

STATE OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 117,)	
)	
Complainant,)	CASE 20327-U-06-5178
)	DECISION 9852 - PSRA
vs.)	
)	CASE 20328-U-06-5179
WASHINGTON STATE - CORRECTIONS,)	DECISION 9853 - PSRA
)	
Respondent.)	ORDER OF DISMISSAL
_____)	

On April 7, 2006, Teamsters, Local 117 filed two unfair labor practice complaints with the Public Employment Relations Commission, naming the Washington State Department of Corrections (employer) as the respondent. The complaints were reviewed under WAC 391-45-110 and a preliminary ruling and deferral inquiry was issued April 11, 2006. The parties did not indicate that they wished to defer the issues to an arbitration process.¹

The cases were assigned to an Examiner, who set a hearing for October 20, 2006. At the request of the parties, the hearing was postponed as of October 4, 2006, in order to allow them to pursue settlement of the issues. Settlement discussions have continued since that time.

The Examiner has made several contacts with the parties since postponement of the hearing. A subsequent hearing date was not set, as the parties indicated that they were continuing to pursue settlement of the cases.

¹ The issues concerned whether or not the employer had properly bargained in good faith with respect to a change of policy in assigning "perimeter post custody" positions at the Shelton correctional facility.

A show cause directive was issued to the parties on July 18, 2007, asking them to respond with a statement of settlement or a request to hold these cases open. Nothing was heard from the parties in the 14 days given to respond.

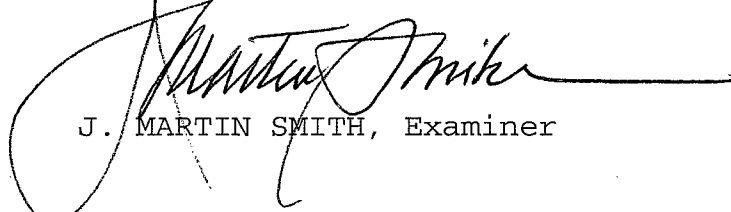
NOW, THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

The complaints charging unfair labor practices filed in the above-captioned matter are DISMISSED for lack of prosecution.

Issued at Olympia, Washington, this 17th day of September, 2007.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

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J. MARTIN SMITH, Examiner

This order will be the final order of the agency unless a notice of appeal is filed with the Commission under WAC 391-45-350.