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

RE: Multiple Days of Inspection

A dispute remains between the parties regarding multiple days of inspection of less than six days during a six day route count and inspection pursuant to Chapter 2 of Handbook M-39. In an effort to minimize grievance activity on this issue in the field while it is discussed at the national level, the parties have agreed to the following:

Local management will, if it determines it necessary when scheduling an inspection to inspect on more than one day, inspect on no more than three days during the week of count and inspection. If local management elects to inspect on two or three days during the week of count and inspection, local management will be responsible for completion of the 1838-C one of the days. The letter carrier will count the mail and complete the 1838-C on the other days of inspection. When local management elects to inspect on two or three days, the PS Form 3999 closest to the selected street time on the PS Form 1840 will be used to transfer territory.

The terms of this memorandum are applicable from the date of the memorandum through May 26, 2007, unless mutually extended by the parties.

This memorandum is entered into without precedent or prejudice to either party's position on the dispute regarding the number of days a route may be inspected outside the term of this memorandum, and may not be cited by either party, except for the purpose of enforcing its terms.

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