CASE DIGEST: AFGE, Loc. 480, Council of Prison Locs. #33 and U.S. DOJ, Fed. BOP, Fed. Corr. Inst. McDowell, Welch, W. Va., 73 FLRA 839 (2024)

The Union grieved an Agency decision to temporarily assign four employees to cover the duties of a vacant position without first bargaining over the assignments with the Union. The Arbitrator denied the grievance, finding the Agency had no obligation to bargain because the assignments were only temporary increases to the employees' regular duties. The Union filed a contrary-to-law exception. Because the Union did not explain this exception, the Authority denied it as unsupported under 5 C.F.R. § 2425.6(e)(1). Chairman Grundmann concurred.

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