D.R. NO. 79-6

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF REPRESENTATION

In the Matter of

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

Public Employer,

-and-

NEW JERSEY STATE SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION - SECONDARY LEVEL - a/w NJSEA-NJCSA,

Docket Nos. RO-77-194 and RO-78-3

Petitioner,

-and-

LOCAL 1099, COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, INTERMED-IATE LEVEL, NEW JERSEY STATE SUPERVISORS,

Petitioner.

SYNOPSIS

The Director of Representation directs the conduct of a secret ballot election to determine the exclusive negotiations representative, if any, of all higher level supervisory employees employed by the State. The parties agree that a negotiations unit comprised of higher level supervisory employees is an appropriate unit for collective negotiations and do not object to the conduct of an election among employees. The Director determines that it is appropriate to conduct an election. The election shall be conducted by mail ballot during the period commencing September 15, 1978, the date on which ballots will be mailed to employees, and terminating at 10 a.m., October 6, 1978, after which time ballots shall be tallied.

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Appearances:

For the Public Employer, Frank A. Mason, Director, Office of Employee Relations

For the Petitioner NJSEA-NJCSA Fox & Fox, Esqs. (David I. Fox, of Counsel)

For the Petitioner CWA Kapelsohn, Lerner, Reitman & Maisel, Esqs. (Sidney Reitman, of Counsel)

DECISION AND DIRECTION OF ELECTION

On June 27, 1977, as amended November 15, 1977, a Petition for Certification of Public Employee Representative was filed with the Public Employment Relations Commission (the "Commission")

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by the New Jersey State Supervisory Employees Association - Secondary Level - NJSEA-NJCSA (the "Association") with respect to a proposed unit consisting of "all second line supervisors..." employed by the State of New Jersey. The Association's Petition is accompanied by an adequate showing of interest. On July 7, 1977, as amended February 10, 1978, a Petition for Certification of Public Employee Representative was filed with the Commission by Local 1099, Communications Workers of America, Intermediate Level, New Jersey State Supervisors (the "CWA") with respect to a proposed unit described as including "all intermediate level supervisors..." employed by the State of New Jersey. CWA's Petition is supported by an adequate showing of interest. The undersigned has caused an administrative investigation of these Petitions to be conducted in order to determine the facts. Inasmuch as both of these Petitions relate to the same generically described unit of employees, the processing of these Petitions has been conducted in a consolidated fashion.

On the basis of the administrative investigation herein, the undersigned finds and determines as follows:

1. The disposition of this matter is properly based upon the administrative investigation herein, it appearing that no substantial and material disputed factual issues exist which may more appropriately be resolved after a hearing. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:11-2.6(b), there is no necessity for a hearing where, as here, no substantial and material factual issues have been placed in dispute by the parties.

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2. The State of New Jersey is a public employer within the meaning of the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act, N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1 et seq., as amended (the "Act"), is the employer of the employees involved in the Petitions, and is subject to the Act's provisions.

- 3. New Jersey State Supervisory Employees Association Secondary Level a/w New Jersey State Employees Association-New Jersey Civil Service Association and Local 1099, Communications Workers of America, Intermediate Level, New Jersey State Supervisors are employee representatives within the meaning of the Act and are subject to its provisions.
- 4. Petitions for Certification of Public Employee Representative having been filed and the parties not having agreed to the conduct of a secret ballot election, a dispute exists and the matter is appropriately before the undersigned for determination.
- 5. All parties agree that the appropriate unit for collective negotiations consists of "all higher level supervisory employees employed by the State of New Jersey" and that it is appropriate for an election to be conducted among the employees described in this unit.
- 6. All parties agree that the employees who comprise the above-described unit are professional employees within the definition of that term contained in the Commission's Rules, N.J.A.C. 19:10-1.1(a)21.

- 7. All parties agree that there are a limited number of titles on which there is disagreement with regard to eligibility.
- 8. It appearing to the undersigned that the proposed unit of employees generically described above constitutes an appropriate unit for collective negotiations within the intendment of the Act, and it appearing that the parties have no objection to the conduct of a secret ballot election among the employees in the proposed unit, and it further appearing to the undersigned that such employees should have the opportunity to designate at this time $\frac{1}{2}$ a collective negotiations representative, if any, through the means of a secret ballot election, the undersigned shall direct an election to be conducted among all higher level supervisory employees employed by the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, the undersigned finds that the appropriate unit for collective negotiations is "all higher level supervisory employees employed by the State of New Jersey, but excluding all managerial executives, confidential employees, non-supervisory employees, primary-level supervisory employees, non-professional employees, and police within the meaning of the Act."

