UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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Docket Number: 2024-0012 MISLE Activity ID:

ADMISSION ORDER

Issued: February 20, 2024

Administrative Law Judge Honorable Brian J Curley

Appearances:

For the Coast Guard

Tim Smith Sector Ohio Valley

For the Respondent

Kip A. Chapman

ADMISSION ORDER

On January 08, 2024, the United States Coast Guard Sector Sector Ohio Valley issued a Complaint against Respondent, Kip A. Chapman, alleging they violated 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B). The Coast Guard proposes a sanction of 3 months outright suspension of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC).

In Respondent's Answer, dated January 17, 2024, they admit to all the jurisdictional and factual allegations, and agrees with the Coast Guard's proposed sanction. Respondent deposited their MMC with the Coast Guard on January 18, 2024.

WHEREFORE,

Upon consideration of the record, I hereby **ORDER** that the allegations in the Complaint are **PROVED BY THE ANSWER**. I have carefully reviewed the Complaint and Answer and find that the proposed sanction is appropriate under the provisions of 46 C.F.R. § 5.569.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's Coast Guard issued Merchant Mariner Credentials are Suspended Outright for three (3) Months, commencing on the date Respondent's credentials were deposited with the USCG Sector Ohio Valley.

SO ORDERED.

Brian J Curley Administrative Law Judge

Date: February 20, 2024

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing ADMISSION ORDER upon the following parties (or their designated representatives) to this proceeding at the addresses indicated below by.

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Done and Dated February 20, 2024 at New Orleans, LA

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