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AGREEMENT

This Agreement, entered into as of June 23, 2002, between The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company, its successors in whole with headquarters at 1385 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, Norfolk County, and hereinafter referred to as the "Employer," and Local 1500, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, AFL-CIO, and hereinafter referred to as the "Union," for and in behalf of those employees constituting the Bargaining Unit in Article 1.

The parties had entered into separate collective bargaining agreements commencing on June 21, 1998 and on November 8, 1998. The November 8, 1998 contract covered Stop & Shop Superstores in Wappingers Falls and Poughkeepsie, New York and all subsequently opened superstores within the jurisdiction of Local 1500. Provisions pertaining only to these stores are marked with a single asterisk (*). Two separate June 21, 1998 contracts covered the former Edwards stores. Provisions pertaining only to the former Edwards stores are marked with a double asterisk (**).

ARTICLE 1
RECOGNITION

The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole bargaining agent for all employees employed in its food supermarkets in Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester counties and the City of New York and Long Island, New York and any other New York counties where Local 1500 has jurisdiction within the present jurisdiction of Local 1500, but, there shall be excluded from the Bargaining Unit all supervisory employees, Meat Department employees and Pharmacy Managers.

ARTICLE 2
MEMBERSHIP IN UNION

SECTION 1: The Employer agrees that, with reference to the employees who are covered by this Agreement, it will retain in its employ only members in good standing of the Union or those who become members in good standing of the Union on the thirty-first day after the effective date of this Agreement or the date of such employment, whichever is later, except that employees hired for new store openings and for major remodeled stores shall be on probation for the first sixty (60) days of employment. The probationary period for pharmacists shall be (90) ninety days. After completion of the probationary period, employees shall remain members of the Union in good standing, with all eligible benefits and wage increases retroactive to the date of eligibility.

SECTION 2: The Union agrees that it will admit to and retain in membership all employees without discrimination as long as such employees tend the initiation fee and periodic dues uniformly required for membership. In the event that an employee fails to tender the initiation fee or periodic dues uniformly required as a condition of acquiring or retaining membership, the Union will notify the Employer in writing. The Employer agrees to discharge such employee within seven (7) days of receipt of said notice provided that:

A. It has no reasonable grounds for believing that membership in the Union was not available to the employee on the same terms and conditions generally applicable to other members, or

B. It has no reasonable grounds for believing that membership was denied or terminated for reasons other than the failure of the employee to tender the periodic dues and the initiation fees uniformly required as a condition of acquiring or retaining membership.

SECTION 3: New employees may be secured from any source the Employer desires including the Union.
SECTION 4: The Employer agrees to deduct weekly Union dues and initiation fees, including arrears, from the wages of employees covered by this Agreement who are members of the Union and who individually and voluntarily sign an authorization card for such deductions.

SECTION 5: The Employer agrees to send to the Local Union a copy of the employee's authorization card and union membership application within fourteen (14) days of hiring or rehiring date and to continue to remit to the Local Union the dues and fees so collected.

ARTICLE 3
JURISDICTION

The Union agrees that all questions of jurisdiction shall be determined by and between the Union and other Unions with whom the Employer may have contracts, and there shall be no strike, stoppage or cessation of work as a result of any jurisdictional question.

ARTICLE 4
VISITING STORES

A duly authorized representative of the Union may visit the stores during store hours for the purpose of conducting Union business, but in so doing, shall not interfere with the Employer's operation.

ARTICLE 5
LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR UNION DUTIES

Any member of the Union being elected or appointed to a permanent office in the Union or as a delegate to any Union activity necessitating temporary leave of absence shall be granted such leave of absence and shall at the end of the term, in the first instance, or at the end of his/her mission in the second instance, be restored to his/her former position or to a position of similar type at the then prevailing wage rate. When an employee returns from a leave of absence for Union duties and makes application to return to work within 90 days of his/her release, he/she shall be reinstated within fifteen (15) days from the date of application to return to work.

ARTICLE 6
REGISTERS

In those stores in which each employee handling cash has his/her own cash drawer, no employee shall be held responsible for shortages and overages in his/her cash drawer unless he/she has been given the privilege of counting his/her cash and has been given his/her register reading before and after the cash has been counted. Only one employee shall be authorized to ring up on the cash register drawer for which he/she is responsible.

ARTICLE 7
PRIVILEGES

Employee's privileges heretofore existing shall continue under this Agreement. The Union agrees that there shall be no abuse of such privileges.

ARTICLE 8
REST PERIODS

Any employee scheduled for seven (7) or more hours of work shall receive two (2) fifteen minute relief periods. There shall also be an additional five (5) minutes added to the PM break for those employees working the four (4) ten-hour week.

Any employee who works a minimum of four (4) hours, but less than seven (7) hours, shall receive one (1) fifteen (15) minute relief period. Relief periods will be given as near to the middle of the forenoon/afternoon/evening work period as possible.

* The parties acknowledge that when a single pharmacist is on duty, it would be impracticable and unrealistic, and a failure to meet the Employer's obligations to those who need the immediate services of the pharmacy, to close the pharmacy during break periods required by NY law. Accordingly, the parties waive these requirements and agree that when a pharmacist is the only one on duty, he/she will remain in the pharmacy and available to serve its customers for the entire shift.

* The parties also recognize the obligation to provide such pharmacists with adequate meal and rest opportunities. Accordingly, each store manager will cooperate with such pharmacists so that they will have an opportunity to eat meals in the pharmacy. Reasonable efforts will be made not to interrupt the pharmacist during such breaks by taking them during traditionally slow periods, by assigning employees who are permitted to work under the pharmacist's direction and/or other means. These steps will permit the pharmacist to remain on duty and available throughout the shift while being assured of adequate opportunities for meal and rest periods.

ARTICLE 9
NO INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENTS

The Employer agrees that it will not enter into any individual agreement with any employee covered by this Agreement, which is contrary to the terms of this Agreement, and will cancel all such agreements now in existence. It is understood and agreed by both parties that there shall be no subterfuge to defeat the purpose of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 10
NO REDUCTION IN WAGES

There shall be no reduction in wages as a result of the adoption of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 11
HOLIDAYS

NOTE: Dates marked ** are for former Edwards contract employees and * are for all other employees.

SECTION 1: Full-Time:
A. All full-time employees hired on or before June 15, 1991**, covered by this Agreement and who qualify, shall receive the following holidays with pay regardless of the day of the week on which they fall:

- Anniversary Day
- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Labor Day
- Christmas Day
- Four (4) Portonal Holidays

B. All Full-time employees hired on or after June 16, 1991*, covered by this Agreement and who qualify, shall receive the following holidays with pay regardless of the day of the week on which they fall:

- Washington's Birthday
- Independence Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Birthday Holiday
- Presidential Election Day
If eligible per paragraph (D) below, Full-time employees hired on or after June 16, 1991** or November 10, 1991* and on or before June 18, 1994** or November 5, 1994* will receive a personal holiday in lieu of Washington’s Birthday. This personal holiday must be granted and taken prior to the end of each contract year.

C. All Full-time employees hired on or after June 19, 1994** or November 6, 1994* covered by this agreement who have completed three (3) months of Full-time employment and who qualify, shall receive the following legal holidays with pay:

- New Year’s Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- President’s Day (If Registered Voter)

In addition to the holidays listed in this article above Full-time employees hired on or after June 19, 1994** or November 6, 1994* shall receive:

- After one (1) year employment one (1) personal holiday plus their Birthday as a holiday.
- After two (2) years employment one (1) additional personal holiday plus their anniversary of employment as a holiday.
- After completing three (3) years of employment, three (3) additional personal holidays. (Employees hired on or before June 16, 1991** or November 9, 1991* who are reclassified will continue to have Washington’s Birthday as a holiday and those employees hired on or after June 16, 1991** or November 10, 1991* who are reclassified will continue to receive a personal holiday in lieu of Washington’s Birthday. Upon the completion of three (3) years employment these reclassified employees shall be entitled to only two (2) additional personal holidays.

D. Eligibility:

Legal Holidays: From date of hire, if hired prior to June 18, 1994** or November 6, 1994*, for Full-time employees hired on or after June 16, 1991** or November 6, 1994*, eligibility will be after 3 months of employment, and Presidential Election Day will apply for registered voters only.

