

**U.S. Department of Labor**  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

**Inspection Number:** 313027930  
**Inspection Dates:** 12/09/2009 -  
**Issuance Date:** 06/07/2010



### Citation and Notification of Penalty

**Company Name:** U.S. Postal Service - Baton Rouge P&DC  
**Inspection Site:** 8101 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70826-9997

#### Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4)(i): Procedures were not developed, documented and utilized for the control of potentially hazardous energy when employees were engaged in activities covered by this section:

- a. Employees were observed to be performing maintenance on Delivery Bar Code Sorter #8 under the LO/TO program. The LO/TO Procedure being used and posted on the machine for use was Procedure #143 for DBCS Input/Output Subsystem (DIOSS) #8. The machine being worked on was changed from a DIOSS to a DBCS in May of 2008 and the LO/TO Procedure was not updated to reflect this change. This condition exposed employees to the hazard of contacting energized electrical circuits and/or struck-by hazards.
- b. Employees were allowed to perform maintenance under the LO/TO program on the Small Parcel and Bundle Machine (SPBM) that became operational in June of 2008 and no local LO/TO procedure had been developed. A factory procedure was posted on the machine that had an area left blank for the local user of the machine to insert the location where the machine could be disconnected from the source of electrical power for the machine. This area was not filled in (it was blank). This condition exposed employees to the hazard of contacting energized electrical circuits and/or struck-by hazards.
- c. Employees were allowed to perform maintenance under the LO/TO program on the Loose Mail Sorter (LMS) that became operational in June of 2008 and no LO/TO procedure had been developed. This condition exposed employees to the hazard of contacting energized electrical circuits and/or struck-by hazards.

<b>Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:</b>	<b>07/01/2010</b>
<b>Proposed Penalty:</b>	<b>\$ 2500.00</b>

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#### Citation 2 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Willful**

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(6)(i): The employer did not conduct a periodic inspection of the energy control procedure at least annually to ensure that the procedure and the requirement of this standard were being followed:

- a. Annual inspections of Procedure 14, 54, 142 and 24 (DBCS #8) were not performed during 2007.
- b. Annual inspections of Procedures 05, 14, 20, 54, 141, 24 (DBCS #10), 24 (DBCS #8), 143 (DBCS #20) and 143 (DBCS #8) were not performed during 2008.
- c. Annual inspections of Procedures 05, 14, 20, 54, 141, 142, 24 (DBCS #10), 24 (DBCS #8), 143 (DBCS #20) and 143 (DBCS #8) were not performed during 2009 - prior to commencement of the inspection.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	07/01/2010
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 70000.00

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**Citation 3 Item 1 Type of Violation: Repeat**

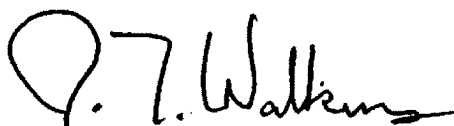
29 CFR 1910.335(a)(1)(i): Employees working in areas where there were potential electrical hazards were not provided with, and/or did not use, electrical protective equipment that was appropriate for the specific parts of the body to be protected and for the work to be performed:

Employees were allowed to perform troubleshooting operations on energized electrical equipment in the direct vicinity of hazardous voltages: to include but not limited to 480, 277 and 208 volts without personal protective equipment. This condition exposed the employees to the hazards of arc-blast, arc-flash and contacting energized electrical circuits.

**The U.S. Postal Service was previously cited for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health Standard which was contained in OSHA Inspection No. 312338239, Citation No. 01, Item No. 003 issued on 10/08/2008, with respect to a workplace located at 24 Corliss St, Providence, Rhode Island and became a Final Order on 04/30/2009.**

**The U.S. Postal Service was previously cited for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health Standard which was contained in OSHA Inspection No. 3309556223, Citation No. 01, Item No. 002b issued on 09/24/2007, with respect to a workplace located at 345 Heritage Ave, Portsmouth, New Hampshire and became a Final Order on 02/02/2008.**

**Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:** 06/24/2010  
**Proposed Penalty:** \$ 25000.00

  
LORINDA FOLSE  
Area Director

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