

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
BEFORE THE MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES )	
INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 8, )	MEC Case No.15-00
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Complainant, )	DECISION NO. 244 – MEC
v. )	
)	
WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES, )	ORDER DISMISSING
Respondent. )	ADJUSTED COMPLAINT
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Ron Weigelt, Union Representative, appearing for and on behalf of Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 8.

Christine Gregoire, Attorney General, by David Slown, Assistant Attorney General, for and on behalf of Washington State Ferries.

THIS MATTER came on regularly before the Marine Employees' Commission (MEC) on July 5, 2000, when Ron Weigelt, Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 8 (OPEIU), filed an unfair labor practice complaint against the Washington State Ferries (WSF). OPEIU's complaint charged WSF with engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of RCW 47.64.130(1) by refusing to bargain collectively with representatives of employees.

Specifically, OPEIU charged that WSF failed to provide information OPEIU requested regarding the erosion of duties and responsibilities concerning one of OPEIU's positions. OPEIU alleged that WSF failed to bargain over the position, as agreed and requested, failed to provide the union with requested information, and implemented the change in a unilateral manner.

The complaint was forwarded to MEC Commissioners for initial review. The Commission reviewed the complaint and determined that the facts alleged may constitute unfair labor practices, if later found to be true and provable.

Settlement conferences were held on August 23 and September 27, 2000. Commissioner John P. Sullivan assisted the parties in attempting to resolve this matter along with MEC Case No. 14-00 and 16-00. At the close of settlement discussions on September 27, 2000, Ron Weigelt, OPEIU, withdrew MEC Case No. 15-00. MEC received OPEIU's written withdrawal of the complaint on September 28, 2000.

ORDER

It is hereby ordered that the unfair labor practice complaint filed by OPEIU against WSF and docketed as MEC Case No. 15-00, be dismissed.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October 2000.

MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

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JOHN D. NELSON, Chairman

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JOHN P. SULLIVAN, Commissioner