

IN RE:

JOHN BLATT

01 - Elec. App. – 039 (KC)

This matter is an appeal from the Election Administrator's (the "EA") decision 2001 EAD 165, issued February 14, 2001. The hearing was requested by John Blatt, a candidate for delegate and member of Teamsters Local Union 429 in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania.

A hearing was held before me on February 22, 2001. The following persons were heard by way of teleconference: Jeffrey J. Ellison, Esq. and Lois M. Tuttle, Esq. for the Election Administrator's Office; Mr. Blatt; and Thomas Rockowicz, President of Local Union 429. This office received no additional submissions.

This protest alleges that Mr. Blatt is ineligible to run for delegate in that he lacks the twenty-four month consecutive months of continuous good standing because he did not pay his dues timely for the month of August 1999. Mr. Blatt claims that when he started his new job at Plymouth Rock on August 11, 1999, he signed a checkoff letter, authorizing his employer to deduct his dues from his paycheck each month. When he realized no dues had been deducted, Mr. Blatt went to the Local Union on September 22, 2000, paid his dues for August and September 2000, making his payment for August 2000 untimely.

Mr. Blatt could not provide any documentary evidence to show that he had either signed the checkoff authorization in August, 2000 or paid his dues timely for August 2000. Therefore, I must confirm the findings of the EA and affirm his decision finding John Blatt ineligible.

\_\_\_\_s/Kenneth Conboy\_\_\_\_\_

Kenneth Conboy  
Election Appeals Master

Dated: February 26, 2001