City v. CEU, et. Al, 16 OCB 62 (BOC 1975) [Decision No. 62-75 (Cert.)]

OFFICE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BOARD OF CERTIFICATION

In the Matter of

THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND RELATED PUBLIC EMPLOYERS,

Petitioner

-and-

DECISION NO. 62-75

CITY EMPLOYEES UNION, LOCAL 237, I.B.T.,

Respondent

DOCKET NO. RE-60-75

-and-

DISTRICT COUNCIL 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO,

Respondent

-and-

LOCAL 144, HOTEL, HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME and ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES UNION, SEIU, AFL-CIO,

Respondent

DECISION AND ORDER CONSOLIDATING CERTIFICATIONS

On November 25, 1975, the New York City Office of Labor Relations filed a petition requesting the consolidation into four bargaining units of twenty*separate units represented by City Employees Union, Local 237, I.B.T. (including one unit represented jointly by Local 237, I.B.T.; District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO; and Local 144, Hotel, Hospital, Nursing Home and Allied Health Services Union, SEIU, AFL-CIO). The petition also seeks to delete two allegedly obsolete titles from two of the pertinent certifications. The City states that the employees in each of the units sought "share a community of interest ... in that they perform related work" and that those in one of the requested units (Public Housing Maintenance and operations) "share a common history of collective bargaining in that heretofore they have chosen to bargain jointly in negotiations with petitioner."

The City declares that the proposed consolidated units are consistent with the decisions and policies of the Board of Certification and, if adopted, would "further the efficient operation of the public service and ... enhance ... sound labor relations. The City states that the proposed consolidation would minimize the possibility of "whipsawing" and "leap-frogging" of settlements, and "reduce the number of negotiations and contracts into which petitioner must enter," thereby enabling the City to bargain more efficiently, economically and effectively, and better "implement a uniform labor relations policy."

The parties have been notified of the pendency of this petition, and no objection has been raised.

It appears to the satisfaction of the Board that the requested consolidated units would be appropriate for collective bargaining purposes and would be consistent with the Board's previous decisions.*

See especially Decision No. 46-75, where we consolidated fifty-one units certified to another labor organization into twelve "broad-based occupational units".

These units are described in detail in the Appendix to this Decision, but they may be briefly characterized as follows:

- 1. Public Housing Maintenance and Operations
- 2. General Maintenance, Inspection and Skilled Crafts
- 3. Public information and Health Education
- 4. Medical, Hospital and Laboratory Technicians.

In addition, our investigation confirms Petitioner's contention that the titles of Senior Housing Manager and Senior Resident Buildings Superintendent have been deleted from classification by the City Civil Service Commission (CCSC resolution no. 74-13) and shows, moreover, that they are vacant. Accordingly, we shall exclude these titles from the consolidation ordered herein.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to t~e powers vested in the Board of Certification by the New York City Collective Bargaining Law, it is hereby

ORDERED that all Certifications heretofore issued for the titles listed in the Appendix to this Decision and Order shall be terminated and superseded by the following Certifications:

- A. Public Housing-Maintenance and Operations
- B. General Maintenance, Inspection and Skilled Crafts
- C. Public Information and Health Education
- D. Medical, Hospital and Laboratory Technicians.

Units "A", "B" and "C" are to be represented by City Employees Union, Local 237, I.B.T., while Certification "D" is to be held jointly by City Employees Union, Local 237, I.B.T.; District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO; and Local 144, Hotel, Hospital, Nursing Home and Allied Service Employees Union, SEIU, AFL-CIO. These certifications are subject to existing contracts, if any, covering any or all of said employees.

DATED: New York, New York December 29, 1975

> ARVID ANDERSON Chairman

WALTER L. EISENBERG Member

ERIC J. SCHMERTZ Member

APPENDIX

<u>Unit A - Public Housing Maintenance and Operations</u> replaces the following:

- A-I Part of Certification No. 62-69 (as amended by Decisions 57-70, 70-74, 37-75 and 55-75)
 - Housing Caretaker Housing Exterminator Housing Fireman Housing Guard Housing Maintenance Helper Housing Supply Man Janitorial Assistant (CETA)
- A-II Certification 3 NYCDL No.20

Foreman of Housing Caretakers Foreman of Housing Exterminators Senior Foreman of Housing Exterminators Supervising Housing Groundsman

