

All workers of Ithaca Industries, Inc., Thomasville, Georgia (TA-W-33,050), Meigs, Georgia (TA-W-33,050F), and Women's Division Management Center, Cairo, Georgia (TA-W-33,050G) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after December 4, 1995 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 31st day of July, 1997.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-01548 and TA-W-33,336]

Inland Paperboard and Packaging Inc., Erie, Pennsylvania; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By letters of April 30 and May 1, 1997, the United Paperworkers International Union requested administrative reconsideration of the Department of Labor's Notices of Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance, petition NAFTA-01548 and Worker Adjustment Assistance, petition TA-W-33,336. The denial notices for NAFTA-01548 and TA-W-33,336 were signed on April 1, 1997 and published in the **Federal Register** on May 2, 1997 (62 FR 24135), and April 25, 1997 (62 FR 18362), respectively.

The petitioners' request claims that production of boxes in Mexico will increase when the Erie plant closes. Review of the Department's investigation shows that the survey of the subject firm's customers was incomplete.

Conclusion

After careful review of the application, I conclude that the claim is of sufficient weight to justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decision. The application is, therefore, granted.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 31st day of July 1997.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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NAFTA-01562

Lithonia Lighting Conyers, Georgia; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By letter of April 29, 1997, one of the petitioners requested administrative reconsideration of the Department of Labor's Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance, applicable to petition number NAFTA-01562. The denial notice was signed on April 1, 1997 and published in the **Federal Register** on April 15, 1997 (62 FR 18362).

The petitioner presents evidence that the Department's investigation was incomplete.

Conclusion

After careful review of the application, I conclude that the claim is of sufficient weight to justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decision. The application is, therefore, granted.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 31st day of July 1997.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[NAFTA-01571]

Washington Public Power Supply System, Richland, Washington; Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By application dated April 23, 1997, Local Union No. 77 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's negative determination regarding worker eligibility to apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA). The denial notice applicable to workers of the subject firm located in Richland, Washington, was signed on March 21, 1997 and published in the **Federal Register** on April 15, 1997 (62 FR 18361).

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(c) reconsideration may be granted under the following circumstances:

(1) If it appears on the basis of facts not previously considered that the determination complained of was erroneous;

(2) if it appears that the determination complained of was based on a mistake in the determination of facts not previously considered; or

(3) if in the opinion of the Certifying Officer, a misinterpretation of facts or of the law justified reconsideration of the decision.

Findings of the initial investigation showed that workers of Washington Public Power Supply System, Richland, Washington were engaged in employment related to the production of electricity. The Department's denial of NAFTA-TAA for workers of the subject firm was based on the determination that criterion (3) and (4) of the Group Eligibility requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, were not met.

There was no shift in the production of electricity from Washington Public Power Supply System to Mexico or Canada, nor did the subject firm import electricity from Mexico or Canada. The Department's survey of Washington Public Power Supply System's sole customer revealed that the customer switched its purchases from the subject firm to other domestic sources of electricity.

The petitioner asserts that the sale of electricity from the nuclear production of energy is in fact being shifted to less expensive suppliers like gas, hydro and coal, along with solar and wind. The petitioner adds that severe price competition from producers of these alternate sources of power, such as combustion turbines fired by natural gas imported from Canada, has led to severe cost cutting measures at the Supply System. The petitioner claims that any energy source that replaces electricity is a direct replacement of the product.

In determining worker group eligibility for NAFTA-TAA, the Department must examine import impact of the articles produced at the worker's firm. In this case, workers at Washington Public Power Supply System produced electricity. The expenditures that would be required to switch from an electricity production facility to another source of power generation such as gas, would be prohibitive because of the machinery, equipment and technology that would be necessary to effect such a conversion. Therefore, gas and other power generating sources cannot be considered