

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
AND THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS
AFL-CIO

M-01114

RESOLUTION OF ISSUES LEFT OPEN BY
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Current Events and Adjustments

A current event is defined as a route or routes which are shown to be out of adjustment by a recent route inspection and evaluation. All current adjustments to existing routes will place the route on as near an 8-hour daily basis as possible, in accordance with Handbook M-39.

Adjustments Near Term--Automation

When routes require a current adjustment and Delivery Point Sequencing will commence within 6 months, management will adjust the routes using non-territorial, non-scheme change adjustments by the use of router assistance, segmentation or permanent handoffs as outlined in the M-39 Handbook Section 243.21b. The 6-month period runs from the first day after the week of route inspection.

Future Events and Adjustments--Automation

Management may utilize the results of a recent route inspection and evaluation to estimate and plan route adjustments, including realignment of assignments, that will be required by a future event which is to take place within 18 months. Management must provide documentation to the local union to support the deployment if they intend to plan the adjustments for a future event. The planned adjustments for future events will not be implemented until automation is on line and operative. Management may implement the planned adjustments if the actual percentage of Delivery Point Sequence (DPS) mail received at the unit is within plus or minus 5 percentage points of the targeted (in Step 1) level. Should the actual percentage of DPS mail be outside these limits, then management must recalculate the estimated impact on carrier routes, based on the actual percentage of DPS mail being received at the unit. The results of the recent route inspection and evaluation will be used to determine a new impact and construct a new plan or management

may wait for the plan levels to be received. The 18-month period runs from the first day after the week of route inspection. For purposes of this agreement, a future event is defined as mail being received at a delivery unit in DPS order.

Within 60 days of implementing the planned adjustments for future automated events, the parties will revisit those adjustments to ensure that routes are as near to 8 hours daily, as possible. Both the planned adjustments and subsequent minor adjustments that may be necessary to ensure compliance will be based on the most recent route inspection data for the route. However, if the future event occurs after the 18-month time limit expires, a new mail count, route inspection and evaluation must occur, unless the local parties agree otherwise.

Methodology

Where the future event is the introduction of Delivery Point Bar Coding (DPBC) for existing equipment or equipment that will cause a certain percentage of letter mail to be received by the unit in DPS, the following methodology will be used to estimate the impact of the event on city delivery routes:

- Step 1. Determine the percentage of letter-sized mail targeted to be received in DPS order on the date when the adjustments will be implemented.
- Step 2. Multiply percentage determined in Step 1 by the average letter-sized mail received during the week of count and inspection (from PS Form 1840, Column 1) to determine the number of letters for each route, targeted to be received in DPS order.
- Step 3. Divide letters targeted to be received in DPS order (as determined in Step 2) by 18.
- Step 4. Divide letters targeted to be received in DPS order (as determined in Step 2) by 70.
- Step 5. Add results of Steps 3 and 4 to determine estimated impact.
- Step 6. For routes where the carrier was under standard time during the week of count and inspection, multiply results of Step 5 by percentage of standard office time used during the week of inspection. The result is the estimated impact.

EXAMPLE 1:

80 Percent Target for Letter Mail Carrier at/over*
Standard Time Allowance

2,700 Letters
80 Percent Automated

2,160 divided by 18 = 120 minutes
2,160 divided by 70 = 31 minutes
151 minutes = estimated impact

Note: If actual performance is over standard time allowance, the standard casing allowance of 18 pieces per minute is used.

EXAMPLE 2:

80 Percent Target for Letter Mail Carrier used
85 Percent of Standard Time Allowance

2,700 Letters
80 Percent Automated

2,160 divided by 18 = 120 minutes
2,160 divided by 70 = 31 minutes
151 minutes = estimated impact

(Step 6) 151 x 85 Percent = 128 minutes = estimated impact.

It is mutually agreed that as the parties develop experience in estimating the impact of future events, adjustments to the above described methodology may be jointly adopted at the national level.

Pending Grievances

All pending grievances which involve the adjustment of routes for future events will be remanded to the local parties for resolution.

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