



Mr. Greg Bell
Director, Industrial Relations
American Postal Workers Union,
AFL-CIO
1300 L Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005-4128

Re: H7T-5F-C 19685
E87T-1E-C 90020523
Las Vegas, NV 89199-9998

Dear Mr. Bell:

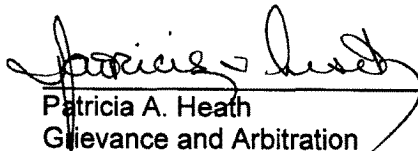
On May 3, 2001 and on several occasions thereafter, we met in pre-arbitration discussion of the above-captioned case, currently pending national-level arbitration.

The issue in this case is whether supervisors are performing bargaining unit work in violation of Article 1, Section 6.

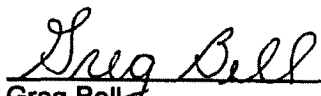
Because of the similarity of issues, the parties agree to hold this case in abeyance pending the outcome of Case No. Q94C-4Q-C 98117564, which is being heard by Arbitrator Snow. As soon as an arbitration decision is received in that case, the parties will meet to attempt to apply that decision to this case. If the parties are unable to reach agreement on how to do so, this case will be promptly scheduled in front of Arbitrator Snow.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as your acknowledgment of your agreement to hold this case, therefore removing it from the pending national arbitration listing.

Sincerely,



Patricia A. Heath
Grievance and Arbitration
Labor Relations



Greg Bell
Director, Industrial Relations
American Postal Workers Union,
AFL-CIO
Date 5/14/02

Attachment