



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

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October 16, 2020



Re: Independent Steelworkers Union of Beaver
Valley (Littell Steel Co.)
Case 06-CB-265482

Dear [REDACTED]:

We have carefully investigated and considered your charge that Independent Steelworkers Union of Beaver Valley has violated the National Labor Relations Act.

Decision to Dismiss: Based on that investigation, I have decided to dismiss your charge for the reasons discussed below.

You allege that since about July 8, 2020, the Independent Steelworkers Union of Beaver Valley restrained and coerced employees in the exercise of rights protected by Section 7 of the Act by refusing to file and process a grievance over your termination for arbitrary or discriminatory reasons or in bad faith. The investigation disclosed that there were two meetings concerning the Employer's decision to terminate you. Union representatives were present as your representative in both of those meetings. After hearing the Employer's and your arguments, the Union did not file a grievance over your termination. Under Board law, unions are provided a wide range of reasonableness and discretion in serving a bargaining unit that it represents, and a union must not conduct itself in a manner that is arbitrary, discriminatory, or in bad faith. *Vaca v. Sipes*, 386 U.S. 171 (1967). In the instant matter, there is insufficient evidence that the Union harbored any animus against you, or that it acted arbitrarily or in bad faith. Further, there is insufficient evidence that the Union's decision not to file a grievance was based upon anything other than its assessment of the merits of the grievance.

Based on the above, I am refusing to issue complaint and I am dismissing your charge.

Charging Party's Right to Appeal: The Charging Party may appeal my decision to the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, through the Office of Appeals.

Means of Filing: You must file your appeal electronically or provide a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible (Written instructions for the NLRB's E-Filing system and the Terms and Conditions of the NLRB's E-Filing policy are available at www.nlr.gov. See [User Guide](#). A video demonstration which provides [step-by-step instructions](#) and frequently asked questions are also available at www.nlr.gov. If you require additional assistance with E-Filing, please contact e-Filing@nlrb.gov).

You are encouraged to also submit a complete statement of the facts and reasons why you believe my decision was incorrect. If you cannot file electronically, please send the appeal and your written explanation of why you cannot file electronically to the **General Counsel** at the **National Labor Relations Board, Attn: Office of Appeals, 1015 Half Street SE, Washington, DC 20570-0001**. Unless filed electronically, a copy of the appeal should also be sent to me.

The appeal MAY NOT be filed by fax or email. The Office of Appeals will not process faxed or emailed appeals.

Appeal Due Date: The appeal is due on **October 30, 2020**. If the appeal is filed electronically, the transmission of the entire document through the Agency's website must be completed **no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** on the due date. If filing by mail or by delivery service an appeal will be found to be timely filed if it is postmarked or given to a delivery service no later than October 29, 2020. **If an appeal is postmarked or given to a delivery service on the due date, it will be rejected as untimely.** If hand delivered, an appeal must be received by the General Counsel in Washington D.C. by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the appeal due date. If an appeal is not submitted in accordance with this paragraph, it will be rejected.

Extension of Time to File Appeal: The General Counsel may allow additional time to file the appeal if the Charging Party provides a good reason for doing so and the request for an extension of time is **received on or before October 30, 2020**. The request may be filed electronically through the *E-File Documents* link on our website www.nlr.gov, by fax to (202)273-4283, by mail, or by delivery service. The General Counsel will not consider any request for an extension of time to file an appeal received after October 30, 2020, **even if it is postmarked or given to the delivery service before the due date**. Unless filed electronically, a copy of the extension of time should also be sent to me.

Confidentiality: We will not honor requests to limit our use of appeal statements or evidence. Upon a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) by a party during the processing of an appeal, the Agency's FOIA Branch discloses appeal statements, redacted for personal privacy, confidential source protection, or other applicable FOIA exemptions. In the event the appeal is sustained, any statement or material submitted may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Nancy Wilson

NANCY WILSON
Regional Director

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APPEAL FORM

To: General Counsel
Attn: Office of Appeals
National Labor Relations Board
1015 Half Street SE
Washington, DC 20570-0001

Date:

Please be advised that an appeal is hereby taken to the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board from the action of the Regional Director in refusing to issue a complaint on the charge in

Case Name(s).

Case No(s). *(If more than one case number, include all case numbers in which appeal is taken.)*

(Signature)