

STATE OF WASHINGTON
BEFORE THE MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

INLANDBOATMEN'S UNION
OF THE PACIFIC on behalf of
BRANDANNA DEBLASIO,

Grievant,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION, FERRIES
DIVISION,

Respondent.

MEC CASE NO. 7-11

DECISION NO. 602 - MEC

ORDER CLOSING
WITHDRAWN GRIEVANCE

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

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

THIS MATTER came before the Marine Employees' Commission (MEC) on December 16, 2010, when the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific (IBU) filed a request for grievance arbitration, docketed as MEC Case 7-11. The IBU's grievance alleged that Washington State Ferries (WSF) terminated Brandanna DeBlasio for multiple violations of the WSF Code of Conduct without going through all of the appropriate progressive discipline steps.

Chairman John Swanson was assigned to serve as Mediator at the settlement conference scheduled for February 22, 2011. Commissioner John Cox was designated to act as Arbitrator and a hearing scheduled for April 6, 2011. The parties participated in the settlement conference on February 22, but did not resolve the issue.

By letter on March 31, 2011, 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. 7-11, is closed in acknowledgement of the IBU's withdrawal.

DATED this 13th day of April 2011.

MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

/s/ JOHN SWANSON, Chairman

/s/ JOHN COX, Commissioner