



Mr. Joey Johnson
Director of Labor Relations
National Rural Letter Carriers'
Association
1630 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-3465

Re: E00R-4E-C08212472
Class Action
Mesa, AZ 85215-9998

Dear Joey:

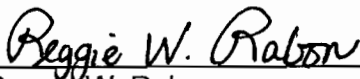
On several occasions, the most recent being July 13, 2009, the parties discussed the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.

The issue in this grievance is whether carriers in Mesa, Arizona, should receive additional compensation to retrieve scanners.

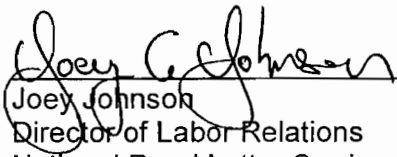
After reviewing this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. Whether carriers should receive additional compensation to retrieve scanners is a local dispute suitable for area arbitration based on the particular circumstances. The parties agree that picking up and returning the scanner should be done in conjunction with other paid work activities. If a separate trip is required to either retrieve or return the scanner, additional time will be authorized in Column 17 if the location is not within a reasonable distance of the carrier's normal line of travel for other paid work functions.

Accordingly, we agree to remand the case to the parties at Step 2 for further processing and arbitration, if necessary.

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



Reggie W. Rabon
Labor Relations Specialist
Contract Administration (NRLCA)



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Date: 8-6-2009