Personal Holidays: Eligibility is after 6 months employment for Full-time employees hired on or before June 18, 1994** or November 5, 1994*, with the exception of the personal holiday for Washington’s Birthday which requires 30 days of employment preceding Washington’s Birthday.

E. Personal holidays are to be assigned and taken. They shall not be assigned during a holiday week. Due regard is to be given for employee preference with two (2) weeks notice consistent with the needs of the business. Unused personal holidays shall be paid for at the end of each contract year provided that the employee is in the employ of the employer at such time.

F. In order to be paid for the holiday, Full-time employees shall work the day before and the day after the holiday unless one of those days is a holiday day off, he/she is out sick, or on an authorized absence.

G. Employees who are discharged for cause or voluntarily terminate their employment prior to the holiday shall not be entitled to holiday pay.

H. If a recognized holiday falls on a regular work day during an employee’s vacation period, he/she shall be paid a sum equal to daily straight time pay for each holiday in addition to his/her vacation pay or may be given an additional day off with pay at the discretion of the Employer.

I. When employees are requested by the Employer to work on any of the above listed legal holidays, they shall receive time and one-half their regular hourly rate for hours worked, but such hours worked shall not be counted as hours worked toward figuring weekly overtime.

J. Holiday pay for those working a four (4) ten (10) hour workweek will reflect the ten (10) hour schedule.

K. Any full-time employee who works on a holiday shall be scheduled for eight (8) hours work, provided the store is open for eight (8) hours and further provided the employee is available to work eight (8) hours. In the event that the store is open for less than eight (8) hours, such full-time employees shall be scheduled for the hours that the store is open.

SECTION 2: Part-Time:

A. All Part-time employees hired on or before June 16, 1991** or November 9, 1991*, covered by this Agreement and who qualify, shall receive the following holidays with pay regardless of the day of the week on which they fall:

- Labor Day
- President’s Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

B. All Part-time employees hired on or after June 16, 1991** or November 10, 1991* and on or before June 18, 1994** or November 5, 1994*, covered by this Agreement and who qualify, shall receive the following holidays with pay regardless of the day on which they fall:

- New Year’s Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Christmas Day
- President’s Day (If Registered Voter)

If eligible per paragraph (D) below, Part-time employees hired on or after June 16, 1991** or November 10, 1991* and on or before June 18, 1994** or November 5, 1994* will receive an additional personal holiday (four (4) hours pay) in lieu of Washington’s Birthday. This personal holiday must be granted and taken prior to the end of each contract year.

C. All Part-time employees hired on or after June 19, 1994** or November 6, 1994* covered by this Agreement who have completed four (4) or more months continuous employment with the Employer shall receive four (4) hours holiday pay based on their regular straight time hourly wage rate for each of the following holidays:

- New Year’s Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- President’s Day (If Registered Voter)

In addition to the holidays listed in this article above Part-time employees hired on or after June 19, 1994** or November 6, 1994* shall receive:

- After one (1) year employment one (1) personal holiday plus their Birthday as a holiday.
- After two (2) years employment one (1) additional personal holiday plus their anniversary of employment as a holiday.
- After completing three (3) years of employment, three (3) additional personal holidays. (Employees hired on or before June 16, 1991** or November 9, 1991* who are reclassified will continue to receive Washington’s Birthday as a holiday and those employees hired on or after June 16, 1991** or November 10, 1991* who are reclassified will continue to receive a personal holiday in lieu of Washington’s Birthday. Upon the completion of three (3) years employment these reclassified employees shall be entitled to only two (2) additional personal holidays.

D. Eligibility:

Legal Holidays: From date of hire, if hired prior to June 18, 1994** or November 6, 1994*, for Full-time employees hired on or after June 16, 1991** or November 6, 1994*, eligibility will be after 3 months of employment and Presidential Election Day will apply for registered voters only.

Personal Holidays: Eligibility is after 6 months employment for Full-time employees hired on or before June 18, 1994** or November 5, 1994*, with the exception of the personal holiday for Washington’s Birthday which requires 30 days of employment preceding Washington’s Birthday.

E. Personal holidays are to be assigned and taken. They shall not be assigned during a holiday week. Due regard is to be given for employee preference with two (2) weeks notice consistent with the needs of the business. Unused personal holidays shall be paid for at the end of each contract year provided that the employee is in the employ of the employer at such time.

F. In order to be paid for the holiday, Full-time employees shall work the day before and the day after the holiday unless one of those days is a holiday day off, he/she is out sick, or on an authorized absence.

G. Employees who are discharged for cause or voluntarily terminate their employment prior to the holiday shall not be entitled to holiday pay.
November 5, 1994* who is receiving Washington's Birthday or a personal day in lieu of Washington's Birthday.

After two (2) years employment an additional personal holiday namely the employee's Birthday.

After three (3) years employment an additional personal holiday namely the employee's anniversary of employment.

D. Eligibility:

Legal Holidays: After three (3) months of continuous employment. For Part-time employees hired on or before June 19, 1994** or November 6, 1994*, eligibility will be after 4 months of employment and Presidential Election Day will apply for registered voters only.

Personal Holidays: Eligibility is after 6 months employment for part-time employees hired on or before June 18, 1994** or November 5, 1994*, with the exception of the personal holiday for Washington's Birthday which requires 30 days of employment preceding Washington's Birthday.

Eligibility for Part-time employees hired on or after June 19, 1994** or November 6, 1994*, is as follows:

- One personal holiday after 1 year of employment.
- One additional personal holiday (in lieu of anniversary day) after 2 years of employment.
- One additional personal holiday after 3 years of employment.
- One personal holiday (for those eligible) to be taken in each three (3) month segment of the contract year.

E. Personal holidays are to be assigned and taken. They shall not be assigned during a holiday week. That benefit is to be given for employer preference with two (2) weeks' notice consistent with the needs of the business. Unused personal holidays shall be paid for at the end of each contract year provided that the employee is in the employ of the Employer at such time.

F. In order to be paid for the holiday, eligible Part-time employees must work the day before and the day after the holiday unless one of those days is his/her day off, he/she is out sick, or on an authorized absence.

G. Part-time employees who are promoted to full-time positions shall be entitled to receive full-time holidays, based on their employment date and the eligibility conditions under Section 1 (D) of this Article.

H. Employees who are discharged for cause or voluntarily terminate their employment prior to the holiday shall not be entitled to holiday pay.

I. If a recognized holiday falls on a regular work day during an employee's vacation period, he/she shall be paid a sum equal to his/her regular salary for the normal workday plus vacation pay or may be given an additional day off with pay at the discretion of the Employer.

J. Part-time employees shall receive four (4) hours pay for all legal and personal holidays. Part-time employees hired before 10/5/80* shall receive five (5) hours pay for all legal and personal holidays.

K. When employees are requested by the Employer to work on any of the above listed legal holidays, they shall receive time and one-half their regular hourly rate for hours worked, but such hours worked shall not be counted as hours worked toward figuring weekly overtime.

L. Contract Year for Personal Holidays: The contract year of June to June shall apply to all employees for personal holidays.

M. Any part-time employee who works on a holiday shall be scheduled for four (4) hours work, provided the employee is available to work four (4) hours.

ARTICLE 12

HOURS

SECTION 1: The workweek for all full-time employees covered by this Agreement is:

A. Regular Workweek: All full-time employees - five (5), eight (8) hour days

Voluntary Basis: All full-time employees - four (4), ten (10) hour days

B. Holiday Workweek: All full-time employees - four (4), eight (8) hour days - 32 hours

C. Full-time Employees: On any shift starting prior to 7:00 A.M. a full-time employee so scheduled shall be paid an additional one dollar ($1.00) for the entire shift. However, full-time employees may be scheduled to start at 6:00 A.M. without the addition of one dollar ($1.00) on a voluntary basis. A Full-time employee hired, or appointed to Full-time work, prior to 10/10/77, who is scheduled to work on three or more evenings, shall be eligible to receive time and one-half the employee's basic hourly pay for all hours worked beyond 6:00 P.M. from the third evening, even though the hours worked are within the forty (40) hours.

