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Dear John:

On February 22, the Postal Service informed the unions and management organizations of the decisions made regarding feasibility studies conducted at 252 mail processing sites. The following day, February 23, you were provided a detailed list of the sites identifying those approved for implementation, those that were disapproved, and those placed on hold.

You were informed in the February 22 notice that the implementation of operational consolidations was contingent upon the outcome of the pending rulemaking under which proposed revisions to existing delivery service standard regulations were being considered. In addition, in December 2011, the Postal Service voluntarily imposed a moratorium on closing or consolidating post offices and mail processing facilities prior to May 15, 2012.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the modified network consolidation plan for implementation of the decisions announced on February 22. Now that the moratorium has expired, consolidation activities will begin this summer. Following a break from September through December, for election and holiday mail seasons, the first phase will resume in January 2013. A second phase will then continue and be completed by the end of 2014.

A new, interim regulation to modify existing Service Standard for overnight delivery will be introduced. Final Rule will soon be published in the Federal Register that will shrink the geographic reach of overnight service to local areas. This new interim Service Standard will enable consolidating activity in 2013, and will be replaced with a permanent Service Standard for overnight delivery in 2014.

Enclosed are copies of employee stand up talks which will begin at the end of Tour 3 today. A listing of the sites and implementation schedule will be provided to you tomorrow, May 17, in advance of the public release.

It is projected that these consolidations will result in significant savings for the Postal Service. Some affected career employees may be reassigned 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 Rickey Dean at extension

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick M. Devine".

For
Patrick M. Devine
Manager
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Enclosure