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July 8, 2011

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Omar M. Gonzalez, Coordinator

Dear Mr. Gonzalez,

This is to inform you of the U.S. Postal Service's decision to consolidate originating mail processing operations at the Helena, MT, Customer Service Mail Processing Center with those of the Great Falls, MT, Customer Service Mail Processing Facility.

We advised you on March 18 of our intent to conduct a feasibility study. After review, we have decided this consolidation is in the best interest of the U.S. Postal Service and will result in significant savings.

Because of the drastic decline in mail volume, the Postal Service is in a fiscal crisis and must take action to reduce the size of its mail processing network. Consolidating operations such as this is necessary if the Postal Service is to remain viable to provide mail service to the nation.

We expect this transition to be completed by January, 2012. As part of this consolidation, we may have to reassign some career employees to other vacant positions, in accordance with applicable collective bargaining agreements.

If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Scott Sutton at 303-313-5449.

Sincerely,

For Chris A. Jordan
Manager, Labor Relations
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cc: Area Vice President
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