Full-time employees hired, or appointed to Full-time work, on or after 10/10/77 shall receive no premium pay for work performed after 6:00 P.M.

Newly hired and/or reclassified full-time employees hired on or after June 21, 1994** or November 5, 1994*, may be scheduled to a shift starting at 5:00 a.m. or later and shall receive no premium pay for this shift.

All full-time employees shall be paid at a rate of time and one-half their regular salary for all work performed after forty (40) hours, and after eight (8) hours in any one day.

It is understood and agreed that the hours worked prior to 7:00 A.M. and/or after 6:00 P.M. can be scheduled within the employee's regular eight-hour shift and within his/her regular forty (40) hour workweek. Full-time employees may be scheduled to start at 6:00 A.M. on a voluntary basis.

Time worked after thirty-two (32) hours in a holiday workweek shall be compensated for at the rate of time and one-half the employee's basic rate.

The Company shall accommodate the introduction of a four (4) day, ten (10) hour workweek for full-time employees on a voluntary basis. The Company may have full discretion of the establishment and elimination of the new shift. Holiday pay and sick leave pay will reflect the ten (10) hour schedule. There shall also be an additional five (5) minutes added to the PM break for those employees working the four (4) day, ten (10) hour workweek. These full-time employees shall receive time and one-half for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a week or in excess of ten (10) hours in any day. In a holiday workweek, full-time employees shall receive time and one-half after thirty (30) regular hours if they are on a four (4) day, ten (10) hour workweek. The introduction of this four (4) day, ten (10) hour shift does not affect the overtime provision for those full-time employees working the five (5) day, eight (8) hour shifts.
Employees whose shift starts after 6:00 p.m. or before 7:00 a.m. shall be entitled to receive a bonus of one dollar ($1.00) per shift. Newly hired or reclassified part time employees may be assigned to a shift which may begin later than 9:00 a.m. All such full time employees who are assigned to work a shift shall be paid one dollar ($1.00) per shift premium in addition to their regular pay. This shall be the only premium for the shift unless the shift is longer than eight (8) hours, in which event the work over eight (8) hours shall be at time and one-half (1 1/2X).

Sundays Worked:
The following rules apply prior to January 1, 1996:

Work performed on a Sunday by Full-time employees hired prior to January 1, 1990, and Part-time employees hired prior to January 1, 1987, shall be compensated at double time (2X) the regular hourly rate of pay for hours worked.

Part-time employees hired on or after January 1, 1987, shall be compensated at one and one-half (1 1/2X) the regular hourly rate for hours worked on Sunday. Effective January 1, 1990, Full-time employees hired on or after January 1, 1990, shall be compensated at one and one-half times (1 1/2X) the regular hourly rate for hours worked on Sunday.

Full-time employees presently being paid double time (2X) for Sunday work, if converted to Part-time status, shall continue to be paid double time (2X). Part-time employees presently being paid double time (2X) for Sunday work, if converted to Full-time status, shall continue to be paid double time (2X).

Part-time employees paid time and one-half (1 1/2X) for Sunday work, if converted to Full-time status on or after June 30, 1988, shall continue to be paid time and one-half (1 1/2X). Full-time employees hired on or after January 1, 1990 who shall be paid time and one-half (1 1/2X) for Sunday work, if converted to Part-time status, shall continue to be paid time and one-half (1 1/2X).

Effective January 1, 1996 those employees, Full-time or Part-time, who are receiving double time for work performed on Sunday shall receive a frozen premium rate which is equal to the hourly rate of pay they were earning on January 1, 1996. In addition to this premium hourly rate they shall receive their regular hourly rate of pay for each hour of work performed on Sunday. As their regular hourly rate increases the frozen premium hourly rate shall remain the same, except that, in the event of any reclassification to or from Part-time, Full-time, or department head, the frozen premium hourly rate will be equal to the hourly rate they are entitled to after reclassification in addition to their regular hourly rate. Effective January 1, 1996 the frozen premium hourly rate for a newly appointed department head hired or appointed on or after January 1, 1996 shall be no less than $18.00 per hour in addition to their regular hourly rate for work performed on Sunday.

* Work performed by Pharmacists on Sunday and Holidays shall be paid at the straight time hourly rate of pay. The Pharmacists will work out their weekly schedules with Management.

Sunday work shall be restored within the department, by seniority, provided employees are qualified by experience and ability to do the work.

Any employee who works on a Sunday shall be scheduled for a minimum of four (4) hours; however, those night crew employees who are scheduled to work on a Sunday shall receive the minimum Full-time Service Clerk rate in Article 5, Section C. If a Part-time Courtesy Clerk works in excess of thirty (30) regular hours in any week, he/she shall receive payment for a minimum of four (4) hours; however, those night crew employees who are scheduled to work on a Sunday shall receive the minimum Full-time Service Clerk rate in Article 5, Section C.

Regular part time employees who were hired prior to June 23, 2003 are temporarily assigned to full time work throughout the year, or for the summer months, between May 15th and September 15th shall receive from the first full scheduled work week of such assignment their regular part time rate or the minimum full time clerk's rate, whichever is higher.

Part-time employees under sixteen (16) years of age - The parties agree that notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the collective bargaining agreement, Part-time employees under sixteen (16) years of age may be scheduled to work less than four (4) hours per day, but not less than three (3) hours on those days and during those sessions (school year) when to do so would be in violation of law or regulation.
1. Schedule for no less than twelve (12) hours per week.
2. Holiday pay shall be four (4) hours.

Work performed by a Part-time employee on the sixth (6th) day worked in any week (Monday through Saturday) shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2).

Part-time employees (non-regular night crew) who work after 12:00 midnight shall receive 10% above their applicable clerks' rate of pay for all such hours worked.

SECTION 3: Meal Period

Working hours shall be consecutive in any day in which an employee is employed with one full hour for lunch between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM and not more than one full hour for supper. Five (5) minutes shall be added to the PM break for those employees working the four (4) day, ten (10) hour workweek.

SECTION 4: Superstores

A. Service Departments:

There shall be separate scheduling and seniority in each of the service departments, i.e. Bake Shop, General Merchandise, Pharmacy, Video, Dry Cleaning, Service, Mail Box, Salad Bar, or any other Service Departments that the Employer may open.

1. Sunday and Holiday rotation shall be within the department.
2. Seniority for scheduling purposes shall be within the Department only.
3. Employees may be scheduled up to five nights at the employee's regular rate of pay.
4. Bake Shop Only: Starting time may be at 5 AM at the employee's regular rate of pay except for night crew employees. Any scheduled time prior to 5 AM (except for night crew employees) will be paid at the overtime rate of time and one-half.

B. All Full-time employees in Superstores may be scheduled to start at 6 AM at the employee's regular rate of pay.

SECTION 5: Pharmacists:

The standard bi-weekly workweek for all full-time pharmacists will be eighty (80) straight time hours. This may be worked for example, as thirty-six (36) hours one week and forty-four (44) the next or a variation of this totaling eighty (80) hours. Forty-hour full-time pharmacists will be paid for forty (40) hours each week.

We may continue to utilize the thirty-four (34) hour full-time pharmacist positions. Those pharmacists on the payroll on the date of ratification that were to work forty (40) hours will be given the opportunity to do so in surrounding stores.

In those cases where the need arises to replace a pharmacist who is on vacation, sick leave, day off or any bona fide emergency, said replacement will not be a member of the bargaining unit. Further, when an intern is going to be assigned to the Pharmacy Department, Stop & Shop will notify Local 1500 and advise member of the bargaining unit. Further, when an intern is going to be assigned to the Pharmacy Department, Stop & Shop will notify Local 1500 and advise member of the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 13 CREDIT FOR PART-TIME HOURS

SECTION 1: A Part-time employee who changes to Full-time employment shall receive credit for the time spent in Part-time employment towards Full-time wage step-up consideration on the basis of two Part-time months equals one Full-time month.

SECTION 2: When the conversion is made, such credit will be applied to the Full-time rate schedule in the individual's classification, and he will be paid that rate, and upon the completion of the remaining time necessary will go to the next higher rate. In computing the remaining time, 17 weeks shall equal four (4) months.

