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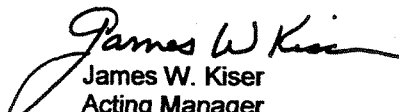
~~SUBJECT: Transferring Allied Times in Carrier Optimal Routing Route Adjustments~~

The Carrier Optimal Routing (COR) program is an important component of the delivery strategy for city carrier route adjustments during the spring, 2006 adjustment season. Delivery and Labor Relations have been meeting with the National Association of Letter Carriers concerning the use of COR for city carrier route adjustments.

An issue of concern is the transfer of street allied time. Currently, in the manual route adjustment process, management determines the appropriate allied time for transferred territory from the PS Form 3999. It is important that COR users continue to follow this policy. A software change is under development in COR that will identify and report allied time by the associated sector/segment and address range. This report will be available to COR users so that it can easily be reviewed to determine if the allied time associated with territory that has been transferred is appropriate and should be transferred. The route adjuster can then transfer the appropriate allied time to the route that has received the transferred territory.

During the software development stage for this Allied Times Report, it is important that the COR field users manually review the PS Form 3999 for each route to identify any allied time that is associated with the route. A decision can then be made regarding the appropriate allied times to transfer using the same process that is currently utilized for manual adjustments.

Please ensure that COR field users are aware of this process.

  
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