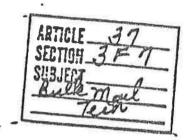


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Re: Class Action
Quincy, IL 62301
HlC-4K-C 12340

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On March 5, 1983, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The matters presented by you as well as the applicable contractual provisions have been reviewed and given careful consideration.

We mutually agreed that there was no interpretive dispute between the parties at the national level as to the meaning and intent of the 1981 National Agreement, as it concerns requiring the senior bidder for a Bulk Mail Technician position to demonstrate practical ability to perform in the position before being permanently assigned.

Article 37, Section 3.F.7, provides adequate guidance for resolving this dispute.

Accordingly, as further agreed, this case is hereby remanded to Step 3 for further processing by the parties at that level.

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

Time limits extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Eugene

Labor Relations Department (

Kenneth D. Wilson

Assistant Director

Clerk Division

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