitration Conference date.

- The conference will ~~be attended by~~ include an authorized settlement agent from each side ~~in an attempt to settle the cases~~.