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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Agency altered bargaining-unit employees' duty schedules. The Union grieved the change, claiming that it violated the parties' collective-bargaining agreement. Finding that § 7106 of the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute authorized the Agency to change duty schedules during an emergency, the Arbitrator determined that the Agency did not violate the parties' agreement. The Authority denied the Union's essence and nonfact exceptions for failing to demonstrate that the award was deficient.

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