

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

KNAT YARDMASTER DUTIES

KNAT is located in the West Division of the CPRR. The KNAT Yardmaster controls all track leaving KNAT Yard to the crossover at Strickler Junction.

The KNAT Yardmaster is responsible for breaking up arriving trains and making up outbound trains as required by waybills. Trains arrive at KNAT Yard from west division locals, York Yard transfer or Staging yards. Trains depart KNAT Yard as KNAT-York transfers, FM Staging road jobs and west division locals. The following local locations are switched out of KNAT Yard:

Strickler, Potter, Furnace Mountain Branch Line

One or more switchers are assigned to KNAT Yard. Do not use arriving road power for yard switching. Place arriving locomotives on engine house tracks and cabin cars on the cabin car track next to the engine house.

Many locomotive sets consist of "E", "F", "FA" A and B unit diesels and occasionally a steam engine. These locomotives will have to be turned before placing on an outbound train. Hood unit sets do not have to be turned. Do not break up locomotive sets. Do not send an "AB" on set on a local. "B" units are not allowed to lead a train on the CPRR. Sound equipped engines should not be placed on trains for FM staging yard unless there are no other road engines available.

Make up west division local trains for Strickler and Potter as dedicated destination trains or combined as mixed locals. Cars for FMCL Branch Line trains must be run in a separate Branch Line train. All Branch Line trains must also include the FMCL coach and it must be at the rear of the train next to the cabin car. The CPRR Superintendent has assigned specific destinations to specific tracks in York Yard. Yardmasters should use the tracks as marked.

Maximum number of cars for outbound locals is 10; for transfer - 10; for staging yards - 15. Single destination locals should contain at least five cars. Trains up to eight cars may be powered by a single locomotive. Trains nine or ten cars long must be double headed. Trains for the branch line must be double headed regardless of the number of cars.

When a train has been put together, place a locomotive set and cabin car on the train. Do not break up locomotive sets. Cabin cars are direction neutral and do not have to be turned. Notify the Dispatcher when the train is ready for a crew. If you need additional power and/or cabin cars contact the Dispatcher.

Prepare a CPRR Train Order for each outbound train. Be sure to include enroute stops and the number of cars on the train order. Consult the Locomotive Card for the locomotive address and include the locomotive card with the train order. Train symbol for west locals and transfer trains are pre-printed on train order cards but you must add the engine number, i.e. KP1234. Road jobs must also include the month. Train numbers for off line/road jobs are KF&loco#. Notify the Dispatcher when train and train order is ready. Give the train order to the road crew and remind them about any special instructions.