P.E.R.C. NO. 93-82

STATE OF NEW JERSEY BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

In the Matter of

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

Respondent,

-and-

Docket No. RO-H-91-21

STATE TROOPERS SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION,

Petitioner.

SYNOPSIS

The Public Employment Relations Commission grants a request of the State of New Jersey for an extension of time until March 31, 1993 to file a brief and proposed findings of fact in a representation case involving the State Troopers Superior Officers Association.

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Appearances:

For the Respondent, Robert J. Del Tufo, Attorney General, (Melvin E. Mounts, Deputy Attorney General)

For the Petitioner, Savage & Serio, (Thomas J. Savage, attorney)

DECISION AND ORDER

On March 2, 1993, the State of New Jersey requested review of the Director of Representation's denial of an additional extension of time until March 31, 1993 to file a brief and proposed findings of fact in this matter. On March 12, the State Troopers Superior Officers Association filed a reply opposing the extension of time.

According to the employer, this case involves 3000 pages of testimony presented over 25 days of hearing. N.J.A.C. 19:11-6.3 requires that the Hearing Officer inquire fully into the facts as they relate to the matter under consideration. We do not expect that the Hearing Officer will be able to issue her recommended

decision before March 31. We believe that the employer has shown good cause for our granting an extension of time, and we do not believe that granting the extension will prejudice anyone's position or interest in this proceeding.

<u>ORDER</u>

The request for an extension of time until March 31, 1993 to file a brief and proposed findings of fact is granted.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

James W. Mastriani Chairman

Chairman Mastriani, Commissioners Goetting, Grandrimo and Regan voted in favor of this decision. Commissioners Bertolino and Smith voted against this decision. Commissioner Wenzler was not present.

DATED: March 29, 1993

Trenton, New Jersey

ISSUED: March 30, 1993