- <u>A-III Certification 4 NYCDL No.2</u> Housing Assistant Housing Community Activities Coordinator
- <u>A-IV Certification 4 NYCDL No.27</u> Assistant Chief of Housing Community Activities
- <u>A-V Part of Certification 3 NYCDL No.39</u> Assistant Housing Manager Housing Manager (Senior Housing Manager has been deleted)
- <u>A-VI Part of Certification 6 NYCDL No.14</u> Assistant Resident Buildings Superintendent Resident Buildings Superintendent (Senior Resident Buildings Superintendent has been deleted)
- <u>A-VII Certification 6 NYCDL No.64</u> Housing Teller Senior Housing Teller Supervising Housing Teller

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This certification originally covered the Cashiers, Senior Housing Cashiers, and Supervising Housing Cashiers employed by the New York City Housing Authority. These employees were later reclassified (CCSC res. #69-95) to Housing Teller, Senior Housing Teller, and Supervising Housing Teller, respectively. The title of Housing Teller was inadvertently omitted from our notices in this case.

Unit B - General Maintenance, Inspection and Skilled Crafts

replaces the following.:

B-I Part of Certification No. 62-69 (as amended by Decisions 57-70, 70-74, 37-75 and 55-75)

Assistant Stockman Stockman Warehouse Aide (CETA) Warehouse Aide (WREP)

B-II Certification CWR-34/67 Storekeeper Senior Storekeeper Principal Storekeeper

B-III Certification No. 29-75

Junior Building Custodian Assistant Building Custodian Building Custodian Senior Building Custodian Supervisor of Building Custodians

B-IV Certification CWR-83/67 Hostler

B-V Certification 9 NYCDL No.50 (as amended by Decision No. 17-A-74)

Assistant Bridge Operator Bridge Operator Bridge Operator-in-Charge Supervisor of Bridge Operations

B-VI Certification No. 9-74 (as amended by Decisions 32-74, 73-74, 9-75, 39-75 and 47-75)

Blasting Inspector Commercial Vehicle Compliance Agent (CETA) Firearms Control Inspector Pipe Laying Inspector Principal Water Use Inspector Senior Blasting Inspector Senior Commercial Vehicle Compliance Agent (CETA) Senior Pipe Laying Inspector Senior Taxi and Limousine Inspector Senior Transportation Inspector Senior Water Use Inspector Supervising Taxi and Limousine Inspector Supervising Water Use Inspector Taxi and Limousine Inspector Transportation Inspector Water Meter Reader Water Use Inspector and restored Rule X equivalents

B-VII Certification No. 28-72 (as amended by Decisions 1-73, 99-73, 59-74, 73-74 and 47-75)

Handyman (CETA) Harness Maker Horseshoer Maintenance and Control Planner Maintenance Man Maintenance Man Trainee Maintenance Planning and Control Supervisor Refrigeration Service Helper Refrigeration Service Mechanic

B-VIII Certification No. 22-74

Bricklayer Cement Mason Foreman Bricklayer Foreman Plasterer Foreman Roofer Mason's Helper Plasterer Roofer

> <u>Unit C - Public Information and Health Education</u> replaces the following:

C-I Certification No. 66-74 (as amended by Decision No. 43-75) Photographer Associate (CETA) Photographer Senior Photographer and restored Rule X equivalents

C-II Certification 3 NYCDL No.2 (as amended by Decisions 32-69, 35-74 and 47-75) Public Health Education Trainee Public Health Educator

Senior Public Health Educator

C-III Certification CWR-78/67 (as amended by Decision No. 22-69)

Editorial Assistant Information Assistant Public Relations Assistant Supervisor of Traffic Safety Education

C-IV Certification MR-6/65

Senior Intergroup Relations Officer

<u>Unit D - Medical, Hospital and Laboratory Technicians</u> replaces the following:

D-I Certification No. 98-73 (as amended by Decisions 34-74, 57-74, 73-74, 17-75 and 47-75)

Ambulance Corpsman Ambulance Technician Ambulatory Care Technician Assistant Bio-Medical Equipment Technician Bio-Medical Equipment Technician Bio-Medical Equipment Technician Trainee Electrocardiograph Technician Electroencephalograph Technician Health Code Aide (CETA) Laboratory Technician Maternal and Child Care Technician Medicine-Surgery Technician Mental Health Assistant Operating Room Technician Paramedic Ambulance Corpsman Psychiatric/Social Health Technician Radiation Technician Rehabilitation Technician Respiratory Therapist Senior Bio-Medical Equipment Technician Senior Electrocardiograph Technician Senior Laboratory Technician Senior Laboratory Technician (Office of the Chief Medical Examiner) Senior Radiation Technician Senior X-Ray Technician Supervising Ambulance Corpsman Supervisor of X-Ray Technician Services X-Ray Technician

D-II Certification CWR-101/67 Orderly