

To facilitate compliance to the Step B decisions concerning PS Form 3189 requests to omit lunch periods, the parties agree that carriers must submit such Forms 3189 to a location designated by management no later than 1 hour after that day's begin tour. Forms 3189 must be signed as 'agreed to' by stewards or designees as appointed by the NALC Branch 56 President before they are approved by management. There will be no shopping for signatures: the union will supply management with a list of stewards and/or designees in a ranked order of who is authorized to sign Forms 3189. The highest ranking steward/designee working on the clock on the day PS 3189's are submitted will be the only one authorized by the union to agree to and sign such requests that day. The steward/designee will be allowed to verify PS3189's with the requesting carriers before any carrier leaves the office.

Management will notify carriers with properly submitted Forms 3189 to omit lunch periods of approval of the 'no lunch' before the requesting carriers leave for the street. Carriers may not assume any such Forms 3189 are approved unless notified by management as outlined here. Carriers who submit properly approved Forms 3189 to omit lunch will reserve the right to forego the requested 'no lunch' change of schedule. In addition, carriers who use .09 or more hours of leave may notate an omission of lunch on a PS3971 and are not required to submit a PS 3189 to omit lunch.