

SACKED FOR A SEX CHANGE

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ENGINEER Ron Fowell got the sack . . . after telling his bosses he was changing sex.

They said the "novelty" of his new identity would cause disruption — and even strikes.

But yesterday an industrial tribunal ruled that 31-year-old Ron — now Miss Linda Hollingworth — was unfairly dismissed by the GEC telecommunications plant at Coventry.

The Birmingham tribunal will now decide

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whether he will get compensation or his job back. He had worked at GEC for 12 years and was due for promotion.

Ron, from Rugby, Warwicks, was blameless, said the tribunal. The sex charge stemmed from a medical problem he had suffered since early life.

GEC had not bothered to take proper advice on the case, added the tribunal.

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