



March 10, 2009

Mr. William Burrus
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Dear Bill:

This letter serves as follow-up to my letter dated June 16, 2008, sent pursuant to Article 32 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, which provided notice that the Postal Service was considering contracting with third-party providers to perform distribution and transportation activities currently performed by Postal Service employees at the twenty-one Bulk Mail Centers (BMCs), referred to in my letter as the Time-Definite Surface Network (TDSN).

Please be advised that, as presented to the Union on February 3 of this year, the Postal Service has decided not to move forward with the outsourcing consideration.

Instead, as discussed at the recent presentation, the Postal Service will be reengineering the BMCs into new Network Distribution Centers (NDCs), with three tiers of NDCs. Some of these NDCs will perform work activities currently performed at nearby Processing and Distribution Centers (P&DCs) and Surface Transfer Centers (STCs). While it is anticipated that all BMCs will eventually become NDCs, the first three will be in Springfield, Massachusetts; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Jersey City, New Jersey, commencing in spring of this year.

It is anticipated that clerk and motor vehicle craft employees, as well as mail handlers, will be impacted. The resulting impact on employees working at these facilities will be determined at the local and area levels, and employees will be relocated and reassigned in accordance with Article 12 and other established contractual guidelines.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Patrick Devine at (202) 268-5421.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John W. Dockins".

for John W. Dockins
Manager
Contract Administration (APWU)