SECTION 3: A Part-time employee who changes to Full-time employment and retains Full-time employment status for less than three (3) months and then returns to his Part-time status will receive the hourly rate to which he was entitled had he not changed his status.

SECTION 4: A Part-time employee who changes to Full-time employment for more than three (3) months and then returns to Part-time status will receive a rate determined by dividing his Full-time basic wage by forty.

SECTION 5: Commencing on the date of his/her reclassification to Part-time, a Full-time employee hired on or after November 7, 1982, reclassified to Part-time, will receive the rate of pay for Part-time employees hired on or after June 23, 2002, provided his/her length of service as a Full-time employee for the purpose of this Section shall be double his/her actual length of service as a Full-time employee.

SECTION 6 (Superstores only): When a Part-time employee is promoted to a Full-time Service Clerk, the next increase will be six months from the date of the upgrade or the next general wage increase if the employee is at the top of the scale.

ARTICLE 14 WAGES

SECTION 1: All wage rates are based on a forty (40) hour, five (5) day week for all Full-time employees except those forty (40) hour, four (4) by ten (10) hour workdays which will be based on a forty (40) hour, four (4) day week.

SECTION 2: Minimum general wage increases for Full-time employees hired prior to June 23, 2002 shall be as follows:

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**Department Heads Wages and Progressions:**

- $10.00 after thirty (30) days employment and thereafter, twenty dollars ($20.00) per week on six-month anniversaries thereafter.

### SECTION 4: Full-Time Clerks Hired or Appointed on or After 6/23/02:

**Weekly Wage Progressions For Full-Time Clerks Hired on or After 6/23/02:**

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And will receive an increase of an additional twenty dollars ($20.00) per week on six-month anniversaries thereafter.

#### A. Full-time clerks hired or appointed on or after June 23, 2002 shall not receive the general across-the-board wage increases. However, an employee who reaches the top of the progression scale during the term of the Agreement as a result of having been hired above the minimum or reclassified from Part-time to Full-time shall be eligible to receive the across-the-board increases on June 22, 2003, December 21, 2003, June 20, 2004, December 19, 2004, June 19, 2005 and December 18, 2005, if applicable, provided that in no event shall such employee exceed the applicable top clerk's rate of pay.

#### B. All new Full-time clerks hired at or above the minimum thirty (30) day rate, in any event, shall receive a minimum wage increase of ten dollars ($10.00) after thirty (30) days employment and thereafter, twenty dollars ($20.00) per week on six-month anniversaries thereafter.

### SECTION 5: Grocery and Produce Department Heads:

**Department Head Classification - Effective January 1, 2000 in a store where the total store sales is less than $200,000, the Employer will not be required to appoint a Department Head. The Department Head in that store will not receive a reduction in pay but will be transferred to a store which does a volume greater than $200,000 at the first available opportunity.**

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#### C. Grocery and Produce Department Heads hired or appointed on or after 6/23/02 shall receive the minimum stated rate (and above per week, or ten dollars ($10.00) shall be entitled to any subsequent general wage increases that follow their appointment.

### SECTION 6: Cash Department Heads:

#### A. Any current CDH on board as of 6/22/02 shall continue to receive the Department Head rate of pay and any future Department Head GWI's. Where a CDH vacancy occurs, the position will be replaced by a Service Manager.

#### B. Service Managers appointed or after 11/25/03* and all former Edwards Service Managers will receive $15.00 per week above their applicable full-time clerk's rate of pay.
SECTION 7: Assistant Grocery, Produce and Head Florist Clerks:

Each Assistant Grocery Department Head, Head Produce Clerk or Head Florist Clerk shall receive the weekly clerk's rate applicable to him/her plus $10.00 per week each week he/she performs the duties of an Assistant Grocery Department Head, Head Produce Clerk or Head Florist Clerk. Appointments after 11/7/82 to fill vacancies caused by attrition in any of these classifications shall be optional.

SECTION 8: Bookkeeper and Full-Time Office Clerks:

(Bookkeeper classification will only be held by those employees who held same prior to 6/22/02. No further appointments to Bookkeeper shall be made.) The rate of pay for a Bookkeeper shall be fifteen dollars ($15.00) above the Clerk's rate in the appropriate wage range or within the appropriate progression wage range. The rate for a Bookkeeper is effective only when appointment is made. Selections and placements will be the Employer's responsibility and prerogative. There shall be no more than one (1) Bookkeeper receiving this premium in any store. A part time Clerk designated as a part time Bookkeeper shall receive a $0.25 per hour premium. A Full-time Office Clerk will receive $15.00/week over the personal rate while performing duties of the Cash Office.

SECTION 9: Night Crew Clerks (Full and Part-Time) and Night Crew Chiefs:

Night crew employees are those scheduled to work between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM. All night crew employees who are scheduled Saturday night into Sunday shall be scheduled for eight hours work.

A Night Crew Chief shall receive fifteen dollars ($15.00) per week above his appropriate clerk's rate of pay. All Night Crew Chiefs, full time clerks, and porters shall receive a ten percent (10%) premium for night work. Part time employees shall receive a ten percent (10%) premium for hours worked after 12:00 a.m. (midnight). Employees hired or reclassified on or after June 19, 1988 shall receive a 10% premium not to exceed $50.00 per week. Night Crew Clerks may be scheduled for four (4) hours on Sunday, provided that the shift does not start prior to 5:00 a.m. If the shift starts prior to 5:00 a.m., it shall be a full eight (8) hour shift.

SECTION 10: Relief Department Heads:

Those employees who have relieved a department head prior to 6/23/02 shall be entitled to $865.00/week. Those that have not relieved a department head prior to 6/23/02 and those newly assigned to relieve department heads, shall be entitled to $775.00/week. The $775.00/week rate shall increase to $825.00 effective 6/20/04. If employees that relieve make at or above these rates, they shall receive a premium of $10.00 per week.

SECTION 11: A twenty-five ($0.25) cents per hour premium shall be paid to all employees functioning as Assistant Cash Department Head. "Functioning" is to be interpreted to mean performing the job function on a regular basis, two or more days per week, not on a replacement basis.

SECTION 12: Minimum General Wage Increases For Part-Time Clerks Hired Prior to 6/23/02 - Shall Be As Follows:

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### Wage Increase

- Full-Time Bakeshop Clerks: $0.25 per hour after thirty (30) days employment, and thereafter rate for after 30 days as described above, shall in any event, receive a minimum wage increase of $.25 per hour after thirty (30) days employment, and thereafter move to the next step in the above progression scale, and continue to receive $0.25 increases at six (6) month intervals from date of hire.

### SECTION 1: Part-Time Clerks and Porters: employed on or after 6/23/82

Minimum Rate After 30 days:

- Part-Time Bakeshop Clerks: $20.00, $15.00, $10.00, $10.00, $10.00, $10.00, $10.00, $10.00, $9.50

### SECTION 2: Service Clerks (Supermarkets Only):

**A. Lead Bakeshop Clerks (Supermarkets Only) On Payroll As of 6/23/82:**

1. **Salary:** $20.00, $15.00, $10.00, $10.00, $10.00, $10.00, $10.00, $9.50

2. **Lead Bakeshop Clerks appointed on or after 6/23/82** shall receive the greater of $600.00 per week or $20 above their applicable rate at the time of appointment.

**B. Part-Time Bakeshop Clerks On Payroll As of 6/23/82:**

- **Daytime:** $20.00, $15.00, $10.00, $10.00, $10.00, $10.00, $9.50

**C. Full-Time Bakeshop Clerks:**

- **Rate:** $20.00, $15.00, $10.00, $10.00, $10.00, $10.00, $9.50

### Updates

- **It is hereby agreed if any rates are missing from the above schedule, general wage increases will be applied on the days and dates indicated and employees will be listed in appropriate wage scales.**
2. New Appointments to Full Time Bakeshop on or after 6/22/02:

| After 30 days | $370.00/wk. | $390.00/wk. |

And shall receive an additional increase of twenty dollars ($20.00) per week after the completion of each 6 (six) months employment from date of hire or reclassification. No General Wage Increases apply.

