STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS

In the Matter of
BLONDER’S AUTO PARTS, INC.
- and -
RETAIL, WHOLESALE & DEPT. STORE INT’L. UNION,
LOCAL 855, AFL-CIO

Case No. E-738
Decision No. 377
Decided February 24, 1956

A P P E A R A N C E S

For the Employer: Benjamin Blonder, President
For the Union: Francis F. Carmichael, Esq.

DECISION AND CERTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVE

Statement of the Case

On January 20, 1956, Retail, Wholesale & Dept. Store Int’l. Union, Local 855, AFL-CIO, filed with the Connecticut State Board of Labor Relations, hereinafter called the Board, a petition alleging that a question or controversy had arisen concerning the representation of all machinists and apprentice, excluding all other employees, employed by Blonder’s Auto Parts, Inc. of New London, Connecticut, hereinafter called the Employer. The petition requested the Board to conduct an investigation and certify the representative of such employees for collective bargaining purposes pursuant to Section 7393, as amended, of the Connecticut State Labor Relations Act, hereinafter called the Act.

On February 7, 1956, a conference arranged by the Agent of the Board was held in New London, Connecticut. In addition to the Agent of the Board, the above-named persons appeared and participated in the conference.

At the conference, the parties executed a written agreement which, in part, provided that:

A question or controversy had arisen concerning representation of the employees of the Employer within the meaning of Section 7393 of the Act;

The public hearing on the issues raised by the petition be dispensed with;
All machinists and apprentices, excluding all other employees, constitute a unit appropriate for the purposes of collective bargaining with respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment or other conditions of employment within the meaning of Section 7393 of the Act, and that the Board may so find;

All employees within said appropriate unit who were in the employ of the Employer on January 20, 1956, and who were employees at the time of the election, shall be eligible to vote in the election agreed upon;

An election by secret ballot be conducted under the supervision of the Agent of the Board at a time and place to be fixed by it, among the eligible employees within the said appropriate unit; and,

If a majority of eligible persons voting in said election indicated their desire to be represented by the Union for the purposes of collective bargaining, the Board may certify that the Union has been duly selected by the majority of employees within said appropriate unit as their representative for the purposes of collective bargaining, and is the exclusive representative for all the employees within said appropriate unit for the purposes of collective bargaining within the meaning of Section 7393 of the Act.

Upon the entire record in the proceedings, including the written agreement of the parties, the Board finds that all machinists and apprentices, excluding all other employees, constitute a unit appropriate for the purposes of collective bargaining within the meaning of Section 7393 -subsection 2-of the Act.

Pursuant to the agreement of the parties, an election by secret ballot was conducted under the supervision of the Board on February 15, 1956 at Stamford, Connecticut. The result of the election was as follows:

| Total Number of Ballots Cast | ................................................................. | 2 |
| Total Number of Ballots Counted | ................................................................. | 2 |
| Total Number of Votes IN FAVOR of the Union | ....................................................... | 2 |

CERTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVE

By virtue of and pursuant to the power vested in the Connecticut State Board of Labor Relations by Section 7393 of the Connecticut State Labor Relations Act, it is hereby:

CERTIFIED that Retail, Wholesale & Dept. Store Int'l. Union, Local 855, AFL-CIO, has been selected unanimously as the representative for the purposes of collective bargaining by the machinists and apprentices, excluding all other employees employed by Blonder's Auto Parts, Inc. and that said Union is the exclusive representative of all such employees for the purposes of collective bargaining with respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment, or other conditions of employment.
TO:

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657 Bank Street
New London, Connecticut
Certified
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