

Clerk Excessing Update

The USPS is currently planning on reducing the number of postal jobs in installations across the nation and the Milwaukee Area is no exception. The union contract does not allow layoffs of career employees so instead of being laid off, junior career clerks (not including those in best qualified positions) within their installation could be excessed to other installations or crafts within a 50 mile radius. If this occurs, the excessed Clerk(s) would have the right to come back to their original installation and craft (retreat rights) when a vacancy occurs-no matter how long it takes.

This impact also affects PSE Clerks in that management must reduce PSE hours and separate as many PSE's as possible in an installation when there is an excessing of Career Clerks in that installation. Therefore, some PSE's could be laid off with the right under the contract to be called back within a year if necessary.

The APWU Milwaukee Area Local has met with management on this issue and will continue meeting with them in attempting to stop and/or reduce the planned reductions.

If any member has any questions please contact a Steward or the Union Hall at 414 273-7838.