**SECTION 16: Part-Time Courtesy Clerks**

Duties of Courtesy Clerks: Will be limited to bagging, collecting shopping carts, cleaning around check stands, sweeping, replenishing bags, stocking magazines, candy and soda by check stands, displays by check stands and putting away overstock and throwbacks.

| Current Rate | $345.00 | $355.00 | $365.00 | $375.00 | $385.00 | $395.00 | $405.00 | $415.00 | $425.00 | $435.00 | $445.00 | $455.00 | $465.00 | $475.00 | $485.00 | $495.00 |
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| After 30 days | $345.00 | $360.00 | $375.00 | $390.00 | $405.00 | $420.00 | $435.00 | $450.00 | $465.00 | $480.00 | $495.00 | $510.00 | $525.00 | $540.00 | $555.00 | $570.00 |

And shall receive an additional increase of twenty dollars ($20.00) per week after the completion of each 6 (six) months employment from date of hire or reclassification. No General Wage Increases apply.

**SECTION 17: Full-Time Benefits**

Any Full-Time Porters shall receive the rates for full time clerks under Section 3 of this Article.

**SECTION 18: Merit Increases - Hired Above The Minimum**

Merit increases shall not interfere with the regular contract progression rate increases.

**SECTION 19: All premiums including shift differentials shall be included in sick pay, vacation pay, holiday pay, and overtime pay. The Night Crew premium shall not be added for work performed on Sundays or holidays during daytime hours.**

**SECTION 20:** In the event of an increase in the minimum wage (State or Federal), the Employer agrees to meet and discuss those rates impacted by the new minimum wage.

**SECTION 21:** State or Federal Minimum Wage: In the event of an increase in the Federal or State minimum wage rates, the thirty (30) day rate for newly hired part time employees shall be a minimum of twenty five cents ($0.25) per hour above the new Federal or State minimum wage.

**SECTION 22:** Staff Pharmacists:

Rates for Pharmacists on payroll as of 6/22/02:

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New appointments to Staff Pharmacist on or after 6/23/02 will receive the following minimum rates plus any subsequent GWI's from the tables above.

**SECTION 23: Service Department Exempts:** Each service department, i.e. General Merchandise, Bakery, Salad Bar, HBA, Pharmacy, etc. established by the employer will be entitled to have one exempt employee.

**ARTICLE 15 VACATION**

A. Regular Full-Time employees hired on or before June 19, 1994** or November 6, 1994* who have completed twelve (12) consecutive months of Full-time employment, shall receive two (2) weeks vacation with pay, one (1) week of which is earned and may be taken after six (6) months of employment.

B. Regular Full-Time employees hired on or after June 19, 1994** or November 6, 1994* who have completed one (1) year of employment shall receive one (1) week vacation with pay, and after two (2) years of employment, two (2) weeks vacation with pay.
C. Full-time employees with seven (7) years of continuous full-time service, or more, shall receive three weeks' vacation with pay.

D. Full-time employees with ten (10) years of continuous full-time service, or more, shall receive four (4) weeks' vacation with pay.

E. Full-time employees with twenty-five (25) years of continuous full-time service, or more, shall receive five (5) weeks' vacation with pay.

F. Vacation pay shall be computed on the basis of the employee's regular straight-time weekly earnings, except as provided in Section 19 of Article 14.

G. Length of service for vacation shall be computed as the time served continuously by the employee with the Employer.

H. Vacation periods and assignments shall be at the discretion of the Employer with due regard for the convenience of the employee.

I. Part-time employees with one (1) year of continuous service shall receive one week's vacation with pay. Part-time employees with two (2) years of continuous service shall receive two weeks' vacation with pay. Part-time employees with seven (7) years of continuous service shall receive three (3) weeks' vacation with pay. Part-time employees with ten (10) years of continuous service shall receive four (4) weeks' vacation with pay. Effective 1/1/89, Part-time employees with twenty-five (25) years of continuous service shall receive five (5) weeks' vacation with pay. A part-time employee, except those covered by Item J below, shall be paid at his current basic hourly rate of pay multiplied by his average weekly hours worked for the year preceding his vacation.


Regular part-time employees, hired prior to June 19, 1994**, who have been continuously employed by the Employer for twelve (12) consecutive months or more, and who have worked 800 hours or more during the year, shall be entitled to vacation as follows:

- One (1) year - Twenty-Five (25) hours
- Two (2) years - Fifty (50) hours
- Seven (7) years - Seventy-Five (75) hours
- Ten (10) years - One hundred (100) hours
- Twenty-Five (25) years - One hundred twenty-Five (125) hours

Regular part-time employees hired on or after June 19, 1994** but prior to June 21, 1998**, who have been continuously employed by the Employer for twelve (12) consecutive months and who worked 800 hours or more during the year shall be entitled to vacation as follows:

- One (1) year - Twenty (20) hours
- Two (2) years - Forty (40) hours
- Seven (7) years - Seventy-Five (75) hours
- Ten (10) years - One hundred (100) hours
- Twenty-Five (25) years - One hundred twenty-Five (125) hours

Employees who do not meet the 800-hour requirement during the year shall receive vacation based upon their total hours worked during the year divided by 52. For the purpose of computing "hours worked," all hours for which employees have been paid, including but not limited to, holiday pay, vacation pay, sick leave pay, funeral leave, shall be included in making such computations.

ARTICLE 16
MANAGEMENT

The Employer reserves the right in the operation of its business and the direction of its working forces including, but not limited to, the establishment of the opening and closing time of stores, the assignment of employees starting and stopping hours, the right to interchange employees within the bargaining unit between any store department, the right to hire, transfer, suspend, layoff, recall, promote, demote, discharge for just cause, or assign employees, to relieve employees from duty because of lack of work, and to transfer employees from one store location to another, subject, however, to the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 17
LAUNDRY

Costs, supplies and travel shall be furnished and laundered by the Employer at no cost to the employees, the Union agreeing that the employees shall use said linens with reasonable care and only for the purposes for which furnished.

ARTICLE 18
LEAVE OF ABSENCE

SECTION 1: Full-time employees with one or more years of continuous service may be granted a leave of absence up to six (6) months, providing such requests are reasonable. Time spent on any authorized leave of absence does not accrue toward vacation eligibility.

SECTION 2: Part-time employees with one or more years of continuous service may be granted a leave of absence up to three (3) months, providing such requests are reasonable.

SECTION 3:
A. Requests for a leave of absence shall be in writing and submitted to the Store Manager who forwards the requests to the Director of Labor Relations.

B. Authority to approve or disapprove a leave of absence shall be vested with the Director of Labor Relations, The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company.

C. An employee shall be notified in writing, within a reasonable period of time, if the requested leave of absence has been approved or denied. This notice shall specify the time limit placed on the leave of absence. If the employee fails to return to work or to communicate with the Director of Labor Relations, The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company, before his/her leave expires, his/her employment shall be terminated.

SECTION 4: An employee who returns from an authorized leave of absence of three (3) months or more is not entitled to vacation benefits until he/she has been continuously employed for a period of three (3) months after his/her return from said leave of absence. This provision does not apply to employees who are on military leave for a six-month enlistment.

SECTION 5: The Employer shall grant an employee a Family Medical Leave of Absence if qualified, as required under Federal Law. The Employer will determine eligibility by the use of the rolling year.

ARTICLE 19
GRIEVANCES AND ARBITRATION

SECTION 1: All disputes, differences or grievances arising out of interpretation, application, breach or claim of breach of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled in the following manner:

SECTION 2: The Grievance Procedure shall be as follows:
Subject to the provisions of Article 21 ("Discharge") in the event that a problem should arise, the employee may take up this problem with his/her Store Manager or his/her Union Business Agent for adjustment.

If the employee feels that this problem has not been solved to his/her
satisfaction and wishes the desire to make this a grievance, the grievance shall be
handled in the following manner:

FIRST STEP: The employee may report his/her grievance to the Store Manager
or the Union Business Agent and these parties will meet to adjust the grievance.

SECOND STEP: If the grievance is not settled, the Union Business Agent shall
meet with the Employer's Labor Relations Department and attempt to settle the grievance.

