

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

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| In the matter of the petition of: | ) |                      |
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| INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING  | ) |                      |
| ENGINEERS, LOCAL 280              | ) | CASE 18446-E-04-2946 |
|                                   | ) |                      |
| Involving certain employees of:   | ) | DECISION 8580 - PECB |
|                                   | ) |                      |
| KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT     | ) | CERTIFICATION        |
|                                   | ) | Cross-check by       |
|                                   | ) | Agreement of Parties |

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*Debbie Hendrick*, Business Representative, for the petitioner.

*Chuck Garner*, Manager, for the employer.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The above-named petitioner filed with the Public Employment Relations Commission a petition for investigation of a question concerning representation of employees of the above-named employer. The petition was timely filed and accompanied by a showing of interest which was administratively determined by the Commission to be sufficient. No other organization is known to claim to represent the employees involved.
2. These representation proceedings were conducted by the Commission in the bargaining unit described as:

ALL FULL-TIME AND REGULAR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES  
OF KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, EXCLUDING  
SUPERVISORS AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES.

3. All proceedings were conducted under the supervision of the Commission in a manner designed to afford the affected employees a free choice in the selection of their bargaining representative, a confidential cross-check of employer and union documents has been conducted by the Commission staff and a tally of the results previously furnished to the parties is

attached hereto; and no meritorious objections have been filed with respect to these proceedings.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The unit described in paragraph 2 of the foregoing Findings of Fact is an appropriate unit for the purposes of collective bargaining within the meaning of 51.56.060 RCW.
2. All conditions precedent to a certification have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

CERTIFIED

The employees of the above-named employer in the appropriate bargaining unit described in paragraph 2 of the foregoing Findings of Fact have chosen:

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 280

as their representative for the purpose of collective bargaining with their employer.

Issued at Olympia, Washington, this 2nd day of June, 2004.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marvin L. Schurke', written in a cursive style.

MARVIN L. SCHURKE, Executive Director

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## TALLY OF CROSS-CHECK

Instructions: See other side of this form.

Applicable Rule: WAC 391-25-410

CASE NUMBER 18446 E-04-2946 EMPLOYER Kennewick Irrigation Dist

The Public Employment Relations Commission has conducted a confidential cross-check under WAC 391-25-410, which provides:

(1) Where a cross-check of records is to be conducted to determine a question concerning representation, the organization shall furnish to the agency original or legible copies of individual cards or letters signed and dated by employees in the bargaining unit within ninety days prior to the filing of the petition and indicating that the employees authorize the named organization to represent them for the purposes of collective bargaining, or shall furnish to the agency membership records maintained by the organization as a part of its business records containing the names of employees and indicating those employees currently members in good standing.

(2) The agency shall honor a valid revocation of authorization contained in an individual card or letter signed by the employee and furnished to the agency by the employee.

(3) The employer shall make available to the agency original or legible copies of employment records maintained as a part of its business records containing the names and signatures of the employees in the bargaining unit.

(4) Prior to the commencement of the cross-check, the organization may file and serve, as required by WAC 391-08-120, a request that the question concerning representation be determined by a representation election. Any such requests shall be honored.

(5) Where the organization files a disclaimer or a request for election after the commencement of the cross-check, the cross-check shall be terminated and the organization shall not seek to be certified in the bargaining unit for a period of at least one year thereafter.

(6) All cross-checks shall be by actual comparison of records furnished by the parties. The agency shall not disclose the names of employees giving representation authorization in favor of or appearing on the membership rolls of the organization. Upon the conclusion of the comparison of records, the agency officer conducting the cross-check shall prepare and furnish to the parties a tally sheet containing the number of employees in the bargaining unit, the number of employee records examined and the number of employee records counted as valid evidence of representation.

The results of that cross-check are certified to be as follows:

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| 1. NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AGREED TO BE IN BARGAINING UNIT .....                                                                              | <u>14</u> |
| 2. NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WHOSE INCLUSION IN UNIT IS CHALLENGED .....                                                                        | <u>0</u>  |
| 3. TOTAL EMPLOYEES TO BE CONSIDERED (Total of Lines 1 and 2) .....                                                                        | <u>14</u> |
| 4. NUMBER OF VALID AUTHORIZATIONS NEEDED TO ESTABLISH MAJORITY STATUS .....                                                               | <u>8</u>  |
| 5. TOTAL AUTHORIZATION CARDS OR MEMBERSHIP RECORDS EXAMINED .....                                                                         | <u>10</u> |
| 6. NUMBER OF AUTHORIZATIONS REJECTED AS INVALID .....                                                                                     | <u>2</u>  |
| 7. NUMBER OF AUTHORIZATIONS ACCEPTED AS VALID EVIDENCE OF REPRESENTATION                                                                  |           |
| BY (organization) <u>IUE, Local 280</u>                                                                                                   | <u>10</u> |
| 8. THE RESULT OF THE CROSS-CHECK APPEARS TO BE:                                                                                           |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility challenges are sufficient in number to affect the results.                                           |           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The organization named on line 7 is entitled to certification as exclusive bargaining representative. |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A certification of "no representative" is appropriate.                                                           |           |

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DATE ISSUED May 25, 2004 BY Sally Werson

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OBSERVERS** The undersigned acknowledge service of a copy of this tally of cross-check.

For the Employer ..... Title ..... Date .....

For organization on Line 7 ..... Title ..... Date .....