STATE OF HAWAII

HAWAII PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

In the Matter of)
) Case No
HAWAII FIRE FIGHTERS) 10
ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 1463,) Order No. <u>426</u>
IAFF, AFL-CIO,)
)
Petitioner.)

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF REASONABLENESS OF SERVICE FEES

On June 30, 1980, the Hawaii Public Employment Relations Board (hereafter Board) issued Decision No. 131 which certified as reasonable an annual service fee of \$74.45 (\$6.20 per month) for employees in Unit 11 (Firefighters) in accordance with Subsection 89-4(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes (hereafter HRS). The Decision stated that such service fee should continue to be deducted unless otherwise ordered by the Board. The Board also directed the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (hereafter HFFA), the certified exclusive representative of employees in Unit 11, to petition the Board for a service fee review no later than December 31, 1980.

On January 7, 1981, the HFFA filed with the Board a Petition for Certification of Reasonableness of Service Fees. Said petition requested the Board to certify as reasonable, a monthly service fee of \$10.50 (\$126.00 annually) for employees in Unit 11.

The Board held a pre-hearing conference on January 22, 1981 and a hearing on February 5, 1981. At the hearing scheduled on February 5, 1981, the HFFA requested that the hearing be continued to a later date because of the unavailability of the auditor's report. The hearing was continued until April 6, 1981 where the HFFA presented evidence in support of its petition.

On September 16, 1981, the Board received a letter, dated September 15, 1981, from Francis Kennedy, Jr., Business Manager of the HFFA requesting that said petition be withdrawn.

Inasmuch as HRS Section 89-4, as amended by Act 180, Session Laws of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1981, no longer requires this Board to certify as reasonable service fees paid to employee organizations, the Board hereby grants Petitioner's request for withdrawal. This case is dismissed.

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James K. Clark, Board Member

Dated: September 28, 1981 Honolulu, Hawaii