THIRD STEP: If the grievance is not settled, the grievance shall be referred to
the Employer's Labor Relations Department. The Labor Relations Director or
designee shall meet with a representative from the union to discuss the
outstanding grievance and endeavor to settle the grievance. In the event the
grievance is not resolved at the third step, it shall be submitted to arbitration in
accordance with Section 3 of this article.

SECTION 3: Arbitration Procedure:

In the event the dispute, grievance or difference is not resolved after
compliance with the above step, then such dispute, grievance or difference may
be submitted to arbitration by either party not later than thirty (30) days after the
occurrence to an arbitrator mutually selected by the parties or to the American
Arbitration Association for its designation of an arbitrator in accordance with its
rules, to hear and determine the matter. The decision of the arbitrator shall be
final and binding upon the parties. The expenses of the arbitration shall be borne
equally between the parties.

The arbitrator shall not have the authority or power to arbitrate new provisions
to this Agreement, or to arbitrate away either in whole or in part any provisions
of this Agreement, nor shall the arbitrator have the power to add to, delete from,
or modify any of the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 20

SENIORITY

A. Seniority shall be measured or calculated on an Employer Unit basis.
   Layoffs and rehiring shall be based upon seniority. Transfers and
   promotions within the Employer Units shall be based upon fitness and
   ability, with seniority a factor only when all other things are equal.

B. When an employee is transferred from one Unit to another, he shall be
   credited in the new Unit with the seniority accrued with the Employee.

C. Full-time employees, laid off because of lack of work where no other Full-time
   work in the same job classification is available within the area, shall be offered
   Part-time work if Part-time work is available within the same job classification
even if this means replacing a Part-time employee. The full-time employee
   who accepts temporary Part-time work will be given first preference for
   Full-time work within his classification when it becomes available. Such
   employees reduced to temporary Part-time work shall be paid the hourly rate
equivalent to the Full-time hourly rate of pay previously received.

There are five (5) zones to be used for layoffs and reductions of full time
employees within Local 1500's jurisdiction. A full time employee may
exercise his/her seniority over the least senior employee within his/her
zone in his/her same classification or the next lower classification. If the
employee is unable to find a less senior employee in a classification
within his/her zone, he/she may look to the next closest zone to find such
a person. In no event shall there be intermediate bumps. The new store into
which an employee bumps becomes his new home store, for travel pay
purposes. If it is further than his prior home store for travel pay purposes:

ZONES

1. Dutchess and Putnam Counties 4. Nassau County
2. Westchester County 5. Suffolk County
3. New York City

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Part-time employees who have completed their probationary periods who
are laid off for lack of work, shall have seniority rights within their store,
except in the case of store closings when seniority rights shall extend to their
zone only. The laid off employee shall be able to bump the least
senior employee in their classification within their zone. There shall be no
travel pay applied in cases of store closings.

There shall be three classifications used for bumping:

D. The date determining a Full-time employee's employment date for purposes of
   seniority consideration in layoffs due to lack of work is the date he was
   either employed for, or appointed to Full-time work.

E. Employees with three (3) months or more of employment, laid off for lack
   of work, shall be given preference in re-employment within a period not to
   exceed six (6) months after their date of layoff. If the employees are
   re-employed within this period, they shall be reinstated and shall not lose
   their continuity of employment.

F. In the event of a store closing, the Employer agrees to notify the union two
   weeks in advance of the closing in writing and will also submit a
   current seniority list.

G. All newly hired or appointed department heads after November 10, 1985
   will be on a ninety (90) day trial period.

H. If a temporary or relief department head, who has been in that capacity for
   ninety (90) days or more within the previous twelve (12) months, shall
   not be required to sustain any additional trial periods upon being made a
   regular department head.

ARTICLE 21

BENEFIT PLANS

SECTION 1: Health and Welfare Plan Contributions:

Full-Time Employees - The Employer agrees to contribute monthly to the
UFCW Local 1500 Welfare Fund on behalf of each regular full time
employee covered by the Agreement who has completed thirty (30) days
of service with the Employer. Contributions shall begin on the first (1st)
day of the month next following the completion of such period.

Effective on the dates indicated, monthly contributions to provide such
benefits as may be determined by the Trustees shall be in accordance with the
following schedule:

Effective June 1, 2002, $369.93 per month
Effective January 1, 2004, $409.93 per month
Effective January 1, 2005 an additional payment of up to $35.00 per month
for maintenance of benefits, if necessary, qualified by the decision of the
Board of Trustees.

Effective January 1, 2006 an additional payment of up to $35.00 per month
for maintenance of benefits, if necessary, qualified by the decision of the
Board of Trustees.

The Employer agrees to contribute monthly to the UFCW Local 1500
Welfare Fund on behalf of each regular part time employee covered by the
Agreement who has completed six (6) consecutive months of regular part
time service with the Employer. Contributions shall begin on the first (1st)
day of the month, following the completion of the six-month period.

Effective on the dates indicated, monthly contributions to provide such
SECTION 3: Legal Services Plan:

Full-Time Employees: The Employer agrees to contribute the sum of $155.00 per month to the UFCW Local 1500 Legal Services Fund on behalf of each regular full-time employee covered by the Agreement whose employment has completed thirty (30) days of service with the Employer. Effective January 1, 2004, the monthly contributions will increase to $204.60. Contributions shall begin on the first (1st) day of the month following the completion of such period.

Part-Time Employees: The Employer agrees to contribute the sum of $51.67 per month to the UFCW Local 1500 Pension Fund on behalf of each regular part-time employee covered by the Agreement who has completed six (6) consecutive months of regular part-time service with the Employer. Effective January 1, 2004, the monthly contributions will increase to $68.19. Contributions shall begin on the first (1st) day of the month following the completion of such period.

SECTION 2: Retirement Contributions:

Full-Time Employees: The Employer agrees to contribute the sum of $2.75 per month on 7/1/03, 7/1/04 or 7/1/05. Effective January 1, 2006 an additional payment of up to $17.50 per month for maintenance of benefits, if necessary, qualified by the decision of the Board of Trustees.

Effective January 1, 2003, contributions will begin on the first day of the month following six (6) months of service, and the monthly contribution shall begin on the first day of the month next following the completion of three (3) consecutive months of such employment.

Part-Time Employees: The Employer agrees to continue present contributions in the amount of two dollars and twenty-five cents ($2.25) per month to the UFCW Local 1500 Pension Fund on behalf of each regular part-time employee covered by the Agreement who has completed thirty (30) days of service with the Employer. Effective January 1, 2004, the monthly contributions will increase to $204.60. Contributions shall begin on the first (1st) day of the month next following the completion of such period.

Effective January 1, 2005 an additional payment of up to $17.50 per month for maintenance of benefits, if necessary, qualified by the decision of the Board of Trustees.

The amount of the monthly contributions to the UFCW Local 1500 Welfare Fund and the method of calculation whereby a specific monthly sum is contributed for each class of employee is a formula providing gross income to the Fund and bears no relationship to the benefits provided.

SECTION 4: Provisions Applicable To All Funds:

A. There shall be no contributions by the Employer to the Welfare Fund, Pension Fund or Legal Services Fund for those employees working full-time for the summer period of May 15th to September 15th only, nor during such period shall there be any change in contributions for part-time employees even if working Full-Time for the summer period only. Should such employees continue working without interruption on a full-time basis after the summer period, the Employer shall contribute as though there was no relief period.

B. Contributions to the Welfare Fund, Pension Fund and Legal Services Fund shall be remitted by the Employer to the Funds’ office on or before the twentieth (20th) day of each month.

C. Upon the failure of the Employer to make payment of any contributions within thirty (30) days of the due date, the Trustees shall be entitled at their sole option to take any action permitted by this Agreement, by the Agreements and Declarations of Trust establishing the Funds or by law to collect said contribution, together with interest, liquidated damages as established by the Trustees, attorneys’ fees and court costs.

D. The Employer agrees that if it is delinquent in the payment of contributions to the Welfare Fund, to the extent that the Trustees have canceled the payment of benefits to said Employer’s covered employees, the Employer will be responsible for all hospital, medical, surgical and other benefits that would have been paid by the Fund had the Employer’s delinquency in making its contributions not resulted in the cancellation of any rights on the part of the Employer’s covered employees to receive any such benefits.

