

**UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
REGION 10**

HEALTHCARE SERVICES GROUP, INC.

Employer

and

Case 10-RC-15448

UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL
WORKERS UNION, LOCAL 1996

Petitioner

DECISION AND DIRECTION OF ELECTION

Healthcare Services Group, Inc. is a Pennsylvania corporation that provides healthcare services with an office and place of business in Macon, Georgia. The Petitioner, United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 1996, filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board, herein referred to as the Board, under Section 9(c) of the National Labor Relations Act, as amended, herein referred to as the Act. A hearing was held before a hearing officer of the Board.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3(b) of the Act, the Board has delegated its authority in this proceeding to the undersigned.

Upon the entire record in this proceeding¹, the undersigned finds:

1. The hearing officer's rulings made at the hearing are free from prejudicial error and are hereby affirmed.
2. The Employer is engaged in commerce within the meaning of the Act and it will effectuate the purposes of the Act to assert jurisdiction herein.

¹ Both parties waived the filing of briefs

3. The Union is a labor organization within the meaning of Section 2(5) of the Act and claims to represent certain employees of the Employer.

4. A question affecting commerce exists concerning the representation of certain employees of the Employer within the meaning of the Section 9(c)(1) and Section 2(6) and (7) of the Act.

5. The following employees of the Employer constitute a unit appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining within the meaning of Section 9(b) of the Act:

Full time and regular part time laundry, dietary and housekeeping employees employed by the Employer at its Macon, Georgia facility, excluding CNAs, RNs, LPNs, technical, office clerical, supervisors, therapy guards and all other employees as defined in the Act.²

DIRECTION OF ELECTION

An election by secret ballot shall be conducted by the undersigned among the employees in the unit found appropriate above. The employees will vote whether or not they wish to be represented for purposes of collective bargaining by United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 1996. The date, time and place of the election will be specified in the notice of election that the Board's Regional Office will issue subsequent to this Decision.

A. Voting Eligibility

Eligible to vote in the election are those in the unit who are employed during the payroll period ending immediately before the date of this Decision, including employees

² The unit description was stipulated by the parties.

who did not work during that period because they were ill, on vacation, or temporarily laid off. Employees engaged in any economic strike, who have retained their status as strikers and who have not been permanently replaced are also eligible to vote. In addition, in an economic strike which commenced less than 12 months before the election date, employees engaged in such strike who have retained their status as strikers but who have been permanently replaced, as well as their replacements, are eligible to vote. Unit employees in the military services of the United States may vote if they appear in person at the polls. Ineligible to vote are (1) employees who have quit or been discharged for cause since the designated payroll period; (2) striking employees who have been discharged for cause since the strike began; and who have not been rehired or reinstated before the election date; and (3) employees who are engaged in an economic strike that began more than 12 months before the election date and who have been permanently replaced.

B. Employer to Submit List of Eligible Voters

To ensure that all eligible voters may have the opportunity to be informed of the issues in the exercise of their statutory right to vote, all parties to the election should have access to a list of voters and their addresses, which may be used to communicate with them. Excelsior Underwear Inc., 156 NLRB 1236 (1966); NLRB v. Wyman-Gordon Company, 394 U.S. 759 (1969). Accordingly it is hereby directed that within seven (7) days of the date of this Decision, the Employer must submit to the Regional Office an election eligibility list, containing the full names and addresses of all the eligible voters. North Macon Health Care Facility, 315 NLRB 359, 361 (1994). This list must be of sufficiently large type to be clearly legible. To speed both preliminary checking and the

voting process, the names on the list should be alphabetized (overall or by department, etc.). Upon receipt of the list, I will make it available to all parties to the election.

To be timely filed, the list must be received in the Regional Office, Suite 1000, Harris Tower, 233 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, on or before **April 20, 2004**. No extension of time to file this list will be granted except in extraordinary circumstances, nor will the filing of a request for review affect the requirement to file this list. Failure to comply with this requirement will be grounds for setting aside the election whenever proper objections are filed. The list may be submitted by facsimile transmission at (404) 331-2858. Since the list will be made available to all parties to the election, please furnish a total of **two** copies, unless the list is submitted by facsimile in which case no copies need be submitted. If you have any questions, please contact the Regional Office.

C. Notice Posting Obligations

According to Section 103.20 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, the Employer must post the Notices to Election provided by the Board in areas conspicuous to potential voters for a minimum of 3 working days prior to the date of the election. Failure to follow the posting requirement may result in additional litigation if proper objections to the election are filed. Section 103.20(c) requires an employer to notify the Board at least 5 full working days prior to 12:01 a.m. of the day of the election if it has not received copies of the election notice. Club Demonstration Services, 317 NLRB 349 (1995). Failure to do so estops employers from filing objections based on nonposting of the election notice.

RIGHT TO REQUEST REVIEW

Both parties have agreed to waive their right to review of this Decision under the provisions of Section 102.67 of the Board's Rules and Regulations.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia, on this 13th day of April, 2004.

/s/ Martin M. Arlook



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