

Assigned A2 Pool Engineers

Before departing the terminal, when you report for duty on the 6th day of your work cycle, call the chief dispatcher or train dispatcher and advise them your off day starts at midnight tonight.

This must not be misconstrued with starts as starts is federal RSIA law and has nothing to do with language in the collective bargaining agreement made for these pool assignments.

This helps plan for crews to be in place when they deadhead you back to be able to observe the scheduled off days.

When you wait until, Towers or Marion to call and notify them, it creates a planning fiasco according to the discussions I have had with Labor Relations and the chief dispatcher.

When you go out to the away from home terminal on the 6th day and arrive after 12:00 pm or on your off day and it is apparent you could not be rested to take a train except on your off day the intentions are to bring you home.

However if you arrive in the am on your 6th day, say at 09:00 and you would be rested 19:00 for a 21:00 call and there is a train for you to protect , then per 6018 self supporting pool agreement , they can hold you for that call.

The Chief dispatcher has a sheet on his desk and documents who notifies them and who does not.