P.E.R.C. NO. 79-94

STATE OF NEW JERSEY BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

In the Matter of

CITY OF HACKENSACK,

Public Employer,

- and -

Docket No. CU-77-4

LOCAL 2081, HACKENSACK FIRE FIGHTERS, IAFF, AFL-CIO,

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SYNOPSIS

The Commission denies a Request for Review of the Decision of the Director of Representation (D.R. No. 79-27, 5 NJPER 150 (¶10085 1979)) filed by the Petitioners in a consolidated representation proceeding.

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Appearances:

For the Public Employer, Murray, Granello & Kenney, Esqs. (Mr. James P. Granello, of Counsel)

For the Petitioners, Schneider, Cohen & Solomon, Esqs. (Mr. David Solomon, of Counsel)

DECISION ON REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Petitioners, pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C</u>. 19:11-8.1 <u>et seq.</u>, seek review of the Decision of the Director of Representation (D.R. No. 79-27, 5 NJPER 150 (¶10085 1979) issued March 27, 1979 in this consolidated representation proceeding.

Pursuant to an extension of time, the Petitioners filed their request for review on April 23, 1979. A Statement in Opposition to the Request for Review was filed on April 27, 1979

by the Public Employer, City of Hackensack. The City's Statement urges that we deny the Petitioner's Request on several procedural grounds: untimeliness, failure to conform to rules governing the contents of a Request for Review, and raising issues which were not presented to the Hearing Officer or the Director of Representation.

We need not pass upon these contentions for we find, upon review of the parties' submissions and the Director's decision, that the Request for Review does not raise adequate grounds, as enumerated in N.J.A.C. 19:11-8.2, to justify re-examination of the determination rendered by the Director of Representation.

Accordingly, the Petitioners' Request for Review is hereby denied. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:11-8.5(b), the foregoing constitutes the final administrative determination of the Commission in this proceeding.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Jeffrey B. Tener Chairman

Chairman Tener, Commissioners Graves, Hartnett, Hipp and Newbaker voted for this decision. None opposed. Commissioners Parcells was not present.

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