

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of	:	
LOCAL 2492A, AFSCME, AFL-CIO	:	
To Initiate Arbitration Between	:	Case 181
Said Petitioner and	:	No. 45183 INT/ARB-5912
MARATHON COUNTY	:	Decision No. 27031
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In the Matter of the Petition of	:	
LOCAL 2492, AFSCME, AFL-CIO	:	
To Initiate Arbitration Between	:	Case 182
Said Petitioner and	:	No. 45184 INT/ARB-5913
MARATHON COUNTY	:	Decision No. 27032
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In the Matter of the Petition of	:	
LOCAL 1287, AFSCME, AFL-CIO	:	
To Initiate Arbitration Between	:	Case 183
Said Petitioner and	:	No. 45215 INT/ARB-5922
MARATHON COUNTY	:	Decision No. 27033
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In the Matter of the Petition of	:	
LOCAL 2492E, AFSCME, AFL-CIO	:	
To Initiate Arbitration Between	:	Case 184
Said Petitioner and	:	No. 45216 INT/ARB-5916
MARATHON COUNTY	:	Decision No. 27034
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In the Matter of the Petition of	:	
MARATHON COUNTY	:	
To Initiate Arbitration Between	:	Case 185
Said Petitioner and	:	No. 45217 INT/ARB-5924
MARATHON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	:	Decision No. 27035
LOCAL 326, AFSCME	:	
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In the Matter of the Petition of	:	
MARATHON COUNTY (HEALTH DEPARTMENT)	:	
To Initiate Arbitration	:	Case 186
Between Said Petitioner and	:	No. 45252 INT/ARB-5932
	:	Decision No. 27036

MARATHON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
EMPLOYEES UNION LOCAL 2492-B

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Appearances:

Mr. Philip Salamone, Staff Representative, Wisconsin Council 40, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, P.O. Box 1981, Wausau, Wisconsin 54402-1981, appearing on behalf of the Unions.

Mr. Dean R. Dietrich, Ruder, Ware & Michler, S.C., Attorneys at Law, 500 Third Street, P.O. Box 8050, Wausau, Wisconsin 54402-8050, appearing on behalf of the County.

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

On September 5, 1991 Marathon County filed a Motion to Consolidate six pending interest arbitration petitions into a single Sec. 111.70(4)(cm)6, Stats. proceeding, asserting that there is a sufficient similarity of issues and parties to warrant such action by the Commission.

On September 17, 1991, the collective bargaining representative of the employees in the six bargaining units covered by the petitions filed a statement opposing the Motion. The representative denied the County's contention that there is sufficient similarity of issues in the six pending interest arbitration proceedings before Investigator Yaeger. The representative further asserted that even if there were a similarity of issues, the bargaining units cannot be compelled to consolidate the petitions.

On September 19, 1991, the County reasserted its previous contentions as to similarity of parties and issues and on September 24, 1991 the collective bargaining representative repoded thereto.

The Commission has considered the matter and concluded that although petitions can be voluntarily consolidated under Sec. 111.70(4)(cm)6, Stats., said statutory provision entitles the parties to a collective bargaining relationship to a separate interest arbitration proceeding for each bargaining unit even if there is an identity of parties and issue(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

That the Motion to Consolidate is denied.

Given under our hands and seal at the City of  
Madison, Wisconsin this 1st day of October,  
1991.

WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

No. 27031  
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By \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Henry Hempe, Chairperson

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Herman Torosian, Commissioner

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William K. Strycker, Commissioner