



January 17, 2001

Notice to the Labour Relations Community

Certification/Rescission Applications

Since circulating the January 2, 2001 Notice to the Labour Relations Community concerning the new certification procedure, we have received comments from employers and counsel for employers in relation to the contents of the Notice of Hearing. The Notice of Hearing proposed responded to comments made during the consultation meetings in November. We would encourage all members of the Community to participate in such consultation meetings when they are called to ensure the Board has a full discussion of concerns relating to changes in procedures.

The decision to post a notice of hearing was made to ensure that employees in a workplace that is subject to a certification or rescission application are provided with basic information about the application from the Board. Not all parties who appeared at the consultation meetings agreed that such notice is required. However, overall, it was agreed that a notice of hearing is a useful mechanism for informing individual employees of an application and providing them with access to more information about process through the Board Registrar or the Board's website.

Given the lack of consensus over the contents of the Notice of Hearing, we will amend it to contain simply information about the hearing date, time and location and about Board contacts for further information. This format will be used for one year commencing February 1, 2001 at which time it will be reviewed, along with the entire certification/rescission procedures, by the Board at its annual meeting.

Your comments on the revised procedures can be faxed to the Registrar at (306) 787-2664. Sample certification and rescission notices are attached to this Notice.

Staff Changes/Additions

The Board is pleased to announce that Mr. Peter Suderman has accepted an appointment to the position of Investigating Officer with the Board. Mr. Suderman was formerly a member of the employee relations department of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and, in a prior life, was a conciliation officer with Saskatchewan Labour. Mr. Suderman will commence his position at the Board on February 15, 2001.

Gwen Gray
Chairperson