

STATE OF MICHIGAN
EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
LABOR RELATIONS DIVISION

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN,

Public Employer,

and

Case No. R11 D-034

GRADUATE EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION/AFT,

Petitioner-Labor Organization,

and

MELINDA DAY,

Intervenor,

and

STUDENTS AGAINST GSRA UNIONIZATION,

Intervenor.

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**MOTION TO INTERVENE AND TO DENY PETITIONER'S
MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

1. Petitioner Graduate Employees Organization/AFT has filed a representation petition with the Commission.
2. Intervenor Students Against GSRA Unionization is a group of 371 graduate student research assistants at the University of Michigan. That group 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. In 1981, the Commission 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.
4. On September 14, 2011, given the 1981 ruling, the Commission entered an order dismissing the representation petition.
5. On October 3, 2011, petitioner filed a motion for reconsideration, which should be denied for the reasons put forth in the accompanying brief.
6. This document and the brief in support were served upon Petitioner Graduate Employees Organization/AFT and Public Employer University of Michigan by placing same in the regular mail.

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