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**SUBJECT: FILING CRAFT JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL ON THE AUTOMATED PACKAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM (APPS)**

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**As you know, the APWU has submitted a dispute to the National Dispute Resolution Committee (NDRC) over the employer's assignment of work jurisdiction on the Automated Package Processing System (APPS) to the mailhandler craft.**

**The APWU believes the issue to be addressed by the NDRC is: Is the USPS's decision to assign the work performed on the APPS machine in violation of the National Agreement, RI-399 and the historical application of jurisdictional rules of the parties? If so, what is the remedy?**

**The APWU maintains the APPS is involved in mail processing and/or the distribution of mail and is the work of the clerk craft. All mail processing and/or distribution of mail on automated equipment is the work of the clerk craft.**

**The question is what Local Unions should do after the installation of the APPS machine in regard to disputing such assignments.**

- 1) The Local Unions should file a dispute with their Local Dispute Resolution Committee (LDRC) raising the same claim of jurisdiction for the same reasons that we have asserted nationally (listed above).**
- 2) The Local Union should meet with the LDRC and agree in writing to hold the dispute at the LDRC level until the outcome of the dispute filed nationally, after which the LDRC will meet and apply the conclusion reached at the national level (further details will be forthcoming after the national resolution or arbitration).**

- 3) If the parties at the LDRC cannot come to agreement on holding the dispute at the LDRC level pending the outcome of the national dispute, the Local Union should appeal the dispute to the Regional Dispute Resolution Committee (RDRC), where the RDRC will enter into an agreement to either hold the dispute at the RDRC level pending the outcome of the national dispute or the RDRC will agree to remand the dispute to the LDRC level where it will be held pending the outcome of the national dispute.
- 4) Any questions should be advanced to your RDRC member listed below:

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Yours in Union Solidarity,



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