STATE OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 468,)
Complainant,) Case No. 6787-U-87-1367
vs.) Decision 2934 - PECB
CITY OF OLYMPIA,)
Respondent.	ORDER OF DISMISSAL
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On March 3, 1987, International Association of Firefighters, Local 468, filed a complaint charging unfair labor practices with the Public Employment Relations Commission, alleging that the City of Olympia had violated RCW 41.56.140(4), by unilaterally changing health insurance benefits. On June 15, 1987, the parties were asked to comment on the propriety of deferring the unfair labor practice complaint to grievance arbitration. Neither party responded to the deferral inquiry. series of telephonic conversations between the representatives of the parties and members of the Commission staff, it was learned that the underlying issue had been resolved in the course of negotiations and mediation for a successor collective bargaining agreement. A representative of Local 468 recently reiterated that the matter was resolved, and that the union would send a letter withdrawing the complaint. To date, nothing has been received from the union.

Given the failure of the parties to respond to the deferral inquiry, the representations subsequently made by representatives of both parties, and the recent statements of an agent of

Local 468, it appears there is no further need for proceedings before the Commission, and that the matter should be cleared from the Commission's docket.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

The complaint charging unfair labor practices filed in the above-captioned matter is hereby <u>DISMISSED</u> for lack of prosecution.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, this 19th day of May.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

MARVIN L. SCHURKE, Executive Director

This Order may be appealed by filing a petition for review with the Commission pursuant to WAC 391-45-350.