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ATU Locals 1056 & 726's Interest Arbitration Award; Granted by Impartial Arbitrator selected by MTA & Locals

Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Locals 1056 and 726 prevailed in Interest Arbitration with the MTA in a decision released late yesterday (Tuesday, May 15, 2012). Local 1056 President/ Business Agent, I. Daneek Miller and Local 726 President/ Business Agent Daniel Cassella applauded their members who strongly supported their union leaderships efforts to achieve a just and fair contract during a process that extended more than three years. Impartial Arbitrator George Nikolau – selected jointly by the MTA and both locals – awarded the members two percent raises effective April 16 and October 16, 2009 and April 16 and October 16, 2010, and a three percent raise effective January 16, 2011.

“Throughout this process and especially in Interest Arbitration, we emphasized how our members perform the same duties as the other MTA bargaining unit involved in NYC Transit's bus operations and should be compensated accordingly,” stated President Miller. “Moreover, we demonstrated the MTA's ability to pay existed.

“The MTA remained adamant throughout the Arbitration process that they lacked any ability to grant us TWU Local 100's entire contract and that both ATUs must accept a lower rate of pay, part time Bus Operators, higher health care premiums, overtime after a 40 hour work week along with many other conditions,” explained President Cassella.

ATU Local 1056 represents bus operators and mechanics who work for MTA New York City Transit's Queens bus division. ATU Local 726 represents bus operators and mechanics who work for MTA New York City Transit's Staten Island bus division.

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