

United States of America
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION
1120 20th Street, N.W., Ninth Floor
Washington, DC 20036-3457

SECRETARY OF LABOR,

Complainant,

v.

JACOBS FIELD SERVICES NORTH AMERICA,

Respondent.

OSHRC Docket No. 10-2659

BRIEFING NOTICE

The Commission requests that the parties brief whether the judge erred in affirming the alleged violations of the lockout/tagout (“LOTO”) standard, 29 C.F.R. § 1910.147. In particular, the parties are asked to address the following issues:

- (1) Did the judge err in finding that the LOTO standard applies to the cited conditions?
- (2) Did the judge err in finding that the Secretary established that the Respondent had knowledge of the cited conditions? In discussing this issue, the parties are asked to address the relevance, if any, of *W.G. Yates & Sons Constr. Co. Inc. v. OSHRC*, 459 F.3d 604 (5th Cir. 2006).

The parties are advised that when the merits or characterization of an item are before the Commission for review, the appropriateness of the penalty is also subject to review. Accordingly, the parties may address the amount of the penalty if they so choose.

All briefs are to be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 93.¹ The first brief is to be filed within 40 days of this notice. A party who does not intend to file a brief must notify the Commission in writing setting forth the reason therefor within the applicable time for filing

¹ The Commission requests that all briefs include an alphabetical table of authorities with references to the pages on which they are cited, and that an asterisk be placed in the left-hand margin of the table to indicate those authorities on which the brief principally relies. The Commission also requests that copies of cited authority, other than statutes, case law, law journal articles and legal treatises, be provided to the Commission and to the opposing party. Parties should be cautioned that these materials will be considered only if appropriate.

briefs, and shall serve a copy on all other parties. The time for filing briefs (or similar notices of intent) of opposing parties shall commence on the date of service.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

RAY H. DARLING, JR.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Dated: November 22, 2011

/s/

John X. Cervený
Deputy Executive Secretary