

State of New Hampshire

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Classified Employee Petitioners of the Public Utility Commission

and

State Employees' Association of NH, Inc., SEIU Local 1984

Case No. S-0419-1

Decision 2006-216

ORDER ON RESPONDENT'S MOTION

The Public Employee Labor Relations Board ("PELRB") has conferred to consider a filing by the Respondent entitled "Appeal to the Full Board of Decision No. 2006-175." The PELRB created the procedural device of an informal pre-election meeting of interested parties to facilitate the conduct of public employee voting on election day.

That being said, we have reviewed the documents filed by all parties in this matter that constitute the record as well as taking official notice of the executive director's prior written decision (Decision No. 2006-166) rendered in Case No. S-0415-1 (Insurance Department employees). Based upon our review and considering the accuracy of the conflicting representations expressed in the responsive filings in the matter before us, we find that the executive director acted within his appropriate discretion in conducting the informal pre-election conference and his decision reflects the position of the board in this era of elevating the privacy rights of employees over the ability of competing interests in organization activities to obtain the same for reasons set forth in Decision Nos. 2006-166 and 2006-175. To the extent that any party came into possession or custody of such information, we believe the executive director undertook sufficient protective actions and any alleged error was harmless with no prejudicial effect to any party.

Therefore, we deny the Respondent's motion.

So Ordered.

Signed this 30th day of November, 2006.

Doris Desautel, Alternate Chairperson

By unanimous vote. Doris Desautel presiding. Board Members E. Vincent Hall and James M. O'Mara present and voting

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