
UNION, MISSOURI
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LOCAL MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE


AND THE

ST. LOUIS GATEWAY DISTRICT
AREA LOCAL
AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION
AFL-CIO

1998 – 2000

This memorandum of Understanding, is entered into at, between the representatives of the U.S. Postal Service, and the designated agents(s) of the union signatory to the National Agreement,

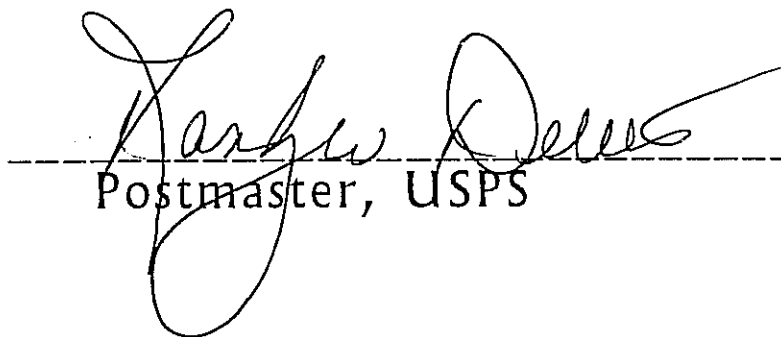
This memorandum of Understanding constitutes the entire agreement on matters relating to local conditions of employment, except for those items which are in disputed and referred to impasse procedures. Upon completion of the impasse procedures, any new changes shall be incorporated into this memorandum of understanding.



Melvin Sanders, President

4-26-99

Date



Postmaster, USPS

4-28-99

Date

ITEM 1 WASH-UP TIME

Management shall allow reasonable wash-up time to those employees who perform dirty work or work with toxic materials when and where necessary. This may be before lunch, before going home, and other times when it is necessary.

ITEM 2 BASIC WORK WEEK

The basic work week shall be fixed (as far as practical with five consecutive days) or rotating.

ITEM 3 EMERGENCY CURTAILMENT

- A. The parties recognize that the Postal Service is the most vital part of the communication machinery of the United States of America, and that historically, this Post Office has provided this service to the public without interruption; therefore, as a matter of policy, Postal Operations will not be terminated at this Post Office unless the Postmaster or his Designee determines that conditions so warrant.
- B. In making this determination, Management will consider the safety and health of employees, civil disorders, bomb threats, acts of God, hazardous weather conditions and other circumstances.
- C. Management will notify the Local President and employees at the earliest practicable time of termination, or curtailment of Postal Operations, where possible. Such notification may be by telephone, or other available public media.

ITEM 4 LOCAL LEAVE PROGRAM

- A. Selection of vacation for the choice period shall begin the first week of November, prior to the leave year, with the first and second rounds completed by December 31. All vacation selections will be completed by December 31. The employer shall notify the employees at least ten (10) days prior to the selection of vacation periods that the employee must be ready to make his/her selection when contacted.

- B. An employee's holiday or designated holiday shall be included as part of an employee's vacation when falling during the vacation period and shall not be subject to the draft procedures of the Local Memoranda of Understanding.
- C. Additionally, the employee's non-scheduled day(s) prior to the beginning of his/her vacation selection shall be excluded from draft procedures of Article 8.5 of the National Agreement.
- D. Any employee may select another vacation period when ordered to military duty, provided that the orders were received after the vacation selection process was completed. The orders must affect a vacation selected by the employee.

ITEM 5 CHOICE VACATION PERIOD(S)

The choice vacation period will be from the first Monday in March of the Leave Year through the first Friday in November and the period from December 26 to December 31.

ITEM 6 BEGINNING DAY OF VACATION PERIOD

For planning purposes and operational efficiency, Monday will be considered the beginning of a clerk's vacation period.

ITEM 7 SPLITTING VACATION CHOICE

An employee at his/her option, under phase one, may request two selections during the choice period, in units of either five (5) or ten (10) days, the total not to exceed ten (10) or fifteen (15) days. Selection shall be made as employees are entitled to annual leave in accordance with regulations in Subchapter 510 of the Employee and Labor Relations Manual and Article 10.3.D of the National Agreement.

ITEM 8 UNION CONVENTIONS AND JURY DUTY

An employee who is called for jury duty or who attends an APWU National or State Convention shall not have such leave charged to his/her vacation periods.

