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In a merits award, the Arbitrator found that the Agency violated the Fair Labor Standards Act and the parties' collective-bargaining agreement; retained jurisdiction indefinitely to resolve implementation issues, including the amount of attorney fees; and set a deadline for an attorney fee petition (petition). In a fee award, the Arbitrator excused the Union's late petition – filed one day after the deadline – and awarded all the attorney fees requested. The Agency filed exceptions to the fee award on contrary-to-law grounds. The Authority found that the Arbitrator was not functus officio, but that the fee award was deficient because it lacked specific findings to support the awarded fees.

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