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John W. Dockins
Manager, Contract Administration (APWU)
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Re: Possible Discontinuance or Consolidation of Retail Operations

Dear Mr. Dockins:

I am responding to your letter dated May 15, 2009 in which you state that the "Postal Service is considering consolidating operations in the larger stations and branches" and "will be using the current procedures that are in place for studying the activities of an office for possible discontinuance."

Jim McCarthy, Director of the Clerk Craft, will lead the discussions with postal officials on this subject, but please be aware that the parties have agreed to a **Memorandum of Understanding on Retail Operations within Installations** incorporated in the 2006 national agreement that requires that "all existing retail operations will remain within the installation of which they are a part." I note that of the many factors that will be considered in your final decisions you omit the parties negotiated agreements. Notwithstanding this glaring omission, it is expected that the Postal Service will comply with contractual agreements in this review.

Sincerely,

William Burrus
President

cc: Cliff Guffey
Greg Bell
Jim McCarthy
Steve Raymer
Bob Pritchard