

BEFORE THE WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

PRINCETON UTILITY COMMISSION

No. 15574

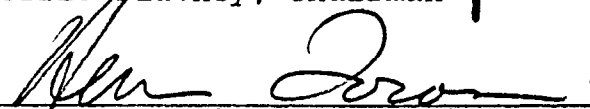
by General Teamsters, Warehouse and Dairy Employees Local Union #126 for the purposes of collective bargaining with said Municipal Employer.

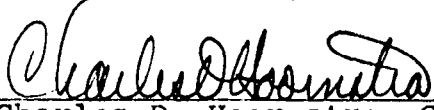
Given under our hands and seal at the City of Madison, Wisconsin this 14th day of June, 1977.

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By

  
Morris Slavney, Chairman

  
Herman Torosian, Commissioner

  
Charles D. Hoornstra, Commissioner

MEMORANDUM ACCOMPANYING DIRECTION OF ELECTION

In the petition initiating the instant proceeding the Petitioner alleged the appropriate bargaining unit to consist of all employees employed in the "water, sewer and light department and all helpers therein, employed by the City of Princeton, excluding office clericals and supervisors." The record establishes that the "water and light departments" are public utilities within the meaning of Sections 196.01(1) and 66.06(1), Stats., and are subject to regulation by the Public Service Commission. Revenue for the operation of these departments, including payment of employees' salaries, derives from income generated by the sale of water and electricity at rates established by the Public Service Commission. Revenue is not dependent upon the City of Princeton's general taxing authority. The Water and Light Departments are governed by one three-member Utility Commission, the members of which are chosen from the members of the City Council by the Council and the Mayor. The Princeton Utility Commission is a municipal employer within the meaning of Section 111.70(1)(a) of the Municipal Employment Relations Act. 1/

The Sewer Department is not a public utility and is not subject to regulation by the Public Service Commission. Revenue for operation of the department derives from the City of Princeton's taxing authority. Ultimate control of that department rests with the City Council.

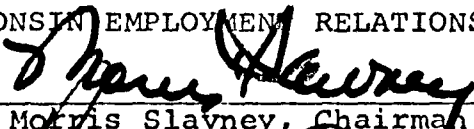
Three blue collar employees are jointly employed by the Utility Commission and the Sewer Department. Their duties include the reading of water and electric meters, and the installation and repair of water and sewer pipes and electric lines. Thirty percent of their time is employed in the "water department", 69 percent of their time is spent working for the "light department", and approximately one percent of their time is spent performing duties for the "sewer department". Their entire salary is paid from the budget of the Utility Commission.

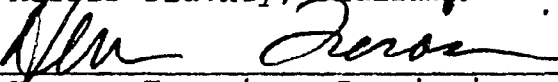
Since all three employees spend a majority of their time performing duties in the departments under the control of the Utility Commission, they are all eligible to vote in the election to determine whether they desire to be represented by the Petitioner for the purposes of collective bargaining on wages, hours and working conditions with the Princeton Utility Commission.

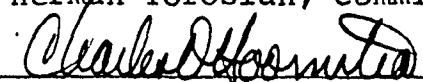
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