E. The Employer hereby accepts and ratifies the Agreements and Declarations of Trust, as amended from time to time, establishing the Funds as if they were set forth herein in full, and ratifies the designation of the Trustees thereunder. The Trustees have assumed all responsibility for the administration of the Plans, and the Employer shall have no responsibility, except as herein provided.

F. The Employer shall make available to the Funds any and all pertinent records of employees that the Funds may require to soundly and efficiently operate the Funds. The Trustees shall have the right to have the Employer’s records audited by an accountant of the Funds’ own choosing, at the Funds’ expense.

G. In the event the Employer fails to make contributions or provide records as required herein, the Trustees may, despite any other provision of this Agreement, submit to arbitration any issue with regard to these provisions, before an arbitrator designated in accordance with the labor arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association. The arbitrator shall, in the event a violation exists, make a finding and award, which shall direct payment to the Fund, including the costs of the arbitration, legal fees and audit expenses together with interest and liquidated damages as established by the Trustees.

H. Upon the written request of the Employer, the Trustees shall make annual financial reports to the Employer, which shall contain information relating to the application of the monies received and benefits paid by the Funds.

I. In the case of any employee’s illness or injury, contributions to the Welfare Fund and Pension Fund shall be made for a period not to exceed three (3) months while the employee is absent from work. In the case of an employee who is receiving Workers’ Compensation benefits, contributions to the Welfare Fund shall also be made for the seventh (7th), eighth (8th) and ninth (9th) months of such absence.

J. The Employer shall make contributions to the Welfare Fund on behalf of each employee on family or medical leave under the provisions of the Family
Medical Leave Act (FMLA), 29 U.S.C. §2601, et seq., for each month or partial month the employee is on such leave. The failure of an employee to return to work from such leave, within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. §2614 (c) (2), shall create no obligations on the part of the Union or the Welfare Fund to take any action to recover or to assist in the recovery of said contributions from said employee, nor will such failure to return to work relieve the Employer of its obligation to contribute to the Welfare Fund on behalf of said employee during the period specified in 29 U.S.C. §2614 (c) (1).

ARTICLE 22
SICK LEAVE

NOTE: Dates marked ** are for former Edwards stores and * are for all other stores.

SECTION 1: All regular full-time employees hired on or before June 19, 1994** or November 9, 1994* shall, after completing three (3) consecutive months of Full-time employment with the Employer, be eligible to receive, in a sick leave year, a maximum of ten (10) days' sick leave with pay at their regular straight time rate of pay for each day of employment to a maximum of four (4) days in the first sick leave year of their employment, thereafter, they shall receive six (6) days sick leave (eight (8) hours pay per day) in the second sick leave year of their employment and eight (8) days sick leave (eight (8) hours pay per day) in the third sick leave year of their employment. After the completion of three (3) years of Full-time employment with the Employer, they shall receive up to thirty-three (33) days' sick leave per year.

All regular Full-time employees hired or converted on or after June 19, 1994** or November 9, 1994* shall, after completing three (3) consecutive months of Full-time employment with the Employer, be eligible to receive, in a sick leave year, a maximum of ten (10) days' sick leave with pay at their regular straight time rate of pay for each day of employment to a maximum of four (4) days in the first sick leave year of their employment, thereafter, they shall receive six (6) days sick leave (eight (8) hours pay per day) in the second sick leave year of their employment and eight (8) days sick leave (eight (8) hours pay per day) in the third sick leave year of their employment. After the completion of three (3) years of Full-time employment with the Employer, they shall receive up to thirty-three (33) days' sick leave per year.

At the end of each sick leave year, Full-time employees shall be paid for any sick days which were earned and not taken, provided they are in the employ of the Employer in a Full-time capacity on the last day of each sick leave year.

SECTION 2: Part-Time Employees Hired Prior to October 1, 1977, Shall Be Eligible to Receive Paid Sick Leave as Follow:

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After two (2) years of continuous employment, four (4) hours sick leave pay for each four (4) months of employment, to a maximum of three (3) days, twelve (12) hours.

After three (3) years employment, five (5) sick days, to a maximum of twenty (20) hours.

Pay for unused sick leave at the end of three (3) years employment.

SECTION 5: A Part-time employee who has completed three (3) months' service and who is promoted to a full-time position shall be eligible for Full-time sick leave benefits immediately upon the promotion. Such employee shall receive no payment for unused sick leave earned as a Part-time employee.

SECTION 6: In lieu of the above provisions, grocery and produce department heads shall receive up to four (4) weeks' sick leave with pay, as needed, for each illness or accident. Former Edwards employees shall receive the sick leave benefit provided under Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 7: Full-time and Part-time employees, if able, must notify the Employer two (2) hours prior to their scheduled starting time of their inability to report to work.

SECTION 8: Full-time and Part-time employees retiring with a Local 1500 pension will receive prorated pay for any unused sick leave.

SECTION 9: Sick leave for those employees working a four (4) day, ten (10) hour workweek will reflect such schedule. Thereafter, the contact year shall be June to June.

ARTICLE 23
DISCHARGE

The Employer retains the right to discharge or suspend pending discharge any employee for just cause. The Employer agrees to notify the Union of said discharge or suspension pending discharge in such manner as the Employer may, not later than ten (10) days after being notified of any discharge or suspension pending discharge, challenge same through the grievance procedure herein provided, and if not settled through the grievance procedure, the matter may be submitted to arbitration in the manner herein provided.

ARTICLE 24
NO STIKES, LOCKOUTS, ETC.

SECTION 1: It is mutually agreed by the parties hereto that throughout the life of the Agreement there shall be no strikes, lockouts, picketing, boycotts, or stoppage of work, and that any difference or misunderstanding which may arise between the contracting parties shall be amicably adjusted by and between the parties themselves.

SECTION 2: In the event of the threat of, preparation for, or occurrence of any unauthorized strike, walkout, picketing, boycott, or stoppage of work, the Union and all of its officials will promptly take every possible step to prevent and to stop such action by any of its members.

The Union agrees to do everything within its power to enforce its rules and regulations, and, through advice, instruction, and example to maintain the highest standard of work. The Union agrees to take necessary disciplinary measures where justified complaints are made by the Employer against any employee or employees.

SECTION 3: The Employer agrees that it will not hold the Union or its International or Local officers or officials liable or responsible for any unlawful or illegal act of its individual members in causing or participating in unauthorized strikes, walkouts, or stoppages of work provided that:
1. The Union and such officers or officials take every reasonable prompt and positive measure, within their power, to prevent and stop such unauthorized strike, walkout, or stoppage of work.

2. The Union shall promptly declare publicly in the community or communities that the strike, walkout, or stoppage is unauthorized and that the employees have been directed to terminate the strike, walkout, or stoppage; and

3. The Union and such officers or officials shall furnish to the Employer, as soon as possible, satisfactory evidence that the foregoing requirements have been complied with.

SECTION 4: It is further mutually agreed that the Employer shall have the unqualified right to take any action it deems advisable, including discipline and discharge, against any employee engaging in, participating, encouraging, aiding or abetting any such unauthorized strike, walkout, or stoppage of work. However, an issue of fact as to whether or not any particular employee engaged in, participated in, or encouraged any strike or work stoppage may be subject to the grievance procedure established by Article 19 hereof.

ARTICLE 25
CROSSING PICKET LINE

It is understood and agreed that, in the event of a strike by a Union having contractual relations with the Employer, other than the Union or its Locals which are parties herein, which strike is legal and is sanctioned by the International body of such Union, the employees covered by this Agreement shall not be required to cross a picket line.

ARTICLE 26
DEATH IN FAMILY

In the event of a death in the immediate family of an employee, Full-time employees shall be granted up to three (3) days leave without loss in pay. Part-time employees shall be granted up to three (3) days leave without loss in pay only according to the hours they are regularly scheduled to work during this period. For the purpose of this Article, it is agreed that a member of the immediate family shall be considered to be the employee's father, mother, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law. The date of notification of death for those employees who are on the job shall not be counted as one of the three (3) days' funeral leave. In the event of a death of the spouse or child of a Full-time or Part-time employee, said employee shall receive five (5) days off without loss in pay. The date of notification shall not be included in the five (5) days. In the event of the death of a grandparent, grandchild, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew or niece of an employee, the employee shall be granted one day off without loss in pay to attend the funeral, burial, or memorial service.

