## STATE OF MICHIGAN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION LABOR RELATIONS DIVISION

## REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN,

Employer,

and Case No. R11 D-034

## GRADUATE EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION/AFT

Petitioner	

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## MOTION TO INTERVENE AND FOR SUMMARY DISPOSITION

- 1. Petitioner Graduate Employees Organization/AFT has filed a representation petition with the Commission.
- 2. Intervenor Melinda Day is a graduate student research assistant at the University of Michigan. She seeks to intervene in this proceeding via R. 423.145(3) and to have the representation petition dismissed for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction pursuant to R. 423.165(2).
- 3. The Commission has previously held that graduate student research assistants are not public employees. It did so in a matter involving the same union, the same employer, and the same class of students now under consideration. The Commission therefore lacks subject-matter jurisdiction over the representation petition; the Commission has jurisdiction over public employees only. Hence, the petition should be dismissed.
- 4. This document and the brief in support were served upon Petitioner GEO and Employer Regents of the University of Michigan by placing same in the regular mail.
- 5. Oral argument is requested.

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