

Local Memorandum of Understanding Chenango Bridge NY and those offices in the Bid cluster.

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Between the

United States Postal Service
Chenango Bridge, NY and those offices within its bid cluster
(Castle Creek and Chenango Forks)

and the

American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO
Central New York Area Local

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This Local Memorandum of Understanding for the Chenango Bridge, NY Bid Cluster is agreed to effective December 30, 2014.

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For the American Postal Workers Union:



Mike Landry, President

ARTICLE 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 UNION-MANAGEMENT COOPERATION

- A. This Local Memorandum may be amended with the mutual consent of the Postmaster, the Local President and the Labor Relations Representative.
- B. The President shall be consulted prior to permanent changes in employee staffing and scheduling.

1.2 CURTAILMENT OF OPERATIONS

- A. When the decision has been made to curtail or terminate postal operations. To the extent possible the employer will notify the APWU President or his designee of this determination. The APWU will provide the Installation head in writing the contact information and the name of the designee as soon as practicable.
- B. All reasonable means shall be used to notify affected employees of the curtailment of postal operations.
- C. In case of emergencies employees stranded at work shall be given every reasonable consideration by the employer as to needs and comforts.
- D. Procedures for emergency evacuation due to emergencies shall be conspicuously posted.

1.3 WASH-UP POLICY

All employees shall be allowed reasonable wash-up time in accordance with established practice and Article 8.9 of the National Agreement.

1.4 PARKING

All reasonable efforts will be made to initiate or maintain parking for all employees. All unassigned parking shall be on a first-come, first-served basis.

1.5 SECTIONS

The Clerk and Maintenance crafts shall each comprise a separate section for all purposes.

ARTICLE 2: ANNUAL LEAVE

2.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ANNUAL LEAVE

- A. Vacation rosters shall be broken into Monday through Sunday weeks and 3971's should be submitted at the time weeks are chosen.
- B. To the maximum extent possible, no employee shall be involuntarily scheduled to work on non-scheduled days which are adjacent to their scheduled vacation.
- C. Part-Time Flexibles / PSE employees shall not be required to use more annual leave for a choice vacation week that they would normally have worked in that week, but may, at their option, use up to forty hours of annual leave per vacation week.

2.2 CHOICE VACATIONS

- A. The choice vacation period shall be from the first full week in February through the last full week in November.
- B. The number of vacation slots available in each week shall be as follows but no less than one:
 - 1. During the choice period, the percentage shall be 20% of all regular positions assigned to the bid cluster plus the average PTF/PSE complement in seniority order.
 - 2. In applying the above percentages, product decimals shall be rounded to the nearest whole number and, there shall be at least one slot per week per section.
- C. Starting on January 1, employees shall, in order of seniority within the bid cluster, be allowed to select full weeks of vacation up to the number of weeks allowed under Article 10.3D of the National Agreement; employees may, at their option, make one continuous selection or two non-consecutive selections.
- D. Immediately following the first rotation, the vacation roster shall be rotated a second time and employees, by seniority, allowed to take up to two additional full weeks, subject to accrued or foreseeable leave balance.
- E. No employee shall hold up the vacation roster for more than two working days on either rotation except in those circumstances which warrant special consideration as mutually agreed by the Union and Management; Employees who lose their place in rotation shall be entitled to regain the roster when ready to make their selection, but shall not be entitled to bump junior employees who have made selections in the interim.
- F. On those weeks(s) in which as many craft employees as there are vacation slots are not scheduled off on leave, all requests for annual leave may be approved to the maximum extent possible.
- G. Employees who are called for court service during their scheduled vacation may, at their option, cancel that week and make another selection from the remaining available weeks.

2.3 INCIDENTAL REQUESTS *(DEFINED AS REQUESTS SUBMITTED OTHER THAN WITH THE CHOICE PERIOD REQUESTS)*

- A. An updated vacation schedule shall be conspicuously posted throughout the year.
- B. Incidental requests for annual leave shall be made on PS Form 3971, and, wherever feasible, be personally delivered to the employee's immediate Supervisor / Postmaster.
- C. Except in circumstances of extreme need, incidental requests for annual leave shall be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- D. On those day(s) in which as many craft employees as there are vacation slots are not scheduled off on leave, all requests for annual leave may be approved to the maximum extent possible.
- E. Incidental annual leave requests shall be approved or disapproved:
 - 1. by the employee's end tour, if requested for the following day;
 - 2. by the employee's next day end tour, if requested two or more days in advance;
- F. Disapproved 3971's shall be maintained showing the date and time submitted, and, should leave become available, it shall be granted in the order it was requested.

