



Mr. Don Cantriel
President
National Rural Letter Carriers'
Association
1630 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-3465

Re: J00R-1J-C 05100210
Class Action
Bedford Park, IL 60499-9998

Dear Don:

The parties recently met in pre-arbitration discussion in the above referenced case.

The issue in this grievance concerns whether DPS letters must be reclassified on some routes in the Central Illinois District because rural carriers received no DPS letters for approximately a seven-day period.

The parties agree there are some acceptable reasons for management to stop processing DPS letters on rural routes for a period of time without officially reintroducing DPS letters. In those instances, routes receive supplemental pay in accordance with Handbook PO-603, Section 541.41. Examples of acceptable reasons include, but are not limited to, temporary curtailment of automated operations or emergency situations in accordance with Article 3.f of the USPS/NRLCA National Agreement.

If management discontinues processing DPS letters on a route for other than acceptable reasons, the DPS letters will be reclassified as sector-segment or letter size mail, and the appropriate adjustments for time allowances on the affected routes will be processed. The discontinuance of DPS letter mail processing on rural routes for the purposes of reducing overtime in other crafts due to heavy seasonal volume, as evident in this instant case, would be considered an unacceptable reason.

On a non-citable, non precedent setting basis, the following rural carriers will be paid a lump sum of \$500.00 (minus normal deductions):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>
G.A. Schallhorn	Arlington, IL 61312
J.M. Milashaski	Dana, IL 61321
R.L. Test	Grand Ridge, IL 61325
S.A. Swanson	Walnut, IL 61376
R.K. Wilt*	Walnut, IL 61376
G.W. Smith*	Wenona, IL 61377

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

William Daignault
Manager
Contract Administration (NRLCA)

For
Don Cantriel
President
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Date: 5-5-10