



**Issue Date: 28 August 2015**

CASE NO. 2015-STA-00011

*In the Matter of*

**MARK PETERSON,**  
Complainant,

v.

**DALLMAN TRUCKING AND  
JARVIS DALLMAN,**  
Respondents.

**DECISION AND ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

This is a whistleblower claim under the employee protection provision of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA or the Act), 49 U.S.C. § 31105. The parties settled, and on August 3, 2015, submitted a proposed agreement for approval. *See* 29 C.F.R. § 1980.111(d)(2)-(e).<sup>1</sup> Some language in the agreement purports to settle claims beyond the scope of the Act. I limit my review to the STAA claim only; anything beyond that exceeds this Office's jurisdiction.

The proposed settlement agreement fair and reasonable as to the claim under the Surface Transportation Assistance Act. It adequately protects Mr. Peterson, and none of the terms is against public interest. The proposed settlement is therefore APPROVED, and the parties are ORDERED to comply with its terms.

SO ORDERED.

STEVEN B. BERLIN  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>1</sup> Claimant's counsel filed a motion for approval of the agreement, but he failed to sign to motion. *See* 29 C.F.R. § 18.35. After being notified, he cured the failure by filing a signed copy of the motion.