

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
BEFORE THE MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

INLANDBOATMEN'S UNION  
OF THE PACIFIC on behalf of  
RUBEN RODRIGUEZ,

Grievant,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES,

Respondent.

MEC CASE NO. 6-07

DECISION NO. 504 - MEC

ORDER CLOSING  
SETTLED GRIEVANCE

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

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 23, 2006 when the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific (IBU) filed a request for grievance arbitration, docketed as MEC Case No. 6-07. The IBU's grievance alleged that Washington State Ferries (WSF) denied Ruben Rodriguez compensation (along with the other negotiating team members) for a cancelled negotiation session.

Commissioner Elizabeth Ford was assigned to act as Mediator for the settlement conference scheduled on January 19, 2007. Initially, Commissioner John Sullivan was designated to act as Arbitrator and a hearing scheduled for February 20, 2007. When a schedule conflict later arose for Commissioner Sullivan, Chairman John Swanson was substituted as Arbitrator.

The IBU and WSF were unable to resolve the issue during the January 19, 2007 settlement conference; however, on February 16, IBU Counsel Natalie Teague notified the MEC

that the parties had settled the matter. On March 13, 2007 the MEC received a copy of the signed settlement agreement, which constitutes withdrawal of the grievance. That agreement is appended to and becomes a part of this Order by reference.

**ORDER**

It is hereby ordered that the request for grievance arbitration, filed by the IBU and docketed as MEC Case No. 6-07, is closed in acknowledgement of the parties' settlement agreement.

DATED this 23rd day of March 2007.

MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

/s/ JOHN SWANSON, Chairman

/s/ JOHN SULLIVAN, Commissioner

/s/ ELIZABETH FORD, Commissioner

