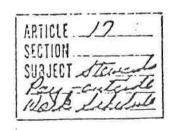


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Mr. James Connors Assistant Director Clerk Craft Division American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO 817 14th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005-3399

> Re: Class Action North Suburban, IL 60199 H1C-4A-C 36347

Dear Mr. Connors:

On May 9, 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 a union steward should have been granted administrative leave for the time he spent working on grievances outside of the steward's regular workhours.

After further review of this matter, we agreed that there was no national interpretive issue fairly presented as to the meaning and intent of Article 17 of the National Agreement.

The parties at this level agree that under Article 17, Section 4, the union steward may be authorized payment at the applicable straight-time rate for time actually spent in grievance handling, provided the time spent is a part of the steward's regular workday.

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to Step 3 for further consideration by the parties.

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

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Leslie Bayliss Labor Relations Department

Assistant Director Clerk Craft Division

American Postal Workers Union,

AFL-CIO