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After the Arbitrator found that the Union improperly filed a group grievance as an institutional grievance, he remanded the grievance and granted the Union the right to refile at any time. The Authority concluded that the award failed to draw its essence from the procedural requirements of the parties' agreement and set aside the award.

Member DuBester dissented. Noting that the Arbitrator found that both parties failed to comply with their obligations under the parties' negotiated grievance procedure and that nothing in the parties' agreement precluded the awarded remedy, Member DuBester would deny the Agency's essence exception.

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