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Mr. James Connors  
Assistant Director  
Clerk Craft Division  
American Postal Workers  
Union, AFL-CIO  
817 14th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3399

Re: K. Williams  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
H1C-1M-C 42263

Dear Mr. Connors:

On July 17, 1985, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether the grievant was properly required to pay the employee share of her health benefits upon return to a pay status.

After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. This is a local dispute suitable for regional determination by application of Part 525.2 of the ELM and Postal Bulletin 21365 (dated August 19, 1982) to the specific fact circumstances. The issue to be decided is whether proper procedures were followed to continue the grievant's enrollment in the health benefits plan while she was in a nonpay status.

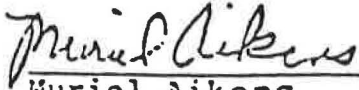
Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 for further processing including arbitration, if necessary.

Mr. James Connors

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Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

Sincerely,



Muriel Aikens  
Labor Relations Department



James Connors  
Assistant Director  
Clerk Craft Division  
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