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Re: B94T-1B-C 97042106  
Class Action  
Syracuse, NY 13220-9504

Dear Mr. Donelson:

Recently, we met to discuss the above-captioned grievance at the fourth step of our contractual grievance procedure.


The issue in this grievance is whether the Postal Service violated the National Agreement when it contracted out the removal and relocation of hose reels at the local vehicle maintenance facility.


After reviewing this matter, the parties mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in this case. This issue is suitable for local determination by application of the Administrative Support Manual, Section 53, entitled "Maintenance".

Accordingly, we agreed to remand this case to the parties at Step 3 for further processing or to be scheduled for arbitration, as appropriate. If this case was withdrawn from regional arbitration prior to referral to Step 4, it will be returned to the same stage of arbitration in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding entitled "Step 4 Procedures."

Please sign and return the enclosed copies of this letter as your acknowledgement of agreement to remand this case.

Time limits at this level were extended by mutual consent.

  
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