ITEM 9 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES OFF EACH WEEK OF VACATION PERIOD

One (1) clerk shall receive annual leave each week during the choice vacation period. During the choice vacation period, a minimum of 14% of the clerk craft employees shall be granted annual leave each week.

ITEM 10 OFFICIAL NOTICE OF VACATION SCHEDULE

- A. Management will provide each employee with an approved and signed PS Form 3971 for their selected vacation period(s).
- B. After completion of the vacation selections, the vacation schedule will be posted on the appropriate bulletin board, no later than January 1.

ITEM 11 LEAVE YEAR NOTICE

The beginning of the new leave year will be posted on the appropriate bulletin board no later than November 1.

ITEM 12 OTHER ANNUAL LEAVE

Leave outside the choice vacation selections shall be in accordance with Article 10.3.D.4 of the National Agreement which provides the remainder of the employee's annual leave may be granted at other times during the year, as requested by the employee. Other annual leave shall be considered on a first come, first served basis according to the needs of the service.

ITEM 13 HOLIDAY SCHEDULING

In offices with more than one full-time regular clerk craft employee, management shall:

- A. Solicit holiday volunteers, who will designate their desire to work the holiday schedule in writing.
- B. Post a holiday schedule if employees are scheduled to work the holiday schedule the Tuesday prior to the service week of the holiday.
- C. Schedule employees for holiday work in the following order:
 - 1. Casuals, even if overtime is necessary.
 - 2. Part-time flexibles, even if overtime is necessary.
 - 3. Full-time employees for whom it is their holiday or their designated holiday and who have volunteered to work, by seniority.
 - 4. Full-time employees for whom it is their non-scheduled day(s), which is a holiday or designated holiday for others, by seniority, even if overtime and/or guarantees are incurred.
 - 5. Transitional employees.
 - 6. Full-time employees for whom it is a scheduled day off, but have not volunteered, even if overtime guarantees are incurred, shall be instructed to report by inverse seniority.
 - 7. Full-time employees, for whom it is the holiday or their designated holiday but have not volunteered, shall be instructed to report by inverse seniority.

ITEM 14 OVERTIME DESIRED LISTS

In offices with more than one full-time regular clerk craft employee, management shall:

- A. Post a quarterly list for full-time employees to sign to indicate that they wish to volunteer for ten (10) hours, twelve (12) hours and non-scheduled day overtime.
- B. Post the volunteer list on the appropriate bulletin board.
- C. Rotate overtime assignments for volunteers in accordance with Article 8.5

ITEM 15-17 LIGHT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

- A. The assignment of light duty will be in accordance with the provisions of Article Thirteen (13) of the National Agreement.
- B. Employees must submit a written request with supporting medical documentation of their restrictions. If available, work will be provided within the individual's medical restrictions. First consideration will be given to duties to be performed within the APWU bargaining unit craft for which the individual is qualified and are within the medical restrictions.
- C. Duties may consist of distribution of mail and other functions as dictated by the needs of the service within the restrictions of the employee's medical statement.

ITEM 18 SECTION FOR EXCESSING

Refer to Article 12.5.C.4 of the National Agreement. Sections will be recognized by particular work units and levels and skills within the unit.

ITEM 19 EMPLOYEE PARKING

The parties will continue to provide parking to employees consistent with former practices, and the needs of the Service.

ITEM 20 UNION LEAVE

Leave granted to attend union activities shall not be charged to an employee's choice vacation period. Conventions and divisional meetings prior to date shall be submitted to the postmaster after selection of delegates.

ITEM 21-22 CRAFT ITEMS, SENIORITY, REASSIGNMENT, AND REPOSTING

A seniority list shall be posted for all full and part time clerk employees.

- A. The incumbent has the option to retain their present position although changes may occur in principle assignments and duties, scheme knowledge requirement and/or change in starting time.
- B. Bid postings shall remain posted for ten (10) days.
- C. Successful bidders will be placed in their new job assignments within fourteen (14) days, except in the month of December.
- D. In filling daily vacancies on any duty assignments, when management determines that such vacancy shall be covered, the detail shall be offered to the senior qualified employee in the section/tour.

ITEM 23 MAINTENANCE CRAFT

- A. When the basic duties of an assignment are permanently changed from the original posting, the incumbent has the option of remaining in the assignment. In the event that the employee does not elect to remain in the altered assignment, the assignment will be posted for bid.
- B. Posting and Bidding- refer to Article 38.4.A.1 to 3 of the National Agreement.