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CASE NO. 2015-STA-00015

In the Matter of

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH,**
Prosecuting Party,

and

JERALD CLINE,
Complainant,

v.

**NORTHWEST TOURS, INC.
D/B/A SUN VALLEY EXPRESS,**
Respondent.

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT

This claim arises under the whistleblower protection provision of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act, 49 U.S.C. § 31105. On June 25, 2015, the parties filed a proposed settlement agreement to resolve the case.

I find the proposed settlement fair, adequate, and reasonable, and I approve it with one caveat and one clarification.

First, language in the agreement purports to settle, release, or otherwise address claims or potential claims that go beyond the scope of the statute involved in this action. I limit my review to the asserted whistleblower claim only; anything beyond that exceeds this Office's jurisdiction.

Second, the agreement provides compensatory damages to Complainant. I understand the

agreed-upon compensatory sum to include compensation for lost wages.

Order

As so construed, the proposed settlement agreement is fair, adequate, and reasonable. The proposed settlement agreement is APPROVED, and the parties are ORDERED to comply with its terms.

This matter is DISMISSED.

SO ORDERED.

STEVEN B. BERLIN
Administrative Law Judge