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During bargaining over their successor collective-bargaining agreement, the parties were unable to reach agreement on several articles, and the Agency requested the assistance of the Federal Service Impasses Panel (the Panel). After the Panel issued a decision and order, the Union filed a motion asking the Authority to stay the Panel’s order. The Authority denied the Union’s request because the Union did not demonstrate that a stay was appropriate under the circumstances of this case.

Member DuBester concurred in the decision to deny the request for a stay, but wrote separately to express his concerns regarding the majority’s inconsistent characterizations of the Federal Service Impasses Panel’s independence.

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