

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**Issue Date: 25 February 2014**

ALJ NO.: 2014-STA-00004

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*In the Matter of:*

MICHAEL DIGHELLO,  
*Complainant,*

v.

PALUMBO TRUCKING, INC. and  
DAVID PALUMBO,  
*Respondents.*

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ALJ NO.: 2014-STA-00003

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*In the Matter of:*

SEAN SLAIN,  
*Complainant,*

v.

PALUMBO TRUCKING, INC. and  
DAVID PALUMBO,  
*Respondents.*

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**ORDER GRANTING COMPLAINANT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO APPROVE  
SETTLEMENT AND DISMISS PROCEEDING**

These proceedings arise from complaints of discrimination filed under employee protection provisions of Section 405 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act ("STAA"), as amended, 49 U.S.C.A. § 31105 (West 2008) and the procedural regulations found at 29 C.F.R. Part 1978 (2012). The formal hearing in these related matters was scheduled to commence on

March 11, 2014 in New London, Connecticut. On February 25, 2014, the parties filed a Joint Motion for Acceptance of Settlement Agreement along with a copy of the Settlement Agreement.

Based on the record as a whole and upon review of the Settlement Agreement, I find that the terms of the Settlement Agreement are fair, adequate, and reasonable, and it is hereby APPROVED pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 1978.111(d)(2).

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that:

- (1) The Joint Motion is **GRANTED**;
- (2) The Settlement Agreement is **APPROVED**; and
- (3) The Complaints of Sean Slain and Michael Dighello are **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

**SO ORDERED.**

**JONATHAN C. CALIANOS**  
Administrative Law Judge

Boston, Massachusetts