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Advanced Facer Cancellor System (AFCS)

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Dear Mr. Devine/Mr. Flynn:

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Based on the recent information presented to the National Dispute Resolution Committee (NDRC) in the meeting of May 24, 2005 in regard to the recent upgrades to the Advanced Facer Cancellor System (AFCS) and those that will be implemented shortly, the APWU reasserts its' jurisdictional claim to the work being performed on these machines which were outlined in case Q94C-4Q-C-97028616.

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We believe the issue before the NDRC is: In the Postal Services' decision to continue the assignment of mail handlers craft employees to perform work on the AFCS 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 AFCS 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 current upgrades replace work formerly done by Mail Processing Clerks on the Multi-Line Optical Character Readers and allow for the AFCS to be involved in mail processing and the dispatching of mail. The machines and the mail handlers craft employees operating the machines are no longer involved solely in the work functions of mail cancellation and mail preparation but now are involved in the loading and unloading of automated machinery that performs the work functions of mail distribution and dispatching with are historically and traditionally clerical craft duties. They are also labeling trays of mail which is a clerical work function.

Sincerely,

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