

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
BEFORE THE MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

INLANDBOATMEN'S UNION  
OF THE PACIFIC,

Grievant,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION, FERRIES  
DIVISION,

Respondent.

MEC CASE NO. 6-09

DECISION NO. 565 - MEC

ORDER CLOSING  
WITHDRAWN GRIEVANCE

Schwerin, Campbell, Barnard, Iglitzin and Lavitt, by *Robert Lavitt*, Attorney, appearing for the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific (IBU).

Robert McKenna, Attorney General, by *Don Anderson*, Assistant Attorney General, appearing for Washington State Department of Transportation, Ferries Division (WSF).

THIS MATTER came on regularly before the Marine Employees' Commission (MEC) on December 17, 2008, when the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific filed a request for grievance arbitration, docketed as MEC Case 6-09. The IBU's grievance alleged that WSF hired several terminal employees for summer 2008 without complying with provisions of Appendix D of the IBU/WSF Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Initially, Commissioner Patricia Warren was assigned to serve as Mediator at the settlement conference scheduled on March 19, 2009. Chairman John Swanson was designated to act as Arbitrator and a hearing scheduled for April 22, 2009.

The March 19, 2009 conference was cancelled when IBU Business Agent Jay Ubelhart was called away on urgent Union business. Later it was rescheduled for May 5; Chairman

Swanson was reassigned as Mediator. The April 22 hearing was cancelled to accommodate rescheduling the settlement conference. The hearing was continued to July 14.

The parties participated in a settlement conference on May 5, 2009. They did not resolve the issue, but continued discussions thereafter. By letter on July 1, IBU Business Agent Jay Ubelhart withdrew the grievance request.

### **ORDER**

It is hereby ordered that the request for grievance arbitration, filed by the IBU and docketed as MEC Case No. 6-09, is closed in acknowledgement of the IBU's withdrawal.

DATED this 24th day of July 2009.

MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

/s/ JOHN SWANSON, Chairman

/s/ PATRICIA WARREN, Commissioner

/s/ JOHN COX, Commissioner