Susan Grody Ruben, Esq. Labor Arbitrator 30799 Pinetree Road, #226 Cleveland, OH 44124

IN THE MATTER OF

**OCSEA** 

V.

ARBITRATOR'S AWARD

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION

Case Nos. 27-19-2012-126-0025-01-06, 27-01-20120209-0003-01-03, and 02-10-120216-0001-01-03

Pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement between OCSEA and Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the three grievances identified above were heard before Arbitrator Susan Grody Ruben on October 24, 2012.

Article 36.13 of the 2009-2012 collective bargaining agreement provides in pertinent part:

Upon conclusion of the negotiation process with all other bargaining units set forth below, if the Employer does not freeze steps or merit increases comparable to Article 36.03 or provides any wage increase, excluding pay supplements, settlements, or awards from an administrative body or court, for State bargaining units represented by other organizations (Units 1, 2, 10, 11, 12 and 15) or exempt employees (schedule E1, E2, and E3), that same adjustment will be implemented for the bargaining units represented in this Agreement....

## Grievance No. 27-19-20120126-0025-01-06 states:

It was brought to this steward's attention that all Wardens within the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction are getting approximately an \$8.00 an hour raise. Article 36.13 clearly states that if pay grades E1, E2, and E3 get a pay raise, that we will get it.

# Grievance No. 27-01-20120209-0003-01-03 states:

A majority of the wardens in the Department of Corrections received a pay rate increase in violation of the parity clause of the collective bargaining agreement.

## Grievance No. 02-10-120216-0001-01-03 states:

The Union has been made aware that a majority of the Wardens in DRC received a pay increase. Also, OCSEA was made aware that other exempt staff received a pay increase over the terms of the 20092012 contract. This is in violation of the parity clause of the contract.

#### <u>AWARD</u>

- 1. The Department of Corrections should have waited until March 1, 2012 to give the wardens' raises.
- 2. The Department of Corrections shall pay the Union Benefits Trust \$60,000 in January of 2013, no later than January 15, 2013.

October 24, 2012

Susan Grody Ruben, Esq.

Arbitrator

This Agreement made October 24, 2012 by and between the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC), the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association, Local 11, AFSCME (OCSEA), and Shafer/Adkins/Rich/class (Employee), parties hereto. Specifically, grievance numbers:

#### <u>27-01-20120209-0003-01-03/27-19-20120126-0025-01-06/02-10-20120216-0001-01-03</u>

The parties agree to abide by the award issued by Arbitrator Grody-Ruben on October 24, 2012. All parties to this Agreement hereby acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is in no way precedent setting. This award shall not be introduced, referred to, or in any other way utilized in any subsequent arbitration, litigation, or administrative hearing except as may be necessary to enforce its provisions and terms.

Parties agree to waive their right to file either a motion to vacate or modify the award pursuant to 2711 of the ORC.

OFFICE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

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