

STATE OF WASHINGTON
BEFORE THE MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

INLANDBOATMEN'S UNION
OF THE PACIFIC on behalf of
BLYTHE MCGEISEY,

Grievant,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES,

Respondent.

MEC CASE NO. 24-05

DECISION NO. 449 - MEC

ORDER CLOSING GRIEVANCE

Jay Ubelhart, Business Agent, appearing for the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific and Blythe McGeisey.

Rob McKenna, Attorney General, by *David Slown*, Assistant Attorney General, appearing for Washington State Ferries.

THIS MATTER came on regularly before the Marine Employees' Commission (MEC) on October 29, 2004, when the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific (IBU) filed a request for grievance arbitration. The IBU's grievance alleged that on October 15, 2004, Washington State Ferries (WSF) terminated Blythe McGeisey without just cause.

The request for grievance arbitration was docketed as MEC Case No. 24-05. Chairman John Swanson was assigned to serve as Mediator at the settlement conference scheduled on November 19, 2004. Commissioner John Sullivan was designated to act as Arbitrator for the hearing scheduled on February 23, 2005.

The parties made some progress toward resolving the matter during the November 19 settlement conference and planned to continue their efforts. The February 23 hearing date was cancelled due to MEC's budget shortfall, with the intent to reschedule after July 1, 2005 if the matter remained unresolved.

By letter on June 6, 2005, Dennis Conklin, IBU Regional Director, withdrew the grievance.

ORDER

It is hereby ordered that the request for grievance arbitration, filed by the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific and docketed as MEC Case No. 24-05, be closed in acknowledgement of IBU's withdrawal.

DATED this 24th day of June 2005.

MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

/s/ JOHN SWANSON, Chairman

/s/ JOHN SULLIVAN, Commissioner

/s/ ELIZABETH FORD, Commissioner