



March 26, 2020

Mr. Brian J. Wagner
President
National Association of Postal Supervisors
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Dear Brian:

After carefully considering the relevant factors under Article 32 of the National Agreement, the Postal Service has made the decision to contract with a third-party to upgrade Low Cost Tray Sorters (LCTS) in 33 postal facilities.

Over the course of the last 20 years, over 200 LCTS machines have been deployed at various facilities across the Postal Service. The earlier LCTS machines are now reaching end-of-life and one of the original suppliers that provided machines with proprietary process control systems has gone out-of-business. These machines have antiquated control technology and are incapable of being migrated to current computer platforms utilized across the postal network. The machine upgrades will include removal of out-of-date and non-supportable pneumatic tray pushers and replacement with electric tray pushers and upgrading the existing computer and process control system with associated system software, sortation programs, and graphic packages.

No significant impact to the bargaining unit is anticipated.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this program, please contact me in my office at (202) 268-2357.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David E. Mills".

David E. Mills
HQ Labor Relations