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TO: ALL BRANCHES

Dear Colleague

REDESIGN – DEFERMENT OF NATIONAL/ REGIONAL ELECTIONS - 2019

Branches will be aware that LTB 055/18 advised that the NEC had taken the decision to defer the elections of the following CWU Assistant Secretaries which were scheduled to take place in 2018:

- Assistant Secretary - Health, Safety & Environment
- Assistant Secretary - Equal Opportunities
- Assistant Secretary - T&FS (1)
- Assistant Secretary - T&FS (2)

This decision was taken by the NEC due to the ongoing work which is taking place in the CWU in relation to the Redesign Project.

Work on the Redesign Project has continued throughout the year culminating in the CWU Special Conference on Redesign held on 3rd and 4th November 2018 at which a number of significant policy decisions were taken which will now need to be enacted upon.

Additionally a number of these decisions, such as the agreed changes to our National and Regional structures will require the NEC to place revised rules before a conference of the Union for endorsement. This will take place at the CWU Special Rules Revision Conference that has been convened on 29th April 2019.

Accordingly with the above in mind, in addition to the continued deferment of the above elections, the NEC has taken the decision to defer the election of the NEC and Industrial Executive Committees (scheduled to be concluded by April 2019), CWU Assistant Secretary Legal Services, TFS Assistant Secretary (3) (both of which were scheduled to be concluded by May 2019) until June 2019 so that the relevant rule changes can be made.

Further the NEC has also taken the decision to defer the election of the CWU Regional Secretaries until this date for the same reasons.

Once the outcome of the decisions that are agreed at the 2019 Special Rules Revision have been considered by the NEC then arrangements will be put in place to agree and publish a timetable, regulations, etc. for the deferred elections. This will be as soon as is reasonably practical so that the elections can commence in June 2019.

Any enquiries should be addressed to the General Secretary's office at gsoffice@cwu.org.

Yours sincerely



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