Reassignment to New Route Makes Mail Delivery Vehicle Work Refusal Moot



A postal delivery worker initiated a work refusal claiming that the right-hand drive vehicle he had to operate was unsafe, especially in snow and ice. After a finding of no danger, the worker appealed. In the interim, the route necessitating use of the allegedly dangerous vehicle was broken up and the worker was reassigned to a route for which he could use his personal vehicle. So the Tribunal said that it would be pointless to decide if the refusal was justified since the issue was now moot [Tretiak v. Canada Post Corporation, 2017 OHSTC 19 (CanLII), Sept. 6, 2017].