

CASE DIGEST: *U.S. Dep't of Transp., FAA, 74 FLRA 335 (2026)*

The Arbitrator found the Agency violated the parties' memorandum of agreement concerning off-duty time between shifts, and separately awarded two grievants paid time for the hours they should have been off-duty. The Agency excepted on essence, exceeded-authority, and contrary-to-law grounds. Because the essence and exceeded-authority exceptions did not demonstrate the awards were deficient, the Authority denied them. The Authority applied the test articulated in *Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 73 FLRA 670 (2023)*, to resolve the Agency's argument that the awards were contrary to management's right to assign work under § 7106(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute (the Statute). The Authority found the Agency failed to demonstrate that the Arbitrator's interpretation and application of the parties' agreement impermissibly affected the cited right, and denied the Agency's contrary-to-law exception.

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