

STATE OF WASHINGTON
BEFORE THE MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

DISTRICT NO. 1, MARINE
ENGINEERS' BENEFICIAL
ASSOCIATION on behalf of
AARON STREITBERGER,

Grievant,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES,

Respondent.

MEC CASE NO. 64-04

DECISION NO. 456 - MEC

ORDER CLOSING
WITHDRAWN GRIEVANCE

Reid, Pedersen, McCarthy and Ballew, by *Thomas Leahy*, Attorney, appearing for District No. 1, Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association and Aaron Streitberger.

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 7, 2004 when District No. 1, Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association (MEBA) filed a request for grievance arbitration on behalf of Aaron Streitberger. MEBA's grievance alleged that WSF unjustly terminated Mr. Streitberger.

The request for grievance arbitration was docketed as MEC Case No. 64-04. Commissioner John Sullivan was assigned to serve as Mediator; a settlement conference was scheduled for August 31, 2004. Chairman John Swanson was designated to act as Arbitrator. A hearing was scheduled for September 27, 2004, but later continued to January 6, 2005.

At MEBA's request, the settlement conference was continued to October 27, 2004. The parties were unable to resolve the matter on that date. The January 6 hearing was cancelled due to

MEC's budget shortfall. A second settlement conference was scheduled for August 10, 2005 and the hearing continued to September 9.

On August 9, 2005 MEBA Counsel Thomas Leahy requested the August 10 settlement be cancelled. MEBA Representative Mario Micomonaco was not available and the union needed time to reevaluate the case. The MEC cancelled the settlement conference.

By letter on August 12, Counsel Thomas Leahy notified the MEC that MEBA withdraws its request for grievance arbitration "without prejudice or precedent."

ORDER

It is hereby ordered that the request for grievance arbitration, filed by District No. 1, Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association and docketed as MEC Case No. 64-04, be closed in acknowledgement of MEBA's withdrawal.

DATED this 26th day of August 2005.

MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

/s/ JOHN SWANSON, Chairman

/s/ JOHN SULLIVAN, Commissioner

/s/ ELIZABETH FORD, Commissioner