

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

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Complainant

vs.

LUKE ROBERT VANDEGRIFT

Respondent

**Docket Number: 2023-0307
Enforcement Activity Number: 7715575**

**ORDER GRANTING COAST GUARD'S NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL AND CONSENT
ORDER APPROVING AMENDED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

This matter comes before me on the United States Coast Guard's (Coast Guard) Notice of Withdrawal of Settlement Agreement (Notice of Withdrawal) and Motion for Approval of Amended Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order (Motion for Approval), both filed on October 11, 2023. In its Notice of Withdrawal, the Coast Guard seeks to withdraw the previously filed settlement agreement submitted with the Coast Guard's initial Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order (Initial Motion), filed on September 5, 2023. In its Motion for Approval, the Coast Guard requests a consent order approving the amended settlement agreement, which incorporates modifications pursuant to my Order Memorializing Pre-Hearing Conference, issued on September 29, 2023.

Turning to the Notice of Withdrawal, I note it does not expressly withdraw the Initial Motion, but only seeks to withdraw the previously filed settlement agreement. I will construe the Notice of Withdrawal as a motion requesting withdrawal of the Initial Motion. Having done so, I **GRANT** the Coast Guard's motion to withdraw the Initial Motion.

I now turn to the Motion for Approval. Having carefully reviewed the request and terms of the amended settlement agreement, I find it is fair, reasonable, and in substantial compliance with the requirements of 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.

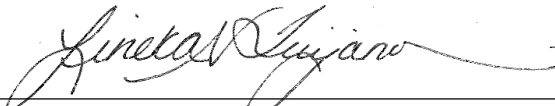
WHEREFORE,

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, the Coast Guard's Notice of Withdrawal is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, the Motion for Approval 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 this October 18, 2023,
at Baltimore, Maryland



Hon. Lineka N. Quijano
Administrative Law Judge
United States Coast Guard