This matter involves a question concerning the representation of approximately 1300 State employees. The undersigned determines that, in the circumstances involved herein, the purposes of the Act will be best effectuated by the prompt conduct of an election among the employees inasmuch as the parties have agreed upon the eligibility of the vast majority of the titles and the procedures of the Commission are available for the subsequent resolution, if necessary, of the remaining disputed titles.

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9. Therefore, pursuant to $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C.}}$ 19:11-5.1, the undersigned directs that an election be conducted among employees described immediately above. The election shall be conducted by mail ballot pursuant to $\underline{\text{N.J.A.C.}}$ 19:11-9.2 and as more particularly described below.

Those eligible to vote are employees set forth above, including but not necessarily limited to employees described in Attachments #1 and #2 of the Notice of Election attached hereto and made a part hereof, who were employed during the payroll period immediately preceding July 28, 1978, including employees who did not work during that period because they were out ill, or on vacation, or temporarily laid off, including those in military service. Ineligible to vote are employees who quit or were discharged for cause since the designated payroll period and who have not been rehired or reinstated before the elction date.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:11-9.6, the State is directed to file with the undersigned, with the Association, and with CWA an election eligibility list, consisting of an alphabetical listing of the names of all eligible voters together with their last-known mailing addresses and job titles. The undersigned has requested, and the State has agreed, to furnish the eligibility list to the Commission no later than August 25, 1978. A copy of the eligibility list shall be simultaneously filed with the Association and with CWA with a statement of service to the undersigned. The undersigned shall not grant an extension of time within which to file the eligibility list except in extraordinary circumstances.

The Commission shall conduct the mail ballot election during the period commencing September 15, 1978, and terminating on October 6, 1978, at 10 a.m. In order to be valid, an employee ballot must be received in the Commission's designated post office box no later than 10 a.m., October 6, 1978. Ballots will be counted at 11 a.m., October 6, 1978, at the Commission's offices in Trenton.

At the tally of ballots, each party shall be entitled to designate an authorized representative who may challenge the eligibility of a voter for cause.

On September 15, 1978, the Commission shall mail the following materials to employees in the titles listed on Attachments #1 and #2 of the attached Notice of Election: a notice of the election; a ballot; instructions to voters; a secret ballot envelope; and a stamped, return-addressed envelope.

The State is instructed to post immediately the enclosed Notice of Election with attachments in places where such employee notices are normally posted.

Those eligible to vote shall vote as to whether or not they desire to be represented for the purpose of collective negotiations by N.J. State Supervisory Employees Association - Higher Level - affiliated with NJ State Employees Assoc.-N.J. Civil Service Assoc., or by CWA, AFL-CIO, Supervisors Local 1099, or neither.

The exclusive representative shall be determined by a majority of the ballots cast. The election directed herein shall

be conducted in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF REPRESENTATION

Carl Kurtaman, Director

DATED: August 24, 1978

Trenton, New Jersey

STATE OF NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

NOTICE OF ELECTION

PURPOSE OF THIS This election is to determine the representative, if ELECTION any, desired by the eligible employees for purposes of collective negotiations with their employer. (See VOTING UNIT in the attachment to this Notice of Election, for description of eligible employees.) A majority of the valid ballots cast will determine the results of the election.

SECRET BALLOT The election will be by SECRET ballot under the supervision of the Public Employment Relations Commission. Voting will be by mail. Eligible employees will receive a Notice of Election, Instructions and a stamped, return-addressed envelope. In order for a ballot to be valid, the instructions must be carefully followed and the ballot must be received no later than the date fixed for returns.

> A sample of the official ballot is included in the attachment to this Notice.

ELIGIBILITY Employees eligible to vote are those described under RULES VOTING UNIT in the attachment to this Notice of Election, including employees who did not work during the designated payroll period because they were out ill or on vacation or temporarily laid off, and also including employees in the military service. Ineligible to vote are employees who quit or were discharged for cause since the designated payroll period and who have not been rehired or reinstated prior to the date of this election.