ARTICLE 27
JURY DUTY

A Full-time or Part-time employee who is called to serve on Jury Duty in a court of law necessitating a loss of the employee's straight time scheduled working hours shall be paid while on jury duty, less jury pay, not to exceed ten (10) working days in any contract year (if Grand Jury, up to thirty (30) working days over the term of the Agreement), provided he works for the Employer during such hours whenever the Jury is not sitting, he is reasonably available for work. However, the employee shall not be required to work the sixth day if he serves on Jury Duty and/or works five (5) days or more in a regular week, and he shall not be required to work the fifth day if he serves on Jury Duty and/or works four (4) days or more in a holiday week.

ARTICLE 28
INJURIES

In case where injuries are sustained on the job, and where the employee, Full or Part-time, is unable to work his scheduled hours because of said injury, such an employee shall not suffer any loss in pay for a maximum of five (5) days within a period of ten (10) days. The day of injury shall not be counted as one of the five (5) compensable days.

ARTICLE 29
MILITARY DUTY

SECTION 1: Military Service:
A. Any employee who enlists or is drafted into the Military Service of the United States shall be placed on a leave of absence for this period of service up to forty-eight months. Such leave of absence shall terminate after ninety (90) days from his date of discharge.

B. When an employee returns from Military Leave and makes application to return to work within ninety (90) days of his release, he shall be reinstated within fifteen (15) days from date of application to return to work. Time spent on Military Leave shall be counted as continuous service with the Employer.

SECTION 2: Emergency National Guard Duty:

An employee called to National Guard Duty because of a local emergency by decree of the State shall suffer no loss in basic pay.

SECTION 3: Military Training:

An employee shall not be required to take Military Training Duty at his own expense.

ARTICLE 30
BULLETIN BOARDS

The Employer agrees to provide space on store Bulletin Boards for the Union to post notices.

ARTICLE 31
WORK SCHEDULES

The Employer shall post a work schedule in ink for all employees covered by this Agreement no later than 3:00 PM each Friday for the following week. Changes may be made in this schedule in an emergency situation.

ARTICLE 32
POLYGRAPH

The Employer agrees that he will not request or require any employee to take a lie-detector test.

An employee may choose to make a voluntary offer to submit to a lie-detector test; however, such voluntary offer must have prior approval of the local Union involved.

ARTICLE 33
TRANSFERS

SECTION 1: In the matter of promotions, the distance from the employee's home to the store that he/she is promoted to shall be the established distance for travel pay
ARTICLE 34

VALIDITY

In the event the law invalidates any section of the contract, such section shall become null and void, and the Union and the Employer shall meet and discuss a revision of the subject section.

SECTION 1: The Employer agrees on a weekly basis to deduct from employee's pay amount due to

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SECTION 2: The Full-time shop steward in each store shall not be transferred

SECTION 3: The Union will provide the Employer with a list of the names of its

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SICKNESS AND ACCIDENT

In the event that an employee is unable to work due to sickness or accident, the employer shall re-employ the employee at such time as the employee is able to resume his normal duties, provided that the employee is able to resume such duties within twelve (12) months.

Time lost by sickness or accident shall not be deducted in determining the eligibility of any employee's vacation time.

ARTICLE 36

CREDIT UNION

SECTION 1: The Employer will deduct from employee's pay amount due to

Local 1500 Credit Union and forward the same to the Credit Union, provided that the

employee has authorized the deduction in a form, which may be revocable.

SECTION 2: The Union shall indemnify and save the Employer harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that shall

arise out of or by reason of action to be taken or not taken by the Employer in reliance upon such authorization and a list furnished to the Employer by the

Union setting forth the amount owing from each employee for the purposes of complying with the provisions of any check-off authorization.

ARTICLE 37

ARTICLE 38

SHOP STEWARDS

SECTION 1: The Employer recognizes the right of the Union to have one (1)

Full-time shop steward and one (1) Part-time shop steward in each store.

SECTION 2: The Full-time shop steward in each store shall be transferred

without prior notice to and discussion with the Union.

SECTION 3: The Union will provide the Employer with a list of the names of its

authorized business representatives and shop stewards and will keep said list current.

SECTION 4: The Employer will, with adequate notice, arrange for one (1)

Full-time shop steward from each store to have the same scheduled day off once

each year with (8) hours' pay for the purpose of attending the Union's annual shop steward seminar. The Employer shall schedule the Part-time steward to be

available to attend the annual shop steward seminar, and there shall be no

expense to the Employer for his/her attendance.

SECTION 5: Shop stewards shall not handle grievances and shall not interfere with

the operation of the Employer's business, and shall not cause or engage directly or

indirectly in any unauthorized strikes, work stoppages, slowdowns, or job actions.

ARTICLE 39

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

All newly-hired Full-time employees except Service Clerks with at least one

year's prior supermarket industry experience shall be given credit for a

minimum of one (1) year's prior experience in the supermarket industry for the

purpose of establishing the employee's wage rates only, provided that the

experience was gained within the twelve (12) months prior to date of hire and

declared on the employment application.
ARTICLE 40
RECLASSIFICATION

SECTION 1: A Full-time employee who is voluntarily reclassified to Part-time shall be placed on the Part-time new hire progression scale and shall be given credit for Part-time service on a two (2) month for one (1) month basis for the purpose of establishing a wage rate. Thereafter, the employee shall continue to progress on the Part-time new hire progression scale. Upon reaching the maximum rate on the scale, the employee shall be eligible to receive Part-time general wage increases.

SECTION 2: A Full-time employee who is reclassified to Part-time shall receive payment for earned and unused Full-time vacation. The employee shall receive, after one (1) year, Part-time vacation benefits based upon the employee's total length of service.

SECTION 3: A Full-time employee who is reclassified to Part-time shall receive Part-time sick leave pro-rated for the balance of that sick leave year, based upon the employee's total length of service. Thereafter, the employee shall receive Part-time sick leave based upon the employee's total length of service.

SECTION 4: A Full-time employee who is reclassified to Part-time shall receive payment for earned and unused personal holidays.

SECTION 5: Upon the reclassification of a Full-time employee to Part-time, the Employer shall make Part-time contributions on behalf of the employee to the Welfare, Pension and Legal Funds, beginning the first (1st) day of the month following such reclassification.

ARTICLE 41
TECHNOLOGY CHANGE

The Employer reserves the right to introduce new technology. The Employer will meet and discuss with the Union the impact of this technology on the workforce.

ARTICLE 42
DURATION

This Agreement shall take effect June 23, 2002 and shall continue in full force and effect until midnight, June 24, 2006 and shall be continued for an additional year unless sixty (60) days prior to June 24, 2006 either the Union or the Employer gives written notice by Registered Mail to the other that it desires to amend or terminate this Agreement on June 24, 2006 or thereafter. Such written notice shall contain a draft of any proposed new agreements or amendments. During negotiations of any proposed new agreement or amendment, the terms of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals by their duly authorized officers and representatives as of the day and year first above written.

UFCW UNION LOCAL 1500
AFL-CIO-CLC

By: Frank Meehan
President

THE STOP & SHOP COMPANY
SUPERMARKET COMPANY

By: William M. Vaughn, III
Executive Vice President

ABC – Active Ballot Club

The ABC, the UFCW’s Active Ballot Club, needs you and every other member to become politically active.

ABC works to elect people to public office who understand the needs of working men and women. ABC assists their campaigns and keeps them informed on the issues as organized labor sees them.

Today, there is a great need for labor to have a voice in political action. Help make sure our Union has that voice by joining ABC now.

Due to the many critical issues before Congress; state, city and local governments this year; it is important that we have sufficient funds to support our friends and defeat those candidates who do not support the working man and woman. We encourage all members to participate in the Active Ballot Club as a means of protecting our interests in the various governmental bodies and in the laws they pass that may affect our livelihoods.

If you haven’t already signed up, see your Union Representative or Service Representative. Sign up today!

Members employed by companies where there is no check-off will be able to purchase their ABC Membership Cards from their Union Representatives or shop stewards in the normal manner.

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