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 EMPLOYEE AND LABOR RELATIONS GROUP
 Washington, DC 20266


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MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Regional Postmasters General
 Employee and Labor Relations

SUBJECT: Article XXV, Higher Level Pay - Carrier
 Technician, Level 6 Assignments

The following guidelines will be used in determining whether replacements for absent carrier technicians (T-6) will receive the higher level pay of the T-6 positions:

1. When a carrier technician (T-6) is absent for an extended period and another employee serves the series of 5 routes assigned to the absent T-6, the replacement employee shall be considered as replacing the T-6, and he shall be paid at the T-6 level of pay for the entire time he serves those routes, whether or not he performs all of the duties of the T-6.
2. When a carrier technician's absence is of sufficiently brief duration so that his replacement does not serve the full series of routes assigned to the absent T-6, the replacement employee is not entitled to the T-6 level of pay. In addition, when a T-6 employee is on extended absence, but different carriers serve the different routes assigned to the T-6, those replacements are not entitled to the T-6 level of pay.
3. The foregoing should be implemented in a straight-forward and equitable manner. Thus, for example, an employee who has carried an absent T-6 carrier's routes for four days should not be replaced by another employee on the fifth day merely in order to avoid paying the replacement higher level pay.


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