CHALLENGE OF An agent of the Commission or an authorized observer VOTERS may question the eligibility of a voter. Such challenge MUST be made before the ballot envelope is opened and the ballot removed and mixed with the other eligible ballots.

AUTHORIZED OBSERVERS

Each of the parties may designate an equal number of observers, this number to be determined by the Director of Representation or the agent in charge of the election. These observers (a) act as checkers at the counting of ballots, (b) challenge voters and ballots, and (c) otherwise assist the agent of the Commission.

INFORMATION The Commission's Rules and Regulations provide that CONCERNING only one valid representation election may be held in ELECTION a 12-month period. Any employee who desires to obtain any further information concerning the terms and conditions under which this election is to be held or who desires to raise any question concerning the holding of an election, the voting unit, or eligibility rules may do so by communicating with the Director of Representation or the agent in charge of the election.

DIRECTOR OF REPRESENTATION, 429 EAST STATE STREET, TRENTON, PHONE (Area Code 609) 292-9832 N.J. 08608



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NOTICE OF ELECTION

ATTACHMENT

VOTING UNIT

UNIT: HIGHER LEVEL SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

THOSE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ARE: HIGHER LEVEL SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY WHO WERE EMPLOYED DURING THE PAYROLL PERIOD ENDING JULY 28, 1978, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING TITLES: (SEE ATTACHMENT #1).

THOSE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ARE: MANAGERIAL EXECUTIVES, CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES, NON-SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES, PRIMARY-LEVEL SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES, POLICE AND NON-PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES.

THOSE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE SUBJECT TO CHALLENGE: (SEE ATTACHMENT #2).

DATES OF ELECTION

DATE BALLOTS ARE TO BE MAILED: September 15, 1978.

DATE BALLOTS ARE TO BE RECEIVED BY: 10:00 a.m., October 6, 1978.

DATE BALLOTS ARE TO BE COUNTED: October 6, 1978.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION OFFICIAL SECTION BALLOT FOR CERTIFICATION BALLOT STATE OF NEW JERSEY This ballot is to determine the collective negotiating representative, if any, for the unit in which you are employed. MARK AN "X" IN THE SQUARE OF YOUR CHOICE CWA, AFL-CIO SUPERVISORS LOCAL 1099 NEITHER N.J. STATE SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION - HIGHER LEVEL AFFILIATED WITH NJ STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOC. N.J. CIVIL SERVICE ASSOC.

DO NOT SIGN THIS BALLOT.

ATTACHMENT

TITLES INCLUDED IN THE HIGHER LEVEL SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES UNIT:

Area Supervisor Highway Maintenance

Area Supervisor of Right of Way, Appraisals Review Assistent Actuary

Assistant District Supervisor - Electrical

Assistant Engineer in Charge Maintenance 1

Assistant Engineer in Charge Maintenance 2

Assistant Food Service Supervisor 1

Assistant Food Service Supervisor 2

Assistant Food Service Supervisor 3

Assistant Master Mechanic

Assistant Supervisor Housing - Plan Approval Section

Asst. Supervisor of Resident Living Mental Retardation

Asst. Supervising Engineer Admin. & Contract SE

Asst. Chief - Central Duplicating and Printing Control

Asst. Chief Mail Section

Asst. Maintenance Supervisor. PIP

Asst. Supt. of State Game Farm

Asst. Supervising Architect

Asst. Supervising Contract Admin.

Asst. Supervising Engineer Civil

Asst. Supervising Engineer - Electrical

Asst. Supervising Engineer - Mechanical

Asst. Supervising Engineer - Structural

Asst. Supervisor Audit Activity - Refund Section

Asst. Supervisor Central I.D. Section, Taxation

Asst. Supervisor Corporation Section

Asst. Supervisor - Public Contracts Section

ATTACHMENT

TITLES INCLUDED IN THE HIGHER LEVEL SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES UNIT:

