

LABOR RELATIONS



Mr. William H. Young
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National Association of Letter
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100 Indiana Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001-2144

Re: E98N-4E-C 00155340
Class Action
Salt Lake City, UT 84199-9998

Dear Mr. Young:


Recently, our representatives met in prearbitration discussion of the above-referenced grievance.

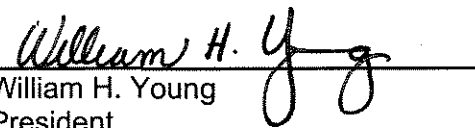
The specific issue referred to Step 4 by the regional parties in their December 2000 settlement is whether the Postal Service, under Article 7.3.B of the National Agreement, may revert "maximized positions", down to 88% in installations which have 200 or more workyears of employment in the regular work force if they are above that number. The full-time assignment referenced in this grievance is a reserve letter carrier assignment.

Article 7.3.B includes no provisions for reversion of full-time letter carrier duty assignments. Rather, consideration of reversion of reserve letter carrier assignments is initiated pursuant to the applicable provisions of Article 41.1.A.1 of the National Agreement.

After reviewing this matter, we agree that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case and we agree that this case is closed. The local parties are to apply the above principles to any cases being held based on this issue. Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as acknowledgment of your agreement to close this grievance, removing it from the national arbitration listing.

Sincerely,


A. J. Johnson
Manager
Labor Relations Policy
and Programs


William H. Young
President
National Association of Letter
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Date 2/1/06