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BEFORE THE GUAM CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



IN THE MATTER OF:

HEIDI BALLENDORF,

Employee,

VS.

GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY,

Management.

ADVERSE ACTION APPEAL **CASE NO.: 19-AA04S**

JUDGMENT OF DISMISSAL

The Civil Service Commission hereby dismisses the above captioned case with prejudice pursuant to the signed Settlement Agreement and Non-Disclosure, attached hereto.

SO ADJUDGED this 22nd day of February, 2022

Chairman

Commissioner

ROBERT C. TAITANO

Commissioner

Chairman

ANTHONY P. BENAVENTE

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the full settlement and discharge of the Appeal on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

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C. This Agreement shall become effective upon execution of this Agreement by the Civil Service Commission.

Now, therefore, for and in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, the parties agree that:

1. Purpose of Agreement. Employee and Management agree and acknowledge that this Agreement is a settlement and compromise of Employee's Appeal from said Notice of Final Adverse Action taken by Management on August 6, 2019. Both parties intend by the execution and performance hereof to fully, finally and completely resolve all disputes between them regarding said Appeal.

2. Employee's Obligation.

- 2.1 Employee shall withdraw said Appeal, including all pending motions, from the Civil Service Commission.
- 2.2 Employee shall resign in writing from her position with Guam Waterworks Authority, within 24 hours (exclusive of weekends or holidays) of receipt of notice of the signing of the Judgment before the Commission.
- 2.3 Employee shall contemporaneously herewith execute a Non-Disclosure Agreement related to the following litigation:
 - (i) GovGuam / GWA v. Coretech Intl: CV1198-19 orCVA22-001
 - (ii) GWA v. Badger Meter Inc: CV1:20-00032
- 2.4 Employee agrees to an undisclosed settlement keeping all terms confidential between the parties until finally resolved.

3. Management's Obligation.

- 3.1 Management shall voluntary dismiss said Adverse Action.
- 3.2 Management shall remove all references to said Adverse Action, including all notices, responses by Employee, evidence and other pertinent material, from

Employee's personnel file, and that Employee's status upon resignation shall reflect in "good standing."

- 3.3 Employee shall receive all back pay and benefits that she would have received as if the Adverse Action had not occurred.
- 3.4 Management agrees that Employee shall receive a nominal pay-for-performance adjustment, of 2%, for both FY2020 and FY2021 for purposes of this settlement, and leaving employee's personnel evaluation for FY2020 and FY2021 outstanding with no additional remark(s) or change(s) to Employee's personnel record, except as agreed herein.
- 3.5 Management agrees to an undisclosed settlement keeping all terms confidential between the parties until finally resolved.
- 4. Performance Accepted. The parties agree that: (a) they will accept performance of the obligations specified in this Agreement as a full and complete settlement of this Adverse Action; (b) negotiations for this settlement, including statements and the exchange of information between the parties and their attorneys or representatives, shall not be considered admissions by any party; (c) neither party admits fault by settling this disputed claim.
- 5. Additional Documents. The parties shall cooperate fully and shall execute any and all supplementary documents and take any and all additional actions that are necessary and appropriate to give full force and effect to this Agreement.
- 6. Independent Counsel. Each party has received advice from its respective attorneys or representatives as to the advisability of this settlement and the execution hereof and are satisfied with said advice. Both parties represent that they have not relied on any statement or representation by the other party or his attorney in entering into this settlement except as provided herein. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and there are no collateral agreements, either oral or written.

1	7. Voluntary Agreement. The parties have carefully read this Agreement and understand	
2	its terms and conditions and enter into it freely and voluntarily.	
3	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the dates written by	
4	4 their respective names.	
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