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Dear Bill:

This is to inform you of the Postal Service's decision to consolidate all originating mail processing operations at the following Eastern Area location:

- New Castle, Pennsylvania Processing and Distribution Facility (P&DF) into Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC)

After review, it was decided that this consolidation was in the best interest of the Postal Service. Implementation of this AMP is expected to be completed by March 2010. A copy of the completed study is unavailable at this time, but will be forthcoming as soon as available.

The Postal Service must continually look to improve productivity and increase efficiency while maintaining excellent service. The decline in mail volume and revenues due to the economic downturn has only heightened the need for such improvements. This consolidation will allow us to accomplish this goal by making better use of excess space, staffing, and equipment, and to process mail more efficiently.

It is projected that this consolidation will result in significant savings for the Postal Service. Some affected career employees may be reassigned to the gaining facility or to other vacant positions. Reassignments will be made in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Ron Scott at (202) 268-7512.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Dockins".

John W. Dockins
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