ARTICLE 5. Better Conditions - Deal Memos - Personal Service Contracts

Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent any individual from negotiating and obtaining from the Producer better conditions and terms of employment than those herein provided. Provided also, that the Producer, at its discretion, with or without Union consultation, may give any individual better conditions and terms than those herein provided.

The following, when individually negotiated pursuant to this Article, are subject to grievance and arbitration: the guaranteed period of employment, wage rate or salaries, the number of guaranteed hours, equipment rental and travel. If such items are included in a deal memo or personal service contract, a copy thereof shall, upon request, be furnished to the Local Union. Such deal memo or personal service contract shall conform, as a minimum, to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

The following language shall be included in all deal memos or personal service contracts: "All provisions of this deal memo (or personal service contract) are subject to and must provide no less than the terms and conditions of the Producer – Studio Utility Employees, Local 724 Agreement."

Producer will notify the Union of the fact that it has executed any written personal service contract or deal memo with any person subject to this Agreement, and will certify that such personal service contract or deal memo conforms, at least, to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and that an extra copy of such contract has been furnished to the employee.

No such granting to any individual of better conditions and terms, if any, shall in any manner affect the conditions and terms herein provided, nor shall it be considered, in any manner, as a precedent for granting better conditions and terms than those herein provided to any other individuals or job.