

STATE OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

In the matter of the petition	)	
of:	)	
	)	CASE NO. 6630-E-86-1164
TERESA J. BUSHEY	)	
	)	DECISION 2660 - PECB
Involving certain employees	)	
of:	)	
	)	
GRANT COUNTY	)	ORDER OF DISMISSAL
	)	
	)	

On October 30, 1986, Grant County District Court Employees (petitioner) filed a petition with the Public Employment Relations Commission seeking investigation of a question concerning representation among certain employees of Grant County (employer). The employees affected by the petition are currently represented by Teamsters Union, Local 760 (incumbent).

On January 5, 1987, Hearing Officer J. Martin Smith issued a letter to the petitioner, informing her that it had been discovered during initial processing of the petition that the employer and the incumbent exclusive bargaining representative were parties to a collective bargaining agreement in effect from January 1, 1986 through December 31, 1987.

RCW 41.56.070 specifies the time in which representation petitions may be filed. Of particular importance to the instant matter, the statute deals with the situation where a contract exists:

... where there is a valid collective bargaining agreement in effect, no question of representation may be raised except during the period not more than ninety nor less than sixty days prior to the expiration date of the agreement ...

Given the existence of the contract, the representation petition was filed in an untimely manner.

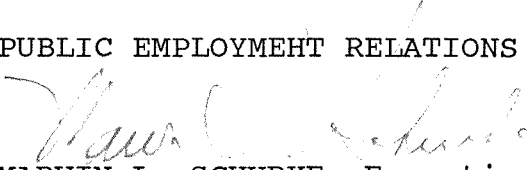
The petitioner was informed that, unless good cause was shown on or before January 20, 1987, the petition would be dismissed. No further documents have been filed and, in such circumstance, the petition must be dismissed.

ORDER

The petition seeking investigation of a question concerning representation in the above-captioned matter is hereby DISMISSED.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, this 3rd day of April, 1987.

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 391-25-390(2).