

STATE OF WASHINGTON
BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

In the matter of the petition of:

GRANT COUNTY

and

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 760

For clarification of an existing bargaining unit.

CASE 137965-C-23

DECISION 13770 - PECB

ORDER AMENDING CERTIFICATION

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On November 9, 2023, Grant County (employer) and Teamsters Local 760 (union) jointly filed a unit clarification petition under WAC 391-35-085 asking that the agency amend an existing bargaining unit certification to reflect a change in the name of the location where those employees work. The union represents a bargaining unit of Therapists that is currently described as “All Therapists employed by the Grant County Integrated Services, excluding supervisors, confidential employees, and all other employees.” *Grant County*, Decision 11767 (PECB, 2013). During the course of representation, the employer changed the name of the location where the employees work from “Grant County Integrated Services” to “Grant County RENEW.” The parties jointly state that the petition does not alter the configuration of the bargaining unit and that no question concerning representation is raised by the petition.

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

A party may file a petition to amend an existing certification to reflect a minor change in circumstances, such as a change of an employee organization's name or an employer's name, and the executive director may amend the certification if the

amendment does not add or remove positions from the existing bargaining unit or change the bargaining unit's configuration and there is no question concerning representation.

Here, the parties' petition merely seeks to amend the existing certification to reflect changes to the Therapist job class. The bargaining unit's structure has not been altered, and no question concerning representation exists. The joint request for amendment is granted.

ORDER

1. The bargaining unit represented by Teamsters Local 760 and described in *Grant County*, Decision 11767 (PECB, 2013) is amended to read as follows:

All Therapists employed by the Grant County RENEW, 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 41.80.080 or WAC 391-25-030(3).

ISSUED at Olympia, Washington, this 3rd day of January, 2024.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Sellars", is written over the printed name of Michael P. Sellars.

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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DECISION 13770 - PECB has been served by mail and electronically by the Public Employment Relations Commission to the parties and their representatives listed below.

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