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Mr. Lawrence G. Hutchins
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Re: Class Action
Bloomington, IN 47402
H7N-4G-C 7520

Dear Mr. Hutchins:

Recently, a meeting was held with the NALC Director of City Delivery, Brian Farris, to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether management is required to provide eight (8) hours of work per day to a PTF carrier occupying a hold-down bid assignment, when there is insufficient work available on the route in question to keep the PTF gainfully employed for eight (8) hours.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. We further agreed that a PTF, temporarily assigned to a route under Article 41.2.B., shall work the duty assignment, unless there is no other eight (8) hour assignment available to which a full time employee could be assigned. A regular carrier may be required to work parts or "relays" of routes to make up a FT assignment. Additionally, the route of the hold-down to which the PTF opted, may be pivoted if there is insufficient work available to provide a FT carrier with eight (8) hours of work. Absent the above conditions, the PTF who exercised a bid preference and was awarded the assignment in accordance with Article 41.2.B.4., shall work that duty assignment for its duration.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 for further processing, including arbitration if necessary.

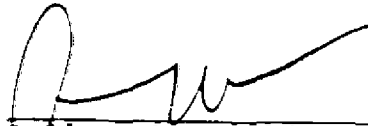
Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

Mr. Lawrence G. Hutchins


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Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,



Arthur S. Wilkinson
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Division



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