Group of Officers and Grafton County Department of Corrections and National Correctional Employees Union, Decision No. 2017-144 (Case No. G-0223-4).

<u>Background</u>: Certain employees of the County filed a decertification petition seeking an election to determine whether the NCEU will continue as the certified exclusive representative of the Corrections bargaining unit. The NCEU objected to the petition and requested dismissal on the ground that the current collective bargaining agreement constituted a bar to the decertification petition under RSA 273-A:11 (b) and N.H. Admin. Rules Pub 301.01 (a) & (b).

<u>Decision</u>: The NCEU's "contract bar" objection was overruled on the grounds that the bargaining unit employees had not duly ratified the tentative agreement and that the NCEU had failed to adduce evidence sufficient to establish a RSA 273-A:11 (b) "contract bar" to the petition in this case. The petitioners' request for an election to resolve the question of representation was granted.

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