OFFICE OF THE ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR for the INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

IN RE: TOM LEEDHAM SLATE and)	Protest Decision 2001 EAD 404
HOFFA UNITY SLATE,)	Issued: July 2, 2001
)	OEA Case Nos. PR062713NA and
Protestors.)	PR062714NA
)	

The Tom Leedham Rank and File Power Slate (the "Leedham slate") filed a preelection protest pursuant to Article XIII, Section 2(b) of the Rules for the 2000-2001 IBT International Union Delegate and Officer Election ("Rules"). The protest alleges that supporters of the Hoffa Unity Slate (the "Hoffa slate") intimidated voters while they were on their way to the polls on June 27, 2001 to vote for nomination of regional International Vice-President candidates. The Hoffa slate has also filed a pre-election protest pursuant to Article XIII, Section 2(b) of the Rules. It alleges that the Election Administrator and the General Counsel reacted to the above-referenced alleged conduct of Hoffa slate supporters in a manner that demonstrated their political bias towards members of the Leedham slate.

Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 2(f) and Definition 14 of the *Rules*, I designate Election Administrator Representative Jeffrey Ellison to investigate and determine the merits of each of the above-referenced protests, and to determine the appropriate remedy if he finds any violation of the *Rules*.

Any interested party not satisfied with this determination may request a hearing before the Election Appeals Master within two (2) working days of receipt of this decision. The parties are reminded that, absent extraordinary circumstances, no party may rely upon evidence that was not presented to the Office of the Election Administrator in any such appeal. Requests for a hearing shall be made in writing, shall specify the basis for the appeal, and shall be served upon:

Kenneth Conboy
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Latham & Watkins
Suite 1000
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Copies of the request for hearing must be served upon all other parties, as well as upon the Election Administrator for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, 727 15th Street NW, Tenth Floor, Washington, DC 20005 (fax: 202-454-1501), all within the time

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prescribed above. A copy of the protest must accompany the request for hearing.

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