

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

MARATHON PETROLEUM LOGISTICS
SERVICES LLC

Employer

and

RICH SORENSEN

Petitioner

Case 27–RD–387246

and

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 222

Union

ORDER

The Petitioner’s Request for Review of the Regional Director’s determination to hold the petition in abeyance is denied as it raises no substantial issues warranting review.¹

JAMES R. MURPHY, CHAIRMAN

DAVID M. PROUTY, MEMBER

SCOTT A. MAYER, MEMBER

Dated, Washington, D.C., August 20, 2026.

¹ In denying review, we note that the Regional Director acted in accordance with Sec. 103.20 of the Board’s Rules and Regulations, which sets out the Board’s blocking-charge policy.

For institutional reasons, Chairman Murphy and Member Mayer apply extant law in denying the Petitioner’s Request for Review and express no opinion on whether the policy was correctly determined.

Chairman Murphy and Member Mayer note that the Board’s current blocking charge procedures contemplate that regional directors will continue to evaluate a blocking determination throughout the steps of processing the charge and the petition. See *Starbucks Corporation*, 374 NLRB No. 141 (2026); Sec. 11730.4 of the Board’s Casehandling Manual (Part 2), Representation Proceedings (“[T]he Regional Director should assess, throughout the steps of processing the charge and the petition, whether the charge blocks the petition.”); Sec. 103.20(e) of the Board’s Rules and Regulations (“If, after holding a petition in abeyance, the regional director determines that special circumstances have arisen or that employee free choice is possible notwithstanding the pendency of the unfair labor practices, the regional director may resume processing the petition.”).