

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

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Complainant

vs.

CHRISTOPHER CUMMINS KELLY

Respondent

**Docket Number 2023-0359
Enforcement Activity Number 7764211**

CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On December 14, 2023,¹ the Coast Guard submitted a Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order (Motion) to be approved as a settlement of the case under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.²

I have carefully reviewed the terms of the Settlement Agreement and find it is fair and reasonable and in substantial compliance with the requirements of 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.

WHEREFORE,

¹ The Certificate of Service accompanying the Coast Guard's Motion states the Motion was filed on December 13, 2023, a day before the actual filing date. I will consider December 14, 2023, as the date on which the Motion was filed. Also, I note the Certificate of Service does not contain the signature required by 33 C.F.R. § 20.304(c). Although these deficiencies do not present due process issues in this matter, and Respondent has not raised any concern here, care should be exercised to ensure accuracy in filings and adherence to the procedural regulations.

² In addition to the Motion and Settlement Agreement filed on December 14, 2023, the Coast Guard filed an unsigned Settlement Agreement, which contained language identical to that of the agreement I rejected in my Order Rejecting Settlement Agreement, issued December 1, 2023. As I have previously rejected this version, I will not consider or rule on the unsigned agreement.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, the Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order is **GRANTED**, and the Settlement Agreement is **APPROVED** in full and incorporated herein by reference. This Consent Order shall constitute full, final, and complete adjudication of this proceeding.

Done and dated January 4, 2024
Baltimore, Maryland

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lineka N. Quijano", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

**HON. LINEKA N. QUIJANO
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**