

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
LABOR DEPARTMENT

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS

IN THE MATTER OF
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

FEBRUARY 23, 2004

-AND-

BRIDGEPORT CITY
SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION

Case No. ME-24,268

A P P E A R A N C E S:

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For the Union

ORDER CONCERNING OBJECTIONS TO ELECTION

On October 9, 2003, the Bridgeport City Supervisors Association (the Union) filed a petition with the Connecticut State Board of Labor Relations (the Labor Board) seeking to modify an existing unit of employees of the City of Bridgeport (the City) to include four positions in the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA). During investigation of the petition, the City objected to the inclusion in the unit of the position of General Manager on the grounds that the position is a Department Head pursuant to the Municipal Employees Relations Act (MERA or the Act).

On December 29, 2003, the Agent of the Labor Board ordered an election among the petitioned-for positions. On January 12, 2004, the City filed a brief with the Labor Board objecting to the order of election on the grounds that the City is not the employer of the petitioned-for positions and that the General Manager is a Department Head pursuant to the Act. An election was held on February 10, 2004 at which the City challenged all ballots. Pursuant to § 7-471 of the Act, the Agent reported her actions to the Labor Board.

Pursuant to § 7-471 of the Act, we hereby order further investigation of this petition. Because the City did not raise its objections concerning the identity of the employer until after the investigation of the petition was completed, we find that the purposes and policies of the Act are best served by returning this matter to the Agent.

ORDER

By virtue of and pursuant to the powers vested in the Connecticut State Board of Labor Relations by the Municipal Employees Relations Act, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the petition filed herein be, and the same hereby is, **RETURNED TO THE AGENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.**

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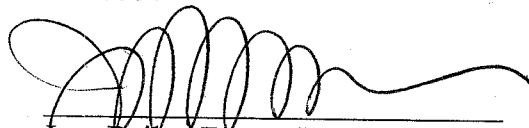
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was mailed postage, prepaid this 23rd day of February, 2004 to the following:

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