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CASE NO.: 2019-WPC-00006

IN THE MATTER OF

LESLIE BEHRINGER
Complainant

v.

TRANSOCEAN OFFSHORE DEEPWATER DRILLING, INC.
Respondent

ORDER DISMISSING CLAIMS WITH PREJUDICE

This proceeding arises pursuant to complaints alleging violations under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act ("WPC"), 33 U.S.C. § 1367, and the regulations promulgated thereunder at 29 C.F.R. Part 24, *et seq.* On November 4, 2019, the parties submitted a Joint Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement and Dismiss with Prejudice, after reporting settlement of all claims and that the Respondent Transocean Offshore Deepwater Drilling, Inc. had formally approved the settlement agreement. The parties have submitted their agreement for ALJ approval, and for settlements under the WPC they are not required to do so. *See* 29 C.F.R. § 24.111(a); *Sayre v. Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.*, ARB Nos. 99-091/99-092, ALJ No. 1997-TSC-00006, slip op. at 2, n.1 (ARB Sept. 30, 1999).

To the extent that the Settlement references causes of action other than the instant case, I limited my review and approval solely to the settlement of Complainant's allegation that Respondent violated the WPC. Based on the foregoing stipulation of the parties concerning resolution of all pending claims by settlement agreement, the Joint Motion is **GRANTED** and the claims are **DISMISSED** with prejudice. The Secretary's Findings shall be the Final Order of the Secretary. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii); *see also* 29 C.F.R. § 24.111(a).

ORDERED this 6th day of November, 2019, at Covington, Louisiana.

ANGELA F. DONALDSON
Administrative Law Judge