Asst. Supv. Mechanical Maintenance

Building Services Supervisor

Cashier - Taxation

Chief Bridge Operator 1

Chief - Graphic Arts

Chief Technical Equipment - Treasury

Coordinator - Special Grant Activities

Coordinator - Government & Small Business Aides

Coordinator Health Care Facilities Analysis

Coordinator Public Health Statistics

Coordinator Technical Library Services

Director Occupational Therapy II

Disability Review Officer - Pension

District Parole Supervisor

District Supervisor - Inspector, Construction

District Supervisor Community Day Care

Driver Record Supervisor Correspondence

Engineer in Charge Maintenance 3

Engineer in Charge Maintenance 4
Farm Supervisor 3
Field Service Supervisor II, Division of Welfare

Fleet Coordinator CMP

Food Service Supervisor I

Food Service Supervisor II

Food Service Supervisor 3

Food Service Supervisor 4

Forensic Spectroscopist

ATTACHMENT

TITLES INCLUDED IN THE HIGHER LEVEL SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES UNIT:

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Housekeeping Supervisor 2

Housekeeping Supervisor 3

Inventory Control Analyst

Manager Forms Design & Control

Manager Word Processing Systems 2

Medical Records Supervisor

Office Supervisor

Principal Investigator - Motor Carriers

Principal Tech. Management Info. Systems

Project Engineer Architectural Bridge Design

Project Engineer Construction

Project Engineer Drainage

Project Engineer Electrical

Project Engineer Environmental

Project Engineer Geology

Project Engineer Industrial

Project Engineer Local Government Aid

Project Engineer Maintenance

Project Engineer Materials

Project Engineer Planning

Project Engineer Plant Engineering & Operations

Project Engineer Research

Project Engineer Right of Way

Project Engineer Rt. Location Transportation

Project Engineers Soils

Project Engineer Structural Transportation

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TITLES INCLUDED IN THE HIGHER LEVEL SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES UNIT:

Project Engineer Surface Design

Project Engineer Traffic

Project Engineer Utilities

Radiological Officer - Civil Defense

Real Property - Management Specialist Regional Maintenance Supervisor, Trans. Reg. Supv. Housing Code Enforcement Section

Social Work Supervisor 2

Staff Section Firewarden
State Supervisor Job Bank
Superintendent of Parks and Recreation I

Superintendent of Parks and Recreation II -

Superintendent of Parks and Recreation III

Supervising Accountant - State Use

Supervising Archivist

Supervising Auditor

Supervising Auditor - Taxation

Supervising Bank Examiner

Supervising Buyer

Supervising Claims Adjudicator - Disability Determinations

Supervising Commuter Trans. - Specialist Facilities

Supervising Electronics - Technician

Supervising Engineer Aide

Supervising Engineer Aide - Materials

Supervising Engineer - Navigation

Supervising Fhvironmental Specialist (A-27)

Supervising Environmental Specialist

Supervising Environmental Technician

Supervising Examiner - Consumers Credit

Supervising Field Rep. Local Property Tax

ATTACHMENT

TITLES INCLUDED IN THE HIGHER LEVEL SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES UNIT:

Supervising Field Rep. Wage & Rate Compliance

Supervising Foresenic Chemist

Supervising Garage Foreman

Supervising Geologist

Supervising Insurance Examiner

Supervising Investigator - Taxation

Supervising Labor Market Analyst ::

Supervising Laboratory Service Worker

Supervising Laboratory Technician

Supervising Librarian

Supervising Mechanical Stores Clerk

Supervising Medical Security Officer

Supervising Planner

Supervising Planner - Transportation

Supervising Rate Analyst - Utility

Supervising Research Asst. - Transportation

Supervising Savings & Loan Examiner

Supervising Stock Clerk

Supervising Substance Abuse Counsellor

A Supervising Topographic Engineer

Supervising Supply Support Operation

Supervising Training Technician

Supervising Transportation Analyst

Supervisor Admin. Services - Motor Vehicles

Supervisor Building Services

Supervisor Bureau of Court Reports & Fines

Supervisor Central Garage and Motor Pool

Supervisor Commuter Trans. Specialist Implementation P.R.O.

