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The Arbitrator sustained the Union’s grievance challenging the grievant’s fourteen-day suspension for misconduct and mitigated the suspension to a letter of reprimand. The Authority denied the Agency’s nonfact, contrary-to-law, and public policy exceptions because the Agency did not establish that the award was deficient on any of these grounds.

Member Abbott concurred on the result but wrote separately to highlight the apparent lack of concern by the Arbitrator for the veteran caller.

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