

STATE OF WASHINGTON
BEFORE THE MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

In re the Petition of OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 8, for Clarification of the WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FERRIES DIVISION'S Facility Coordinator 2 Position.

MEC CASE NO. 4-09

DECISION NO. 569 - MEC

ORDER CLOSING
RESOLVED PETITION
FOR UNIT CLARIFICATION

Shannon Halme, Union Representative, appearing for the Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 8 (OPEIU).

Robert McKenna, Attorney General, by *Don Anderson*, Assistant Attorney General, appearing for Washington State Department of Transportation, Ferries Division (WSF).

Gladys Burbank, Representative, appearing for the Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE).

THIS MATTER came on regularly before the Marine Employees' Commission (MEC) on September 17, 2008, when Shannon Halme, representative for Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 8, filed a Petition for Unit Clarification, docketed as MEC Case No. 4-09.

OPEIU's Petition requested clarification of a recently established Facility Services Coordinator 2 position at WSF. That position was filled as a non-OPEIU bargaining unit classification; however, OPEIU maintained that the duties of the position have historically been with the OPEIU Local 8 bargaining unit in the Inventory Agent and Purchasing Agent position.

The MEC scheduled a hearing for February 19, 2009, to be conducted by Commissioner Patricia Warren. At OPEIU's request, the hearing was converted to a settlement conference; Commissioner Warren was reassigned to serve as Mediator. Following the February 19 settlement conference, the MEC informed the Washington Federation of State Employees of OPEIU's filed Petition. Information from the conference indicated that WFSE might have an interest in the Facility Services Coordinator 2 position.

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A second settlement conference was scheduled for June 30, 2009 to include Gladys Burbank as WFSE's representative. That conference was later postponed due to OPEIU Representative Shannon Halme being out on extended medical leave.

By letter on October 1, 2009 Shannon Halme, OPEIU, notified the MEC that this matter has been resolved. OPEIU withdrew its petition.

ORDER

It is hereby ordered that the unit clarification petition, filed by the OPEIU and docketed as MEC Case No. 4-09, is closed in acknowledgment of the parties' agreement.

DATED this 29th day of October 2009.

MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

/s/ JOHN SWANSON, Chairman

/s/ PATRICIA WARREN, Commissioner

/s/ JOHN COX, Commissioner