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Issue Date: 22 January 2007

Case No: 2006SOX00116

In the Matter of:

RICHARD GIDDEON,
Complainant,

v.

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY/
GE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES,
Respondents.

FINAL ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AND DISMISSING COMPLAINT

On January 18, 2007, Claimant's counsel filed a Motion for Dismissal of Claim in this case, which was brought under the employee protection provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act ("Act"). Under the Act, the Presiding Judge's authority to approve the settlement is limited to terms and conditions that resolve issues which arose out of the employment relationship in the context of alleged violations of the Act. Accordingly, the Presiding Judge's review of the settlement in this case covers only those provisions over which the Presiding Judge has jurisdiction. To that extent, after reviewing the agreement, the Presiding Judge finds that the settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable. The settlement appears to be in compliance with the law and not against public policy. Moreover, the Complainant in this case is represented by counsel who approved the settlement and, therefore, the Presiding Judge presumes the settlement adequately protects Complainant's interests.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the settlement agreement is approved and the case is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

SO ORDERED.

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Daniel A. Sarno, Jr.
Administrative Law Judge