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Initiate National Dispute

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Mr. Doug Tulino
Vice President, Labor Relations
U.S. Postal Service, Room 9014
475 L'Enfant Plaza
Washington, D.C. 20260

Re: APWU#HQTG20110465; Six Day Work Weeks in Customer Service

Dear Mr. Tulino:

In accordance with the provisions of Article 15, Section 2 and 4, of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the American Postal Workers Union is initiating a Step 4 dispute regarding six day work weeks in Customer Service.

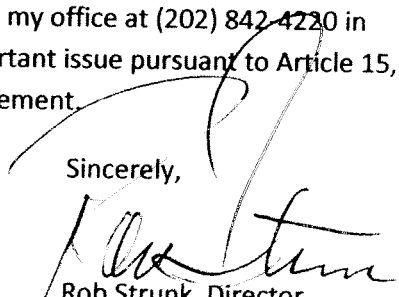
The Postal Service has issued instructions to the field that NTFT Duty Assignments in Customer Service (Function 4) may be created with less than two days off.

In the Non-Traditional Work Schedules Task Force MOU the parties agreed on the concept of the "creation of a 'full-time' duty assignments that have nontraditional scheduling ..." The parties specifically agreed that these "nontraditional work schedules may include those with less than 40 hours or less than 5 days a week, or more than 8 hours a day, split shifts, etc."

Nothing in the Collective Bargaining Agreement permits the establishment of duty assignments with less than two days off for career employees in Customer Service in the regular work force other than to create desirable duty assignments for purposes of maximization in offices Level 20 and below.

It is requested that you or your designee contact my office at (202) 842-4220 in order to schedule a meeting to discuss this important issue pursuant to Article 15, Section 2 and 4 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Sincerely,


Rob Strunk, Director
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