2.4 CANCELING CHOICE VACATIONS

- A. In those weeks in which all slots are filled, an employee shall not be allowed to work on any day of their choice vacation week.
- B. Employees who cancel a vacation selection shall provide written notice to their immediate supervisor at least ten calendar days prior to the start of such vacation.
- C. Vacation selections of employees who leave the installation shall be treated as canceled.

- D. The employer may cancel an employee's scheduled vacation due to insufficient annual leave by providing written notice to the employee at least ten calendar days prior to the start of the vacation; normally, insufficient annual leave shall be defined as the leave needed to cover the vacation week.
- E. All canceled choice vacation selections shall be re-canvassed, by seniority, to those employees who haven't had an opportunity to select them.

ARTICLE 3: SCHEDULING

3.1 REGULAR SCHEDULES

- A. There will be no regular schedules with rotating non-scheduled days off.

3.2 POSTING AND BIDDING

- A. All job postings shall be posted for a minimum of ten calendar days, unless canvassed; postings of awards shall be made within five business days of the close of posting.
- B. The Local President shall be provided with copies of all job postings and awards, including canvassing's and PTF/PSE conversions upon request.
- C. Wherever practicable, bidding within a unit shall be accomplished by canvassing eligible employees in order of seniority; canvassing shall consist of circulating a written description of the vacant position, with spaces for employees to sign indicating that they are accepting or declining the position.
- D. Successful bidders or applicants, including PTFs being converted to regular, shall be assigned or detailed to their new positions within 14 days following award; assignment may be delayed with the consent of the Steward or President.
- E. Bid positions shall be reposted if:
 - 1. the non-scheduled days are changed;
 - 2. the reporting time on any day is changed by more than one hour;
 - 3. the duties are changed by more than 50% in a Traditional position or any change in a Non-traditional position.
 - 4. measurement of all such changes shall be cumulative, based on the position as last awarded.

3.3 OVERTIME SCHEDULING

- A. The overtime desired lists shall be conspicuously posted, and a copy provided to the Steward or President upon request.
- B. Except in unforeseeable circumstances, employees shall be:
 - 1. Notified forty-eight hours in advance of working a non-scheduled day;
 - 2. Given an opportunity to notify their families, make calls for transportation, etc.

3.4 HOLIDAY SCHEDULING

Employees shall be scheduled for holidays, subject to necessary skills, in the following order:

- 1. Volunteers whose designated holiday it is, by seniority provided enough work for the daily guarantee;
- 2. Volunteer Part-time flexibles;
- 3. PSE's
- 4. Overtime desirees whose non-scheduled day it is, by rotation of the list;

ARTICLE 4: LIGHT DUTY

SECTION 4.1 LIGHT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

- A. For the purposes of this article, Light Duty shall be defined as those assignments provided to employees who are not able to perform the full normal duties due to non-OWCP-compensable injuries or illnesses. Light duty is provided in accordance with Article 13 of the National Agreement, and all requests for and denials of light duty shall be in writing.
- B. For the purposes of this article, Limited Duty shall be defined exactly as is Light Duty, except that due to OWCP-compensable injuries or illnesses.
- C. Except where operationally impossible, all light duty assignments shall attempt to maintain the employee's bid.
- D. All possible light duty work within an employee's craft shall be exhausted before work is assigned in another craft, and no employee from outside the APWU's bargaining units shall be assigned light duty to the detriment of an APWU bid position or scheduled hours.

SECTION 4.2 NOTIFICATION

- A. The names, assigned duties and craft designations of all employees on limited/light duty will be supplied to the union.
- B. All limited/light duty employees will be assigned duties within their own craft prior to assignments in any other craft.
- C. In no case shall a temporary/permanent light duty assignment be given to a non-APWU bargaining unit employee.

SECTION 4.3 IDENTIFYING ASSIGNMENTS

Light duty assignments should include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- A. Distribution of letters and flats;
- B. Miscellaneous clerical duties (such as postage due and business reply mail, handling and distributing accountable mail, box rental forms, second notices, individual verification of UBBM, letter repairs, answering phones, claims and inquiries, etc.);
- C. Delivering express and Mail delivery as outlined in the Delivery / Sales and Service position description;
- D. Custodial duties within the employee's limitations.