CASE DIGEST: SSA & AFGE, Local 1164, 71 FLRA 580 (2020) (Member DuBester concurring).

The sole issue in this case is whether the grievance is procedurally arbitrable. The Arbitrator found that the grievance was arbitrable because the parties "mutually consented" to an extension of the deadline for arbitration contained in their agreement. We find that the Agency failed to demonstrate that the award was deficient, because its exceptions are merely disagreements with the Arbitrator's interpretation of the parties' agreement.

Member DuBester concurred in the Order denying the Agency's exceptions.

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