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26th January 2024

For the Immediate Attention of All:

Divisional Representatives
Area Distribution Representatives
LGV Representatives

Dear Colleagues,

JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN RM NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION AND THE CWU ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE 2024 NATIONAL NETWORK (LINEHAUL) REVISION

Branches and Representatives are informed that in line with the commitments contained in the Business Recovery, Transformation and Growth (BRT&G) agreement, discussions have been taking place with the business in relation to progressing arrangements for the 2024 National Network (Linehaul) Revision activity.

Branches will be aware that activity this year is required to align with the scheduled Network Window changes and flight removals in June 2024. As such, both parties have concluded an agreed Joint Statement to enable the early commencement of the “Data Gathering” activity in line with the tried and tested process.

Building on the processes developed in previous reviews, this year’s discussions have retained aspects of the data gathering process to recognise the increasing fluctuations in workload by modelling across an agreed week, rather than a single day as was previously the case. While at the request of Royal Mail the document has been restructured with the process now appearing in an annex, effectively all aspects of the process will mirror previously agreed arrangements. Attached for information is a Joint Statement covering the details and process for the deployment of this year’s review, which has been endorsed by the Postal Executive.

As with the previous Network Review Joint Statements, the process fully recognises the role of the CWU at all levels and all activity will be overseen by the Network Working Group.

Colleagues will note that the Stage 1 Data Gathering will commence on 29th January 2024 and representatives are therefore requested to engage with management accordingly in relation to the activity and release arrangements.

Discussions on a similar Joint Statement to guide PAD Revision activity are at an advanced stage and the department would hope to be in a position to update on this issue in the coming days.

Any enquiries in relation to this LTB should be addressed to Davie Robertson, Assistant Secretary, email: shayman@cwu.org quoting reference: 233.17.

Yours sincerely,

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