

STATE OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

In the matter of the joint petition of:

CITY OF TACOMA

and

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 117

For clarification of an existing
bargaining unit.

CASE 128963-C-17

DECISION 12693 - PECB

ORDER AMENDING
CERTIFICATION

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On May 5, 2017, the City of Tacoma (employer) and Teamsters Local 117 (union) jointly filed a unit clarification petition under WAC 391-35-085 asking that the Commission amend an existing certification to reflect a change in the name of the department in which the bargaining unit works. The request for amendment is granted.

The union represents a bargaining unit of maintenance and custodial employees working in the employer's Public Assembly Facilities Department. The employer has recently changed the name of that department to Tacoma Venues & Events, and the parties ask that the bargaining unit description be amended to reflect this change.

WAC 391-35-085 provides a process for a party to petition for an amendment to an existing certification:

A party may file a petition to amend an existing certification, and the executive director may amend the certification, provided that the purpose of the amendment is to reflect changed circumstances such as the name of a labor organization or the name of an employer, and the bargaining unit is not affected by the change and there is no question concerning representation.

Here, the parties' petition merely seeks to amend the existing certification to reflect the change in the department name. The petition does not seek to alter the configuration of the bargaining unit, and no question concerning representation is raised by the petition.

ORDER

1. The bargaining unit description shall be amended as follows:

All employees in the TVE Custodian, TVE Electrician, TVE HVAC Mechanic, TVE Maintenance Chief, TVE Maintenance Chief – Assistant, TVE Maintenance Worker I, and TVE Maintenance Worker II job classes employed by the City of Tacoma in the Tacoma Venues & Events Department, excluding supervisors, confidential employees, and all other employees.

2. The amendment to the certification issued in this proceeding does not give rise to a new “certification bar” year under RCW 41.56.070 or WAC 391-25-030(2).

ISSUED at Olympia, Washington, this 16th day of May, 2017.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION


MICHAEL P. SELLARS, Executive Director

This order will be the final order of the agency unless a notice of appeal is filed with the Commission under WAC 391-35-210.



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