LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING ("LOU")
WORK JURISDICTION DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
Knouse Foods Co-Operative, Inc. &
United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 1776 Keystone State

The parties to this agreement recognize that certain exigent circumstances have arisen as a result of the current COVID-19/coronavirus pandemic. Specifically, the parties recognize that the Employer party to this agreement has experienced unforeseeable staffing exigencies that make full compliance with the work jurisdiction provisions in the parties' labor agreement impracticable. Therefore, to avoid potential disputes under the labor agreement, and to provide fair conditions for employees required to work additional hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the parties agree to the following terms on a temporary basis.

1. The parties agree to jointly work to establish a “digital hiring hall” to hire employees into the bargaining unit and to coordinate general hiring by working with other unions and industries which may have employees on reduced or no hours such as hotels, restaurants, etc. New employees hired by Knouse Foods Co-Operative, Inc. will become members of the Union after the forty-fifth (45th) day of work with the Employer. The Employer has the final determination on hiring applicants.

2. The Employer will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate scheduling changes needed by employees with childcare needs during school closures, including working different schedules, shifts, or departments. In addition, the Employer and Union agree to work together to help employees find needed childcare facilities, if available. In the event an employee must stay home due to a childcare issue, the employee will be allowed to take any paid leave to cover their absence. If the employee has no remaining paid leave available, they may take an Employer approved unpaid leave to obtain suitable childcare. The Employer shall continue their benefits during this timeframe without any disruption so long as the employee keeps up with their co-share payments.

3. Attendance: The Employer shall utilize a special absence code with no adverse impact occurring to the employee’s absentee record for the life of this agreement for verified absences due to COVID-19; including but not limited to isolation or quarantine related absences. The Attendance Policy and Point System shall remain in place for all other reasons and any matters that arise will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

4. Social Distancing: Knouse Foods Co-Operative, Inc. shall take all reasonable measures to promote the usage of social distancing within the facility(ies) where possible. This shall include staggering shifts and/or break times, providing additional places in the facility for employees to take breaks or meal periods extended break periods (to accommodate any additional distances) and limiting any unnecessary gatherings of individuals (ex. line meetings). Union Representatives will continue to have access to the facility(ies) to service members.

5. In the event of any implementation or use of Temporal Scans (or related technologies) for employees to adhere the health and safety of all, the Employer will notify the Union of such implementation and agrees that such protocol will not adversely impact an employees pay (start time or donning/doffing, if applicable) or time/attendance.
6. **Communication Recognition:** Where applicable, Knouse Foods Co-Operative, Inc. will ensure that all materials and/or resources are communicated in the applicable languages of the bargaining unit (ex. Haitian Creole or Spanish) to ensure everyone is informed.

7. This Agreement shall be on a non-precedent setting basis, and the term of this Agreement shall be renewable every thirty (30) calendar days, where both parties will meet to review and consider any modifications to this Agreement.

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Dated: **3/26/2020**

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