STATE OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON FEDERATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES,)
Complainant,	CASE 22237-U-09-5673 DECISION 10369 - PSRA
vs.	CASE 22238-U-09-5674 DECISION 10370 - PSRA
STATE - SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES,) MOTION TO AMEND ANSWER
Respondent.))

Younglove Coker, by Edward Younglove, Attorney at Law, for the union.

Attorney General Rob McKenna, by Alicia Ozanich, Assistant Attorney General, for the employer.

On January 28, 2009, the Washington Federation of State Employees (union) filed a complaint charging an unfair labor practice against the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (employer). On February 26, 2009, the employer filed its answer and affirmative defenses in response to the complaint. On April 10, the employer filed a motion to amend its answer.

Under WAC 391-45-210, motions to amend answers may be allowed prior to the opening of an evidentiary hearing subject to due process requirements. This motion was requested on April 10, 2009, thirty-four working days prior to the scheduled hearing date of June 1, 2009. The motion is granted and the amended answer is accepted.

ISSUED at Olympia, Washington, this 22nd day of April, 2009.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

CHRISTY YOSHITOMI, 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.