

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT****Case No. H4N-NA-C-90**

In full and complete settlement of the above-referenced arbitration case brought pursuant to the 1987 National Agreement between the parties, the United States Postal Service (USPS), the National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO (NALC), and the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO (APWU), hereby agree as follows:

1. When the USPS provides the Union(s) with proposed changes in handbooks, manuals or published regulations, the USPS will furnish to the Union(s), if available, the final draft and/or summary of changes which show the changes being made from the existing handbook, manual or published regulation. In those instances where a final draft or summary is unavailable, the USPS will so advise the Union(s) in its letter of notice.
2. If no final draft or summary is available, which shows proposed changes, the Postal Service will, at the request of the Union(s), promptly make available appropriate officials to meet with representatives of the Union(s) to identify and discuss the changes made in the proposed handbook, manual or published regulation from those contained in existing documents.
3. The 60 day period during which the Union may appeal to arbitration may be extended to accommodate ongoing discussion of the proposed change(s) with the USPS in paragraph 2, above. However, in no instance may the Union(s) appeal the matter to arbitration more than 14 calendar days from the close of those extended discussions. The USPS may also publish the proposed change(s) at anytime after the 60 day notice period under Article 19.

4. Where the USPS has affirmatively expressed that there are no changes which directly relate to wages, hours, or working conditions pursuant to Article 19, time limits for Article 19 will not be used by the Postal Service as a procedural argument if the Union(s) signatory to this settlement agreement determine(s) afterwards that there has been a change to wages, hours, or working conditions.

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