

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
BEFORE THE MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

INLANDBOATMEN'S UNION  
OF THE PACIFIC on behalf of  
BARRY PORTER,

Grievant,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES,

Respondent.

MEC CASE NO. 3-07

DECISION NO. 501 - MEC

ORDER CLOSING  
WITHDRAWN GRIEVANCE

*Margaret Pelland*, Business Agent, appearing for the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific and Barry Porter.

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 2, 2006 when the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific (IBU) filed a request for grievance arbitration, MEC Case 3-07, on behalf of Barry Porter. The IBU alleged that Washington State Ferries (WSF) terminated Mr. Porter without just cause.

Chairman John Swanson was assigned to serve as Mediator for the settlement conference scheduled on October 19, 2006. Commissioner Elizabeth Ford was designated to act as Arbitrator and a hearing scheduled for January 12, 2007.

The parties were unable to resolve the matter during the October 19 settlement conference. By letter on January 9, 2007, IBU Business Agent Margaret Pelland withdrew the request for grievance arbitration.

## **ORDER**

It is hereby ordered that the request for grievance arbitration, filed by the IBU and docketed as MEC Case No. 3-07, is closed in acknowledgement of the union's withdrawal.

DATED this 9th day of February 2007.

MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

/s/ JOHN SWANSON, Chairman

/s/ JOHN SULLIVAN, Commissioner

/s/ ELIZABETH FORD, Commissioner