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**Issue Date: 30 July 2010**

**CASE NO.: 2009-SOX-00064**

*In the Matter Of:*

**MARK FERRANTE,**  
*Complainant,*

v.

**THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO.**  
*Respondent.*

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

This matter arises from a complaint of discrimination filed by Mark Ferrante (“Complainant”) against The Connecticut Light & Power Company (“Respondent” or “CL&P”) under the employee protection provisions of Section 806 of the Corporate and Criminal Fraud Accountability Act of 2002, Title VIII of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C.A. § 1514A (West 2004) (“SOX” or the “Act”) and the procedural regulations found at 29 C.F.R. Part 1980 (2004). The matter is set for hearing on August 23-24 in Hartford, Connecticut. By letter of July 19, 2010, the Complainant withdrew his SOX complaint, stating the parties had reached a confidential settlement.<sup>1</sup>

Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. 1980.111(c), at any time before the findings or order become final, a party may withdraw his or her objection to the findings or order by filing a written withdrawal with the administrative law judge, or, if the case is on review, with the Administrative Review Board. The judge or the Board, as the case may be, will determine whether the withdrawal will be approved. As the Secretary’s Findings are not final and a written withdrawal has been filed, approval of the withdrawal is appropriate. Accordingly, good cause having been shown, Complainant’s request for withdrawal will be granted and this case will be dismissed.

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<sup>1</sup> The parties had previously informed the undersigned that they were working with a mediator from JAMS in an effort to resolve the matter.

**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Complainant's letter to withdraw be, and hereby is, **GRANTED**, and this case be, and hereby is, **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**, each party to bear their own costs.

**SO ORDERED.**

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COLLEEN A. GERAGHTY  
Administrative Law Judge

Boston, Massachusetts