

STATE OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE THE MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

DISTRICT NO. 1 MARINE ENGINEERS)	MEC Case No. 6-98
BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION on behalf)	
of RODGER SHELDON,)	
)	
Grievant, ,)	DECISION NO. 206 – MEC
)	
v.)	
)	ORDER OF DISMISSAL
WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

~~Elizabeth Ford~~, attorney at law, appearing for and on behalf of District No. 1 Marine Engineers Beneficial Association.

Christine Gregoire, Attorney General, by ~~David Slown~~, Assistant Attorney General, for and on behalf of Washington State Ferries.

THIS MATTER came on regularly before the Marine Employees' Commission (MEC) on June 18, 1998, when District No. 1 Marine Engineers Beneficial Association (MEBA) filed a request for grievance arbitration on behalf of Rodger Sheldon. In its grievance arbitration request, MEBA asserted that Mr. Sheldon had been suspended for 80 hours, without cause, under the collective bargaining agreement, for events which occurred on or about October 11, 1997 on the MV KITTITAS.

MEBA certified that the grievance procedures in the MEBA/WSF collective bargaining agreement had been utilized and exhausted. In addition, the union certified that the arbitrator's decision shall not change or amend the terms, conditions or application of said collective bargaining agreement and that the arbitrator's award shall be final and binding.

The request for grievance arbitration was docketed as MEC Case No. 6-98 and assigned to Chairman Henry L. Chiles, Jr., to act as arbitrator.

A settlement conference was scheduled for September 16, 1998 and later continued to October 29, 1998. The prehearing conference was scheduled for November 12, 1998 and a hearing for November 18, 1998. MEC Director, Janis Lien, conducted the settlement conference on October 29; however the parties did not resolve the matter. The parties met for the prehearing conference on November 12 and reached a mutually agreeable settlement of the dispute.

By letter dated November 17, 1998, MEBA counsel withdrew MEC Case No. 6-98.

ORDER

It is hereby ordered that the request for grievance arbitration, filed by MEBA on behalf of Rodger Sheldon and docketed as MEC Case No. 6-98, be dismissed.

DATED this _____ day of November 1998.

MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

HENRY L. CHILES, JR., Chairman

JOHN P. SULLIVAN, Commissioner