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In an email, the Arbitrator notified the parties that he was placing the arbitration in abeyance pending resolution of a related unfair-labor-practice charge. The Agency excepted to the Arbitrator's email on several grounds. Because the Agency conceded that none of its exceptions would obviate the need for further proceedings, the Authority dismissed the exceptions as interlocutory.

Chairman DuBester concurred, finding that the Agency's exceptions failed to allege a plausible jurisdictional defect and, therefore, did not demonstrate extraordinary circumstances warranting interlocutory review.

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