



July 24, 2009



Dear [REDACTED]:

This Statement of Reasons is in response to your April 9, 2008 complaint filed with the United States Department of Labor alleging that violations of Title IV of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as amended (LMRDA or Act), 29 U.S.C. §§ 481 - 484, occurred in connection with the election of officers of Local 1697 (Local 1697), American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) completed on December 28, 2007.

During the course of the Department of Labor's (Department) investigation of the allegations of the complaint, the AFGE National took action to merge Local 1697 into AFGE Local 1061, effective as of October 6, 2008. The merger occurred as scheduled.

As Local 1697 no longer exists, there is no basis under section 402 of the Act, 29 U.S.C. § 482, for an action by the Secretary seeking a new election for the Local as a result of any violations of the Act that may have occurred during the conduct of the December 2007 election.

Accordingly, we are closing our file on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cynthia M. Downing".

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