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Case No.: 2019-TNE-00041

In the Matter of

**ADMINISTRATOR, WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

Prosecuting Party

v.

EAST COAST IRRIGATION, INC.

Employer

DECISION AND ORDER APPROVING CONSENT FINDINGS

The above-captioned matter arises from the request for hearing filed by East Coast Irrigation, Inc. (“Respondent”) on the determination of the Administrator, Wage and Hour Division (“Administrator”) dated July 1, 2019 which arose from the Secretary of Labor’s enforcement of H-2B provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”), 8 U.S.C. §1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b), as amended, and its implementing regulations set forth at 20 C.F.R. Part 655, Subpart A and 29 C.F.R. Part 503.

In the July 1, 2019 determination, the Administrator concluded Respondent violated the H-2B provisions of the INA, during the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017 and assessed back wages and civil money penalties. Specifically, the Administrator determined Respondent committed violations relating to the USCIS Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker (I-129 Petition), and the Application for Temporary Employment Certification (9142 Application)(ETA Form 9142B with Appendix B) filed under the 2015 regulations.

A Notice of Hearing and Pre-Hearing Order was issued on August 20, 2019, scheduling a hearing for December 18, 2019 in Cherry Hill, NJ. By letter dated September 17, 2019 and received on September 19, 2019, counsel for the Administrator stated the parties have reached an agreement and included their proposed Consent Findings and Order.

The document entitled “Consent Findings And Order” enclosed with the letter from Administrator’s counsel dated September 17, 2019 is incorporated by reference in this Order and is attached to this Order. The undersigned has reviewed the parties’ Consent Findings as proposed, and finds them to be fair and adequate. The Consent Findings attached to this Order are therefore approved.

Reiterating what, in part, has been set forth in the Consent Findings attached to this Order, the parties waive any further proceeding before the Office of Administrative Law Judges and waive any right to challenge or contest the validity of the Consent Findings entered into in accordance with their agreement. *See* 29 C.F.R. §§ 18.71(b)(3) and (4). Each party will bear its own costs, attorney's fees and other expenses incurred in connection with this proceeding. This Order approving the parties' Consent Findings as proposed will have the same force and effect as an order made after full hearing in accordance with 29 C.F.R. § 18.71(b)(1).

The hearing scheduled for December 18, 2019 in Cherry Hill, NJ is hereby CANCELED.

SO ORDERED.

LYSTRA A. HARRIS
Administrative Law Judge

Cherry Hill New Jersey

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Copies of the Petition should be served on all parties and on the undersigned Administrative Law Judge. No particular form is prescribed for the Petition; however, any such petition shall:

- (1) Be dated;
- (2) Be typewritten or legibly written;
- (3) Specify the issue or issues stated in the administrative law judge decision and order giving rise to such petition;
- (4) State the specific reason or reasons why the party petitioning for review believes such decision and order are in error;
- (5) Be signed by the party filing the petition or by an authorized representative of such party;
- (6) Include the address at which such party or authorized representative desires to receive further communications relating thereto; and
- (7) Attach copies of the administrative law judge's decision and order, and any other record documents which would assist the ARB in determining whether review is warranted.

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