

Mr. Mike Morris
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RE: Q00C-4Q-C 06026519 / HQTG200525
(Step 2 Decision Issued After Prescribed
Time Limits)

Dear Mike:

The issue in this case is whether Article 15.2.Step 2(f) and (g) of the National Agreement precludes either party from issuing a Step 2 decision or Additions and Corrections, as applicable, outside of the prescribed time limits of Article 15.2.Step 2 (f) and (g) in the absence of a mutually agreed upon-limit extension.

The parties agree that the National Agreement does preclude either party from issuing a Step 2 decision or Additions and Corrections, as applicable, outside of the prescribed time limits of Article 15.2.Step 2 (f) and (g), in the absence of a mutually agreed upon-limit extension. Article 15.2.Step 3 (b) provides, "Where either party believes the facts and contentions were not adequately addressed or documented at Step 2, the party's representatives shall clearly identify those additional facts and/or contentions for consideration and provide any additional relevant documentation to facilitate discussion and possible resolution at Step 3. In addition, where the parties' representatives mutually agree that relevant facts or contentions were not adequately developed at Step 2, they may jointly remand the grievance to Step 2 level for full development of the facts and further consideration."

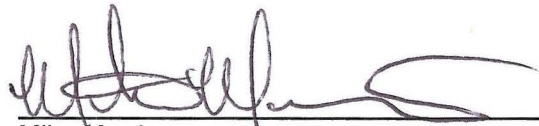
Please sign and return this decision as your acknowledgement of your agreement to settle the case identified above, removing it from the pending arbitration list.

Sincerely,



Patrick Devine
Manager
Contract Administration (APWU)

Date: 1/11/2013



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