



**Issue Date: 11 July 2018**

**CASE NO.: 2018-SOX-00008**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**TERESSA BARNER,  
Complainant**

**v.**

**SHELL ENERGY OF NORTH AMERICA,  
Respondent**

**DECISION AND ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT  
AND DISMISSING WITH PREJUDICE**

This proceeding arises under the employee protection provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended, 18 U.S.C. § 1514A. On July 3, 2018, the parties submitted a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and to Dismiss Complaint With Prejudice.

I have read the Settlement Agreement and find that the settlement is fair, adequate and reasonable. Both Parties are ably represented by counsel. I approve the Settlement Agreement as set forth and find that dismissal, with prejudice, is appropriate. After review, it is determined that the Agreement is fair and reasonable on its face and effectuates the purposes and policies of the Act.

ACCORDINGLY, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The “Confidential Settlement Agreement, General Release and Covenant Not to Sue” is **APPROVED**; and
2. The complaint is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

**SO ORDERED.**

**LARRY W. PRICE  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**