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You are hereby notified that the Court entered the following opinion and order:

Decision No.  
19110-B

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#83-1713 - Kenosha Professional Policemen's Association v.  
City of Kenosha, WERC (Trial court case 82CV1223)

Before Scott, C.J., Brown, J. and Robert W. Hansen, Reserve  
Judge

The court having considered the petition of the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (to which no response has been filed) for leave to appeal orders entered June 30 and September 2, 1983, in the circuit court for Kenosha county: William U. Zievers, Judge; and having concluded that an appeal at this time may materially advance the termination of the litigation and clarify an issue of general importance in the administration of justice;

IT IS ORDERED that the petition is granted pursuant to sec. 808.03(2) and Rule 809.50, Stats. The time for filing the petition regarding the order of June 30, 1983, is extended to September 9, 1983, the date it was filed with this court, pursuant to Rule 809.82(2).

Because the issue before us is a narrow one and may be decided without briefing;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the orders appealed from are summarily reversed pursuant to Rule 809.21. Even if sec. 227.16(1)(a), Stats., requires service by first-class mail,

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it is clear that service by certified mail is acceptable. Certified mail is a stricter form of first-class mail. To refuse to uphold a stricter compliance than required by the statute would lead to an absurd and unjust result. See Patterson v. Board of Regents, 103 Wis.2d 358, 309 N.W.2d 3 (Ct. App. 1981).

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