

STATE OF WASHINGTON
BEFORE THE MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL
EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL
UNION, LOCAL 8 on behalf of
JUDY MARTIN,

Grievant,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES,

Respondent.

MEC CASE NO. 27-06

DECISION NO. 498 - MEC

ORDER CLOSING
WITHDRAWN GRIEVANCE
MEDIATION

Shannon Halme, Union Representative, appearing for Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 8.

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 June 12, 2006, when the Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 8 (OPEIU) filed a request for grievance mediation over Washington State Ferries' alleged termination of Judy Martin without just cause.

The request for grievance mediation was docketed as MEC Case No. 27-06. Chairman John Swanson was initially assigned to act as Mediator at a settlement conference scheduled for October 12, 2006. On August 15, OPEIU requested and was granted a postponement of the settlement conference to later in the year. Commissioner John Sullivan was substituted as Mediator and the settlement conference rescheduled for November 8. Commissioner Sullivan later discovered he had a conflict with that date. The settlement conference was continued to November 16.

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On November 15, 2006, Union Representative Shannon Halme advised the MEC that OPEIU was withdrawing the Judy Martin grievance mediation request. The grievant had not responded to OPEIU's numerous requests to meet and the union believes she is no longer in the area.

ORDER

It is hereby ordered that the request for grievance mediation, filed by the Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 8, and docketed as MEC Case No. 27-06, is closed in acknowledgment of OPEIU Local 8's withdrawal of the matter.

DATED this 8th day of December 2006.

MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

/s/ JOHN SWANSON, Chairman

/s/ JOHN SULLIVAN, Commissioner

/s/ ELIZABETH FORD, Commissioner