Supervisor Contact & Control Section - Taxation

Supervisor Court Disposition Reporting Unit

Supervisor Data Input & Control Section - Taxation

Supervisor Data Preparation

ATTACHMENT #1

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TITLES INCLUDED IN THE HIGHER LEVEL SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES UNIT:

Supervisor Data Processing Machines Operations II

Supervisor Data Processing Technical Support

Supervisor Distribution & Collection Oper. State Lottery

Supervisor Driver Record File

Supervisor Fingerprint Technical Unit

Supervisor Forest Fire Equipment

Supervisor Fiscal Accounts Supervisor Fiscal Review Youth & Family Services

Supervisor Liscences & Registrations Section Taxation

Supervisor Home Industrial Service

Supervisor Licensing Section

Supervisor Licensing Unit Prof. Board

Supervisor Loan Section

Supervisor Lottery Control Section

Supervisor Microfilm Services Education

Supervisor Motorboat Licensing Section

Supervisor Motor Vehicle Inspection Station

Supervisor Motor Vehicle Liscensing

Supervisor of Accounts

Supervisor of Advertising Permits & Highway Marking

Supervisor of Building Repairs II

Supervisor of Catography & Graphics

Supervisor of Claims

.Supervisor of Clinical Labs

Supervisor of Collections Unsatisfied Claims & Judgements

Supervisor of Compulsory Insurance

Supervisor of Contract Administration

Supervisor of Control - Water Policy & Supply

Supervisor of Driver Records - Corrections & Verification

Supervisor of Educational Programs I

Supervisor of Equipment Inspections

Supervisor of Finanacial Responsibility

Supervisor of Forms Specifications & Printing - MV

Supervisors of Highway Marking

Supervisor of Highway and Road Side Use

Supervisor of Inspections - Child Care Faters

ATTACHMENT

TITLES INCLUDED IN THE HIGHER LEVEL SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES UNIT:

Supervisor of Inspections - Long Term Care Facilities Supervisor of Institutional Grounds

Supervisor of Insurance Education

Supervisor of Laundry Operations

Supervisor of Mails

Supervisor of Main. Fish & Game

Supervisor of Main. Water Policy & Supply

Supervisor of Marinas

Supervisor of Materials, Maintenance

Supervisor of Mursing Services

Supervisor of Occupational Analysis & Industry Service

Supervisor of Office Service; Trans.

Supervisor of Office Services Education

Supervisor of Operations PIP

Supervisor of Postal Services

Supervisor of Preventive Maintenance Programs State Colleges

Supervisor of Printing Operations 2

Supervisor of Records - Trans.

Supervisor of Rehab. Training - C.B. & V.I.

Supervisor of Right/Way, II - Transportation

Supervisor of Tabulating Machine - Operations III

Supervisor of Traffic Enumeration

Supervisor Office/Women in Voc. Ed.

Supervisor Printing Operations

Supervisor Purchase & Claims

Supervisor Retirement Section

Supervisor Returns File Section Taxation

Supervisor Returns Processing Taxation

Supervisor Standards & Procedures - Medical Asst. & Health Serv.

Supervisor State Office Centrex Systems

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TITLES INCLUDED IN THE HIGHER LEVEL SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES UNIT:

Supervisor Taxpayer Service Section

Supervisor Technical Asst. Section - Bureau of Relocation

Supervisor Traffic Investigations

Supervisor Uniform Commercial Code Section

Supervisor Winner Selection & Notification State Lottery

Technical Asst. Motor Pool

Technical Asst. - Taxation

Technical Operations - Coordinator B.A.

Title Officer II

Transmitter Engineer Supv. - P.B.A.

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TITLES VOTING SUBJECT TO CHALLENGE

Assistant Chief Administrative Services Pensions

Assistant Director of Nursing

Assistant Director of Nursing, Glen Gardner

Assistant Supervisor of Warehouses

Chief Appraisal Section

Chief Assistant Section Local Property Tax

Chief Security Officer

Coordinator Veterinary Public Health Program

Disability Insurance Supervisor

District Supervisor, Electrical

District Supervisor Labor & Industry

Engineer in Charge Maintenance II

Local Administrator Medical Assistance & Health Service

Master Mechanic

Mgr. 1 Vocational Rehabilitation Service

Project Coordinator Food & Milk Program

Project Director Food & Drug Administration

Section Supervisor Planning

State Coordinator Accident & Poison Control Program

Supervising Architect Health Facilities

Supervising Community Program Analyst

Supervising Community Service Officer Model Cities

Supervising Manpower Specialist

Supervising Program Development Specialist

Supervising Environmental Engineer

Supervisor Central I. D. Section

Supervisor of Construction, Maintenance, Roads

Supervisor of Field Rep. Public Advocate

Supervisor of Highway Safety, Planning