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APBS 1 IN LIMBO – GRIEVANCES BEING DISCUSSED

On Tuesday, July 17th, Vice-President Bob Kovalik and Clerk Craft Director Bill Schweiker attended a follow-up meeting regarding the fate of APBS-1 at the NDC. Just like in the previous meeting, representatives from MHU Local 308 were also in attendance. Management was represented by Acting Plant Manager Joe Buzzell and Manager, In-Plant Support Frank Pierantozzi. At this point local management still seems to be in the dark regarding the ultimate fate of this machine. We are in the process of working the mail without use of APBS-1 while USPS officials determine what to do next. Our local managers are indicating that they are in the same boat as we are as far as not knowing what will happen with the machine. Time will tell if this is an accurate portrayal.

In the meantime, APWU is considering instituting local grievances over the issue of APBS-1 bidded employees again being worked outside of their bid area without a specific plan to move the bids or take other action within the confines of the contract. We feel strongly that the people with bids in this area have already been inconvenienced enough and bounced around enough based on management's haphazard, plan-as-you-go, tactics at the NDC. We all understand that change is a part of the job. We have seen enough of it in the last 30 years. However, change without any plan is a relatively new phenomenon that we are not going to sit by and accept without pushback. Further updates will be provided as we continue to discern what may be the ultimate plan of the USPS on this issue. **Members** with questions and/or concerns should feel free to contact any steward or officer of the local.

In Solidarity,

Chuck Camp President