



Issue Date: 06 February 2017

CASE NO.: 2016-NTS-00003

IN THE MATTER OF

ROBERT COYLE

Complainant

v.

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Respondent

DECISION AND ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT

This proceeding arises from a complaint of discrimination filed pursuant to the employee protection provisions of the National Transit Systems, Security Act (“NTSSA”) of 2007, 6 U.S.C. §1142 (enacted as part of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (the “9/11 Act”), Pub. L. 110-53, 121 Stat 266 (Aug. 3, 2007). The hearing on this matter was scheduled for November 7, 2016 but was cancelled generally pending settlement negotiations between the parties.

On February 2, 2017, the Court received the parties’ signed Settlement Agreement, General Release of All Claims and Covenant Not to Sue (“Settlement Agreement”). Having been advised of the settlement amount and conditions, and having personally reviewed the settlement agreement, I find the provisions fair, adequate, reasonable and not contrary to public interest. Further, the settlement supports a finding that the complaint be dismissed with prejudice.

After review of the parties’ joint request that the Settlement Agreement be kept confidential, this Administrative Law Judge finds that the Settlement Agreement shall be treated in accordance with 29 CFR § 70.26 and that there be restricted access to the parties’ confidential agreement pursuant to 29 CFR § 18.85. The Court shall place the parties’ Settlement Agreement in a sealed envelope in a separate file and mark it as containing confidential information to avoid improper disclosure pursuant to 29 CFR §§ 18.85 and 70.26. Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The Settlement Agreement is **APPROVED**;
2. The Parties’ request for confidential treatment of the Settlement Agreement is **APPROVED**
3. The complaint **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

4. This constitutes the final order of the Secretary of Labor under 29 C.F.R. §1982.111(e).

ORDERED this 6th day of February, 2017, at Covington, Louisiana.

PATRICK M. ROSENOW
Administrative Law Judge