



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
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Mr. William Burrus  
General Executive Vice President  
American Postal Workers Union,  
AFL-CIO  
817 14th Street, NW  
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Re: Article VIII, Section 4.F.

This is in response to your request for clarification of the recently negotiated contract provision dealing with the restriction that employees may not be required to work more than five consecutive days of overtime in a week.

Please be advised it is the position of the Postal Service that the beginning or conclusion of an employee's workweek will not be used as an artificial barrier to require an employee to work overtime beyond the five consecutive day limitation.

Our field managers will be advised of this interpretation.

Sincerely,

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Office of Grievance and  
Arbitration  
Labor Relations Department