



The prehearing conference was scheduled for July 11, 2016, and the hearing was scheduled to begin on August 16, 2016.

The General Counsel sought a continuance because: (1) trial counsel assigned to the matter unexpectedly and suddenly took leave from the ALRB; (2) the newly assigned counsels need time to familiarize themselves with the case and prepare for hearing; (3) a continuance would allow the General Counsel to determine the merits of charges currently under investigation that are sufficiently related to the above-captioned cases in order to issue complaints and consolidate meritorious cases; and (4) the field examiner assigned to this matter unexpectedly resigned on June 22, 2016. The General Counsel requested that the prehearing conference be continued to January 3, 2017, and the hearing be continued to February 7, 2017.

On July 6, 2015, the Board granted the General Counsel special permission to appeal and issued an order directing all parties to meet and confer with the Executive Secretary, and provide to him a response to the following question:

If the November 2016 hearing in case 2015-CE-011-VIS were to be taken off calendar and continued to a date to follow the hearing in the above-captioned matter, what are the earliest dates in 2016 that all parties would be available to proceed with the prehearing conference and hearing in the above captioned matter?

After receiving the Board's order, the Executive Secretary transferred this request to the assigned ALJ for consideration. The parties conferred with each other and agreed

to hold the Prehearing Conference on September 26, 2016 with the hearing to begin on November 1, 2016. On July 11, 2016, the assigned ALJ issued an order continuing indefinitely the prehearing conference call scheduled for July 11, 2016.

In light of the alternate 2016 dates provided by the parties, the Board GRANTS the General Counsel's Stipulated Motion to Continue the Prehearing Conference and the Hearing in the above-captioned matter. The Prehearing Conference will be held on September 26, 2016 with the hearing to begin on November 1, 2016.

Dated: July 14, 2016

William B. Gould IV, Chairman

Genevieve A. Shiroma, Member

Cathryn Rivera-Hernandez, Member