

Letter to Branches

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TO: ALL BRANCHES WITH POSTAL MEMBERS

Dear Colleague

National Industrial Action Ballot

Despite the explicit commitments Royal Mail made in 2007- that it was not the end of the negotiating process on modernisation and that they would introduce future change by agreement - it is clear that Royal Mail has no genuine desire to reach acceptable agreements with the Union. Instead, the company continues to impose change by diktat, intimidation and bullying.

Therefore, in pursuance of Annual Conference Policies and the urgent need to achieve National Agreements to cover all aspects of Major Change, the Postal Executive has had no alternative other than to set a timetable for a National Industrial Action Ballot.

The timetable for the Ballot is as follows:-

- **Notice Served to the employer on the 2nd September 2009**
- **Ballot Papers dispatched on the 9th September 2009**
- **Ballot closes on the 23rd September 2009**

Communications to members are being prepared and over the next few weeks the Union will be setting out, in detail, all the reasons why we must achieve a YES vote. In the meantime, Branches should step up their local campaigns and plan membership meetings as appropriate.

Yours sincerely



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