

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,
Complainant,

vs.

NICHOLAS DOMINIQUE SAMPSON,
Respondent.

Docket No. 2023-0479
Enforcement Activity No. 7824232

CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On January 16, 2024, the parties in this case submitted a Motion for Approval of a Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order pursuant to 33 C.F.R. § 20.502. After reviewing the initial Settlement Agreement, I found Respondent's signature was undated and held a pre-hearing conference call to address the matter with the parties on March 19, 2024.

On March 26, 2024, the United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard) filed an Amended Unopposed Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order (Amended Motion). A new Settlement Agreement, dated March 26, 2024, was included with the Amended Motion. The Amended Motion explained Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville received Respondent's signed, but undated, Settlement Agreement and Respondent deposited his Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) on January 16, 2024. The Amended Motion specified, "The Parties agree the 24-month settlement period will be calculated from the date of deposit." Amended Motion at 1.

Upon review of the Settlement Agreement, and after being sufficiently advised, I find the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and in substantial compliance with the requirements of 33 C.F.R. § 20.502. Respondent shall receive credit for any remedial actions taken in compliance with the settlement agreement dating back to January 16, 2024.

Accordingly, the Amended Motion is **GRANTED**. The Settlement Agreement is

APPROVED in full and incorporated herein by reference, with an effective date of January 16, 2024. This Consent Order shall constitute full, final, and complete adjudication of this proceeding.

The parties shall have 10 days from service of this order to file an objection.

Done and dated April 24, 2024, at
Houston, Texas

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy Cantrell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

THE HONORABLE TOMMY CANTRELL
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document(s) upon the following parties and limited participants (or designated representatives) in this proceeding:

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