

STATE OF WASHINGTON
BEFORE THE MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

INLANDBOATMEN'S UNION
OF THE PACIFIC,

Grievant,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION, FERRIES
DIVISION,

Respondent.

MEC CASE NO. 2-11

DECISION NO. 599 - MEC

ORDER CLOSING
WITHDRAWN GRIEVANCE

Schwerin, Campbell, Barnard, Iglitzin and Lavitt, by *Robert Lavitt*, Attorney, appearing for the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific.

Robert McKenna, Attorney General, by *David Slown*, Assistant Attorney General, appearing for Washington State Department of Transportation, Ferries Division.

THIS MATTER came before the Marine Employees' Commission (MEC) on September 14, 2010, when the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific (IBU) filed a request for grievance arbitration, docketed as MEC Case 2-11. The IBU's grievance alleged that Washington State Ferries (WSF) violated Appendix A, Rule 5.02 of the IBU/WSF Collective Bargaining Agreement by reducing the number of OS Relief positions from nine to six at the end of FY 2010.

Commissioner Patricia Warren was assigned to serve as Mediator at the settlement conference scheduled on November 30, 2010. Chairman John Swanson was designated to act as Arbitrator and a hearing scheduled for January 12, 2011. The parties participated in the settlement conference on November 30, but were unable to resolve the issue.

By letter on January 6, 2011, IBU Counsel Robert Lavitt withdrew the grievance request.

ORDER

It is hereby ordered that the request for grievance arbitration, filed by the IBU and docketed as MEC Case No. 2-11, is closed in acknowledgement of the IBU's withdrawal.

DATED this 19th day of January 2011.

MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

/s/ JOHN SWANSON, Chairman

/s/ JOHN COX, Commissioner