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Mr. William Burrus
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Dear Bill:

This letter is in regard to the jurisdictional craft determination for operation of the Flat Sequencing System (FSS).

After reviewing the equipment operation, carefully considering the input from the American Postal Workers Union (APWU), AFL-CIO and the National Postal Mail Handlers Union (NPMHU), and applying the principles of RI-399, and the assignment of new or additional work, the Postal Service has determined that on the FSS, the duties performed at the Automated Bundle Sorting Unit (ABSU), the preparation stations, the dolly maker, the dolly induction unit, as well as the removal of mail containers from the FSS machine, and the movement of containers between these various parts of the FSS, are similar to the duties currently performed by a Mail Handler. Accordingly, the primary jurisdiction for performance of these duties belongs to the mail handler craft.

The duties performed at the Automatic Induction (AI) feed stations are similar to the duties currently performed by a mail processing clerk. Accordingly, the primary jurisdiction for performance of these duties is the clerk craft. Allied duties such as clearing jams on the machine, particularly at the Integrated Tray Converter (ITC) is normally performed by the craft which can perform such duties in the most efficient and effective manner.

The actual number of employees required to perform these duties on the FSS at any time, will be determined, applying these determinations, based on operational needs.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Patrick Devine at (202) 268-5421.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dockins".

John W. Dockins
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