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Gentlemen:

During our recent Joint Labor/Management Committee meeting certain questions concerning temperature control in postal facilities were raised. You questioned the intent of the heating maximum of 65°F and the cooling minimum of 78°F provided for under the Postal Service's Energy Conservation Program.

For your information, the objective at each postal facility where these temperature guides are relative is to maintain temperatures as close as reasonably practicable to these guides without exceeding the maximum heating or minimum cooling requirements. Obviously, implementation of these objectives requires a common sense approach. If the temperature in space regularly occupied by employees performing everyday work is significantly out of line, temperature readings can be taken and, when necessary and reasonably possible, adjustments made.

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Mr. Biller Mr. Sombrotto

I suggest that when heating or cooling problems develop and cannot be resolved locally, your regional coordinators contact the General Managers, Labor Relations, in each region to seek resolution. Our regional labor relations division will be aware of the heating and cooling objectives expressed in this letter.

Sincerely,

James C. Gildea

Assistant Postmaster General Labor Relations Department