

LABOR RELATIONS


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Re: A94N-4A-C 97088876
CLASS ACTION
HYDE PARK NY 12538-9998

Dear Mr. Sombrotto:

On March 11 and 31, 1998, I met with your representative to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether or not local management misclassified letter mail while conducting mail counts and route inspections.

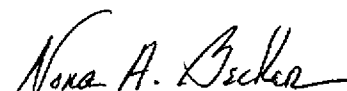
It was mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case.

During our discussions of this case, the parties agreed that there is no dispute between the national parties with respect to the definition of letter-size mail for purposes of conducting mail counts and route inspections, as clearly agreed to between the parties in Chapter 1, Case Configuration-Letter Size Mail, Building Our Future by Working Together, as well as Section 922.4111 of Handbook M-41 and Section 121.12 of Handbook M-39.


Accordingly, the parties agreed to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 for application of the above understanding, and regional arbitration, if necessary.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case and remove the case from the national arbitration.

Sincerely,



Nora A. Becker
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Date: 5/26/98