



Issue Date: 29 March 2019

CASE NO.: 2018-FRS-00073

In the Matter of:

MATTHEW THOMAS,
Complainant,

vs.

**INTER-RAIL TRANSPORT OF
EL MIRAGE,**
Respondent.

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT

This is a claim under the employee-protection provisions of the Federal Railroad Safety Act, 49 U.S.C. § 20109, as amended by Section 1521 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, Pub. L. No. 110-53 (Aug. 3, 2007). It is currently set for hearing in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 6, 2019.

The parties have reached a settlement in this agreement and submit their "Settlement Agreement, General Release, Confidentiality Agreement and Waiver of All Claims" (the "agreement") for my approval under 29 C.F.R. section 1978.111, subsections (d)(2) and (e). Under the agreement, among other things, Respondent must pay Complainant \$17,500.00, paying \$2,500.00 directly to Complainant, and \$15,000.00 to Complainant's counsel. The terms of these payments are more fully set forth in the agreement, and incorporated by this reference into this Order.

I find this settlement fair and equitable on the record before me, and I approve it under 29 C.F.R. section 1978.111, subsection (d)(2).

Under 29 C.F.R. section 1978.111, subsection (e), this settlement, as approved, constitutes the final order of the Secretary in this matter.

SO ORDERED.

CHRISTOPHER LARSEN
Administrative Law Judge