

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER

JOANNA C. USIFO,)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	8 U.S.C. § 1324b Proceeding
)	OCAHO Case No. 2025B00014
)	
TRUVETA INC.,)	
Respondent.)	
)	

Appearances: Joanna C. Usifo, pro se Complainant
Simonne Lawrence, for Respondent

ORDER ON ELECTRONIC FILING AND 28 CFR § 68.6(a) REQUIREMENTS OF SERVICE

I. Electronic Service

On October 23, 2024 Complainant Joanne Usifo filed a complaint with the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO) against Respondent Truveta, Inc., alleging discrimination on the basis of her national origin, citizenship status, and retaliation for her protected activities, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324b(a)(1) and (5). Respondent filed an answer to the complaint on November 26, 2024.

The Court invited the parties to register for its pilot electronic filing program through which they would electronically file all filings in this case and accept electronic service of case-related documents from OCAHO and the opposing party. Both parties in this matter have registered for the Court's voluntary electronic filing program.

Accordingly, the parties shall electronically file all filings in this case in accord with the program instructions provided to them, unless otherwise permitted by the Court or its designee.¹

II. Settlement Officer Document and Service of Process Compliant with 28 CFR § 68.6(a)

The Court is in receipt of an untitled document filed by Complainant on January 13, 2025 which was submitted along with the e-filing form. The document is addressed to the settlement officer, however the Court has not assigned a settlement officer in this matter to present, nor has the Court enrolled the parties in the Settlement Officer Program ("SOP"). The Court will address the propriety of entering the parties into the SOP during the initial prehearing conference on

¹ Information and links to materials associated with OCAHO's Electronic Filing Pilot Program may be found on OCAHO's filing page on the United States Department of Justice's website. *See* <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/ocaho-filing>.

February 11, 2025.

The Court also notes that the Complainant's submission requesting entry into the e-filing program contains a certificate of service stating that the document was mailed to the Respondent and to the Immigrant and Employee Rights Section of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. This submission complies with 28 CFR § 68.6(a), which directs that "all pleadings shall be ... accompanied by a certification indicating service to all parties of record."

However, Complainant informed the Court staff during a telephone call to discuss the receipt of the document that she did not send a copy of the document to Respondent.

As a courtesy to the parties, the Court will send a copy of the Complainant's e-filing form and settlement letter to the Respondent. Complainant is reminded that all documents filed with the Court must be sent to the Respondent, in compliance with 28 CFR § 68.6(a). The Court expects that the parties will strictly comply with this requirement, as with the other orders of this Court.

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on January 28, 2025.

Honorable John A. Henderson
Administrative Law Judge