

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

**The United States Postal Service
Battleground, Washington 98604**

And

**The American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO
Portland Oregon Area Local**

2010 – 2015

This Memorandum of Understanding, entered into in the month of September 2011 between the designated representatives of the APWU and the designated representatives of the United States Postal Service, constitutes the entire agreement on matters relating to local conditions of employment as prescribed in Article 30 of the National Agreement.

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ARTICLE 8 – HOURS OF WORK

Item 1 – Additional or longer wash-up periods

Clerks will be granted reasonable wash-up time when performing dirty work or work with toxic materials.

Item 2 – The establishment of a regular work week of five days with either fixed or rotating days off

The basic work week shall have fixed days off, as far as practicable the five days shall be consecutive days within the service week, or other schedules may be established depending upon the needs of the service. The above shall not apply to part-time and transitional employees.

Item 14 – Whether “Overtime Desired” lists shall be by section and/or tour

An Overtime Desired List for each craft shall be posted for two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of each calendar quarter. The list shall provide columns for regular overtime, penalty overtime and non-scheduled day overtime. Employee preferences as to the number of hours worked and/or non-scheduled day will be honored if possible, based on work conditions. A separate rotation will be maintained for non-scheduled days.

ARTICLE 10 – LEAVE

Item 4 – Formulation of local leave program

A. Duration of Total Vacation Period

The total vacation period will begin with the first week of January and continue through the last week in November. There will be a minimum of one clerk per week allowed off during the total vacation period.

B. Time Limitations For Sign-Up

1. Vacation sign-up will be by seniority and commence on the 1st of December. Each employee will be notified by the union of the date for sign-up at least one (1) week prior to the beginning of the sign-up period. The employee shall be responsible for predetermining the vacation period(s) desired. Recognizing that there may be times when an employee will not be ready to make his/her selection upon request, said employee shall be given twenty four (24) hours to decide. Should that selection not be made within this time frame, such employee will be bypassed. Bypassed employee(s) shall be allowed to sign in available periods after employees who have been notified it is their turn to sign, but junior employees who have signed shall not be required to relinquish the periods they have selected.
2. After the leave charts have been completed a copy will be posted for the duration of the leave year. The posting of the completed leave charts will constitute official notice to each employee of the approved leave.

C. Leave Schedules

The leave schedules shall be by each individual facility.

D. Unit(s) of Scheduled Leave

Scheduled annual leave must be chosen in units of not less than a calendar week.

E. Expanded Leave Program

1. Employees are expected to take their vacations during the times they scheduled, unless some unforeseen emergency condition prevents them from doing so.
2. During the first sign-up clerks earning thirteen (13) days of annual leave may, at their option, choose one block of two (2) consecutive weeks or choose two blocks of one (1) week each.
3. During the first sign-up clerks earning twenty (20) or twenty-six (26) days of annual leave may, at their option, choose one block of three (3) continuous weeks, or two blocks one of which would be one (1) week and the other two (2) consecutive weeks.
4. Clerks may withdraw from signed annual leave slots for any reason. They must notify management as soon as practicable. The vacated period will then be posted for ten (10) days if possible. If circumstances do not permit at least five (5) day posting, the slot will not be considered available for bidding. The leave will be granted on the basis of seniority beginning with those junior to the clerk vacating the period with the required earned annual leave.

F. Trades

Trading of vacation periods will not be allowed.

Item 5 – The duration of the choice vacation period (s)

The choice vacation period shall run from the third full week in May through the second week in October. It shall also include the week designated as Spring Break and the week in which the Thanksgiving holiday falls.

Item 6 – The determination of the beginning day of an employee's vacation period

The signed vacation, unless otherwise agreed to, will begin on Monday.

Item 7 – Whether employees at their option may request two selections during the choice vacation period, in units of 5 or 10 days

Item 8 – Whether jury duty and attendance at National or State Conventions shall be charged to the choice vacation period

1. Management will make a concerted effort to maximize delegates' leave during the days of the National Convention based on management's decision of the needs of the Postal Service.

2. Attendance at the convention shall be charged to the choice vacation period.
3. The union will notify management as far in advance as practicable so that proper consideration can be made.
4. Any employee called for jury duty during their scheduled leave is eligible for another period during the available leave year provided it does not deprive another employee of taking their scheduled leave.

Item 9 – Determination of the maximum number of employees who shall receive leave each week during the choice vacation period

The maximum number of employees who shall receive leave each week during the choice vacation period shall be 15%, with a minimum of 1.

Item 10 – The issuance of official notices to each employee of the vacation schedule approved for such employee

The leave calendar will be posted by November 15 each year, showing available leave slots for the new leave year. It is agreed that the union will manage the circulation of the annual leave sign-up calendar for the office.

Item 11 – Determination of the date and means of notifying employees of the beginning of the new leave year

The Employer shall publish the date of the beginning of the new leave year in a prominent manner on the employee bulletin boards.

Item 12 – The procedures for submission of applications for annual leave during other than the choice vacation period

A. Second Annual Leave Sign-Up

During the second leave sign-up go around, clerks will be allowed to sign-up for their remaining earned leave balance for that year, in units of not less than one (1) week, on any remaining slots.

B. Application for Other Annual Leave

Request for annual leave other than scheduled leave shall be made on PS Form 3971. Awarding of the leave shall be on a first come-first served basis after considering the needs of the service. Management will provide the employee with an answer to their request as soon as possible, but no later than three (3) days after the request of the leave, unless circumstances prevent such advance notice.

C. Vacated Annual Leave

Clerks may withdraw from signed annual leave slots for any reasons or to sign for vacated sign-up slots. They must notify supervision as soon as practicable. The vacated period will then be posted for ten (10) days if possible. If circumstances do not permit at least a five (5) day posting, the slot will not be considered available for bidding. The leave will be granted on the basis of seniority beginning with those junior to the clerk vacating the period with the required earned annual leave.

D. Leave Documentation

Employees must submit leave request on PS Form 3971 for all leave scheduled or unscheduled before the clerk goes on leave, except for documented emergency leave. The employee must submit a duplicate copy if he/she wishes a written response for their records.

E. Military Leave

1. Employees must provide management with documentation for Military leave by January 1st. Failure to notify management of scheduled Military needs, may cause management to deny such a request. The employee(s) must notify management of any subsequent changes in schedules effecting Military Leave immediately.
2. In the event that a vacation slot is vacated by another employee for the week in which military duty has been scheduled, the vacancy will not be posted.

Item 20 – Whether annual leave to attend Union activities requested prior to determination of the choice vacation schedule is to be part of the choice vacation period.

ARTICLE 11 – HOLIDAYS

Item 13 – The method of selecting employees to work on a holiday

A. Holiday list

To determine which employees wish to volunteer to work on a holiday or day designated as the employees' holiday, management will post lists for full time and part time regular employees to sign prior to the holiday.

B. Method of selecting employees

Method of selecting employees to work on a holiday or the day designated as their holiday the following priorities will be followed.

1. All part time employees with flexible schedules, by juniority.
2. If for any reason the above are not able to work, qualified regular clerks will be offered the work, by seniority.
3. If it is necessary to require an employee to work on a holiday, an employee will be selected to work on his/her holiday or day designated his/her holiday prior to requiring an employee to work on his/her non-scheduled sixth day.
4. No regular clerk will be required to work on a holiday unless PTFs' with the necessary skills are scheduled to work.

ARTICLE 12 – PRINCIPALS OF REASSIGNMENT

Item 18 – Identification of assignments comprising a section, when it is proposed to reassign within an installation employees excess to the needs of a section

The entire installation shall comprise a section for purposes relating to this section, under the provisions of Article 12.

ARTICLE 13 – LIGHT DUTY

Item 15 – Number of light duty assignments to be reserved

If a clerk is unable to physically perform their regular assignment, as certified by a medical doctor, they shall be offered available light duty assignments upon the employee's written request to the installation head.

Item 16 – The method to be used in reserving Light Duty assignments

Item 17 – Identification of assignments that are to be considered light duty within each craft represented in the office

ARTICLE 14 – SAFETY AND HEALTH

Item 3 – Guidelines of Curtailment or Termination or Postal Operations

The decision for curtailment or termination of Postal Operations to conform to the orders of local authorities or local conditions warrant because of emergency conditions, shall be made by the installation head. When the decision has been reached to curtail Postal Operations, management shall notify the union as soon as practicable.

ARTICLE 20 – PARKING

Item 19 – The assignment of employee parking spaces

The employer shall continue to provide parking spaces for bargaining unit employees. Employee parking spaces shall be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Item 21 – Other items subject to local negotiations

Item 22 – Local implementation

Section 1 – Seniority Lists

A new seniority list shall be posted on the official bulletin board and copy provided to the Union no more than 30 days after a change.

Section 2 – Reposting (s) and/or a Change in Duty Assignments

A change in duty assignment as specified below shall require reposting:

Any addition and/or deletion of assigned schemes.

Any cumulative change in starting time of more than one (1) hour (2 hours in the maintenance craft).

Section 3 – Place of Posting

Clerical and maintenance vacancies shall be posted on the official bulletin board and a copy mailed to the Union.

Section 4 – Length of Posting

Notice of vacancies in the clerk craft shall remain posted for ten (10) calendar days.

Section 5 – Notification

Wherever reference is made to the Steward, Local President, or Union in this Local Memorandum of Understanding or the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the parties agree that notice/copies etc. shall be sent to the regular mailing address of the Portland Oregon Area Local with a courtesy copy provided to the local steward.