



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
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ARTICLE	37
SECTION	1H
SUBJECT	RESIDUAL VACANCY

Mr. Wallace Baldwin, Jr.  
Administrative Vice President  
Clerk Craft  
American Postal Workers Union, APL-CIO  
817 - 14th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Re: APWU - Local  
Tulsa, OK 74101  
E1C-3T-C-8891

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

On September 23, 1982, we met to discuss the above-captioned case at the fourth step of the contractual grievance procedure set forth in the 1981 National Agreement.

The question raised in this grievance involved whether or not management is required to repost a duty assignment before assigning it to an unassigned regular when no bids are submitted.

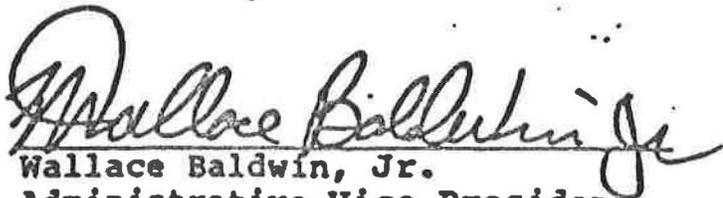
During our discussion, we agreed that there is no dispute between the parties at the National level concerning the meaning and intent of Article 37.1.H. A residual vacancy is that position that remains vacant after the completion of the voluntary bidding process. Moreover, we agreed that once the voluntary bidding process has been completed, management is not required to repost the duty assignment. Management, in accordance with Article 37.3.F.10, is authorized to place an unassigned regular, who did not bid or is not the successful bidder, in any residual vacancy.

Accordingly, as we further agreed, this case is hereby remanded to the parties at Step 3 for further processing if necessary.

Please sign a copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

Sincerely,

  
Joan S. Palmer  
Labor Relations Department

  
Wallace Baldwin, Jr.  
Administrative Vice President  
Clerk Craft  
American Postal Workers Union,  
AFL-CIO