

STATE OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

RICHLAND POLICE GUILD,	)	
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Complainant,	)	CASE 11014-U-94-2564
	)	
vs.	)	DECISION 4885 - PECB
	)	
CITY OF RICHLAND,	)	
	)	ORDER OF DISMISSAL
Respondent.	)	
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On March 11, 1994, the Richland Police Guild filed a complaint charging unfair labor practices with the Public Employment Relations Commission, alleging that the City of Richland had violated Chapter 41.56 RCW by insisting to impasse on "employer rights" and "hours of work" proposals that the union claims are not mandatory subjects of collective bargaining. A preliminary ruling letter issued on March 22, 1994,<sup>1</sup> noted that the complaint appeared to be premature and notified the parties that the case would be held in abeyance, subject to amendment at such time as the parties' contract negotiations were certified for interest arbitration.

The parties resolved their contract negotiations dispute in mediation,<sup>2</sup> so the prematurity noted in March of 1994 has matured into the absence of a cause of action. A withdrawal of these

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<sup>1</sup> Preliminary rulings are made pursuant to WAC 391-45-110. At this stage of the proceedings, all of the facts alleged in the complaint are assumed to be true and provable. The question at hand is whether, as a matter of law, the complaint states a claim for relief available through unfair labor practice proceedings before the Public Employment Relations Commission.

<sup>2</sup> Notice is taken of the Commission's docket records for Case 10668-M-93-4004, which was closed on March 31, 1994, on the basis of "agreement reached".

unfair labor practice charges has not been forthcoming from the parties, so the Executive Director deems it appropriate to clear this case from the Commission's docket.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

The complaint charging unfair labor practices filed in the above-captioned matter is hereby DISMISSED for failure to state a cause of action.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, this 21st day of October, 1994.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION



MARVIN L. SCHURKE, Executive Director

This order may be appealed by filing timely objections with the Commission pursuant to WAC 391-45-350.