# STEP 2 GRIEVANCE APPEAL FORM 



Pursuant to Article 15 of the National Agreement we hereby appeal to Step 2 the following Grievance alleging a Violation of (but not limited to) the following: NATIONAL, (Art./Sec.)
LOCAL MEMO (ART/SEC) OTHER MANUALS, POLICIES, L/M MINUTES, ETC.
Step 4 Settlement Agreement : Q10C-4Q-C 16130532 dated: 08/24/2019 , USPS -APWU JCIM May 2017 Article 14 , section 1 ELM section 891

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FACTS/CONTENTIONS OF THE GRIEVANT
On 08/24/2016 both parties signed a Step 4 Settlement Agreement Number : Q10C-4Q-C 16130532 - APWU \#HQTG20160085 .
Re: DBCS Staffing." The primary issue in this dispute is whether the current Delivery Bar Code Sorter System (DBCS) normal staffing of two (2) clerks per machine should be a minimum requirement to address certain safety and ergonomic issues as identified by the APWU. The parties are in agreement that pursuant to Article 14 , section 1 " It is the responsibility of management to provide safe working conditions in all present and future installations and to develop a safe working force." " In accordance with the Employee and Labor Relations Manual (ELM), section 891 Authority ," The Postal Service complies with applicable federal laws, regulations, and OSHA guidance materials regarding ergonomics."
" The parties further agree that the 2012 JCIM , Article 37,page 76 , OCR-BCS-DBCS STAFFING Questions and Answers, address the only exceptions to the normal staffing of two (2) Mail Processing Clerks on the DBCS at all times. "
" The exceptions described in the JCIM Q \& A's, must not be considered an alternative to the scheduling of 2 Mail Processing Clerks on the DBCS. " " During the periods described in the JCIM Q \& A's , the parties further agree the second Mail Processing Clerk may perform allied duties as assigned in the OCR-BCS-DBCS area."

Union contends on Monday night for Tuesday 09/24/2019 grievant worked alone on DBCS \# 18 from 21.50 to 05.00 performing all tasks needed to DPS Indio 92203.
Which included loading, feeding \& sweeping around 36,000 pieces of mail alone on 1 st pass \& loading ,feeding \& sweeping around 36,000 pieces of mail alone on 2nd pass alone.
"Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) received over 170 complaints regarding the United States Postal Service (USPS) Delivery Bar Code Sorter (DBCS) operations at Processing and Distribution Centers (P\&DCs) nationwide. These complaints alleged that injuries occurred due to worker exposure to ergonomic stressors associated with the operations of the DBCS. Inspections were conducted in regard to recordkeeping and ergonomic issues \& resulted in OSHA's comprehensive technical report "Ergonomic Evaluation of the Delivery Bar Code Sorter ". The
comprehensive findings from the ergonomic inspections across the country indicate that the DBCS mail processing system directly affects worker physical health. The ergonomic evaluation of the DBCS Feeder and Sweeper tasks identified generally consistent risk factors at most inspected sites."
Both parties agreed to extend Step 1 decision until October 22, 2019.
List of attached papers as identified
Step1_California Area Local_SBPDC19-256-EC.pdf
Step2_California Area Local_SBPDC19-256-EC.pdf

## CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUESTED

Make the grievant whole by compensating the grievant the differential between her normal hourly rate and the applicable overtime rate for the hours the grievant operated DBCS \#18 unassisted on Monday night for Tuesday 09/24/2019.
Cease and desist staffing the DBCS machines with only one clerk according to Step 4 National Agreement Number :Q10C-4Q-C 16130532-APWU \#HQTG20160085 -DBCS STAFFING signed on 08/24/2016.

| Eric Chavez | Tour 1 Rep. | $10 / 24 / 2019$ |
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