



June 30, 2005

Mr. Dale A. Holton
President
National Rural Letter Carriers'
Association
1630 Duke Street, 4th Floor
Alexandria, VA 22314-3465

Dear Dale:

This letter will confirm our mutual understanding regarding the options available to management when a vacant part-time flexible rural carrier assignment still exists after posting the vacancy for all part-time flexible rural carriers, substitutes, and non-probationary RCAs in the district in accordance with Article 30.2.A.3.d. of the 2000 National Agreement.

It is our understanding that, if the part-time flexible rural carrier assignment was not filled as a result of the district wide posting referenced above, management may fill the assignment in accordance with Section 72 of Handbook EL-312, Employment and Placement. This includes, but is not limited to, the reassignment of a qualified regular rural carrier, part-time flexible rural carriers, substitutes, or RCAs.

Please sign below indicating agreement that the above accurately reflects our mutual understanding on this issue.

Sincerely,

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William Daigneault
Manager
Contract Administration (NRLCA)

Concurrence:

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Dale A. Holton
President
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