



Issue Date: 11 October 2005

In the Matter of

STEPHEN M. BLOODWORTH  
Complainant

v.

B & K TRANSPORTATION  
Respondent

Case No. 2005-STA-00032

**RECOMMENDED ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT**

A hearing in this case filed under the employee protection provisions of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act, 49 U.S.C. §31105, and the applicable regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 1978, was scheduled to be held on June 28, 2005 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At that time, the complainant was *pro se*. Just before going on the record, the parties announced that they had settled the case, and an outline of the proposed settlement was read into the record. The parties were to file a fully executed settlement agreement consistent with the terms announced at the hearing.

Subsequently, the complainant became reluctant to enter into the settlement. Finally, he consulted an attorney, who informed the respondent's counsel that the complainant had decided to sign the agreement. On October 7, 2005, I received a fully executed agreement in settlement of this case. The agreement, which is consistent with the terms read into the record at the hearing, appears to be reasonable, and therefore,

***IT IS RECOMMENDED*** that the settlement agreement be approved.

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JEFFREY TURECK  
Administrative Law Judge