



**State of New Hampshire**

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

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New Hampshire Troopers Association

Petitioner

v.

State of New Hampshire,  
Department of Safety

Respondent

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Case No. P-0754-10

Decision No. 2002-111

ORDER GRANTING CONTINUANCE

The Board, meeting at its offices in Concord, New Hampshire, on September 24, 2002, took the following actions:

1. It reviewed the unfair labor practice (ULP) complaint filed by the Union on June 26, 2002, the answer filed by the State on July 11, 2002 and the Pre-Hearing Conference Memorandum in the form of Decision No. 2002-088 dated July 31, 2002.
2. It convened for the purpose of hearing the parties' respective cases on the merits in accordance with the schedule set forth in Decision No. 2002-088 and, after having done so, noted that spokespersons were not in attendance for either side. Upon inquiring and calls made by the Executive Director, during which time the State's representatives arrived, the Board learned that Union counsel had prepared a document seeking a continuance, due to conflicting bankruptcy proceeding, but that that document had neither been sent from Union counsel's office nor received by either the PELRB or the Office of Labor Relations.
3. After consultation with the State's representative who confirmed that prospective future dates had been exchanged between him and Union counsel and that the State would not oppose a continuance under the circumstances, the Board directed: (a) that this matter stand continued on its docket until October 24, 2002, (b) that during the foregoing thirty

day period, the parties shall meet at least twice in an attempt to resolve the pending ULP, (c) that failing such a resolution within that period, either side shall notify the PELRB within the ten (10) day period between October 25, 2002 and November 4, 2002 of its need for a further hearing in this matter (inclusive of two (2) *mutually acceptable* Tuesday or Thursday dates for that hearing) and (d) that failing receipt of such notice for an additional hearing within the aforesaid ten (10) day period, this matter shall thereafter be administratively dismissed from the PELRB's docket of cases after November 4, 2002.

So ordered.

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2002.

  
BRUCE K. JOHNSON  
Alternate Chairman

By unanimous decision. Alternate Chairman Bruce K. Johnson presiding. Members Richard Roulx and E. Vincent Hall present and voting.