

Writers Guild of Amer. East, Inc. v. Mun. Broad. System, 2 OCB 7 (BOC 1968) [Decision No. 7-68 (Cert.)]

OFFICE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
BOARD OF CERTIFICATION

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In the Matter of the Petition of

WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA, EAST, INC.

Docket No. R-22-67

-and-

Decision No. 7-68

MUNICIPAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM

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DECISION AND NOTICE

Writers Guild of America, East, Inc., herein called Petitioner, filed its petition with the New York City Department of Labor, pursuant to Executive Order No. 49 on March 1, 1967.

Pursuant to Rule 13.13 of the Consolidated Rules of the Office of Collective Bargaining, this proceeding was transferred to the Board of Certification, effective January 2, 1968.

Upon consideration of the investigation by the Department of Labor, and of its own investigation, and after due deliberation, the Board of Certification issues the following decision:

I. Undisputed Matters

It is undisputed, and we find and conclude, that, in fact and within the meaning of the New York City Collective Bargaining Law: Petitioner is a public employee organization; and that a question or controversy concerning representation exists.

II. The Appropriate Unit

Petitioner requests certification as the exclusive collective bargaining representative of a unit consisting of the Script Writers and Continuity Writers in the Municipal Broadcasting System (WNYC).

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There is in force a certificate issued by the Department of Labor in which the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians, AFL-CIO, was certified as the exclusive representative for the purposes of collective bargaining of all Script Writers, Continuity Writers, Audience Promotion Assistants, Assistant Musical Supervisors, and Musical Supervisors employed in the Municipal Broadcasting System.

The above-mentioned titles constitute a programming group employed by the cited agency. Their work consists mainly of selecting, writing, and editing literary, musical, and public relations material for various radio and television programs.

As the duties and interests of the Script Writers and Continuity Writers are substantially similar to those of the other programming personnel, we find that it would not effectuate the purposes of the statute to sever the titles of Script Writer and Continuity Writer and fragmentize the established unit. Accordingly, we shall dismiss the petition.

O R D E R

By virtue of and pursuant to the power vested in the Board of Certification by the New York City Collective Bargaining Law, it is hereby,

O R D E R E D, that the petition filed herein, on March 23, 1967, by the Petitioner, be, and the same hereby is, dismissed.

DATED: New York, N.Y.

March 22, 1968

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