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Issue Date: 07 December 2006

### **CASE NO.: 2006-AIR-23**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF**

### HANK STEINHAUER, Complainant

v.

## FLIGHTSAFETY INTERNATIONAL, Respondent

# ORDER CANCELING HEARING AND ORDER APPROVING COMPLAINANT'S WITHDRDAWAL OF OBJECTIONS

This proceeding arises under the employee protective provisions of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (herein AIR 21), 49 U.S.C. § 42121, *et. seq.*, Public Law 106-181, Title V § 519 and the regulations hereunder at 29 C.F.R. Part 1979. Secretary of Labor is empowered to investigate and determine "whistleblower" complaints filed by employees who are allegedly discharged or otherwise discriminated against with regard to their terms and conditions of employment for taking any action relating to the fulfillment of safety or other requirements established by AIR 21.

On September 20, 2006, Complainant filed objections to the findings of the Assistant Secretary of Labor that Respondent did not violated AIR 21 by terminating his employment and requested a hearing pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 1979.106. Thereafter on December 4, 2006, Complainant withdrew his objections without opposition from Respondent.

In accord with Complainant's request, and pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 1979.111(c), I hereby approve the withdrawal and cancel the hearing in this matter presently set for January 16, 2007.

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JUDGE CLEMENT J. KENNINGTON ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE