

Mr. Fredric V. Rolando
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RE: Q16N-4Q-C 19234222
Class Action
Washington, D.C. 20260-4100

Dear Mr. Rolando:

On several occasions our representatives met at the Interpretive Step of the grievance-arbitration procedure on the above referenced case. Interpretive Step time limits were extended by mutual consent.

This case concerns whether the collective bargaining agreement was violated when the implementation of Arbitrator Goldberg's award in Case No. Q15C-4Q-C 17397250 was delayed while the decision was challenged in federal court.

After reviewing this matter, the parties agree that no national interpretive issue is presented in this case. United States District Court Case No. 1:18-cv-02553 (CJN) was dismissed by a Stipulation of Dismissal between the Postal Service and the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) on April 23, 2021. In light of the stipulation, the Postal Service will implement the Goldberg award and revise the PS Form 3971, *Request for or Notification of Absence* and Section 514.4 of the Employee and Labor Relations Manual (ELM).

Accordingly, the parties mutually agree to close this interpretive case without prejudice to the position of either party in this or any other matter.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as your acknowledgement of your agreement to close this case.

Sincerely,



David E. Mills
Director
Labor Relations Policies and Programs
U.S. Postal Service



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