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

September 6, 2023

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Complainant,
V.
EL CAMINO, LLC,
Respondent.

8 U.S.C. § 1324a Proceeding

OCAHO Case No. 2020A00002

Appearances: Hazel L. Gauthier, Esq., for Complainant David L. Dotson, Esq., for Respondent

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This case arises under the employer sanctions provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended by the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 U.S.C. § 1324a. Complainant, the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, file a Complaint against Respondent, El Camino, LLC on October 9, 2019, alleging two counts of violations of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) § 274A(a)(1)(B). This tribunal issued a decision granting in part and denying in part the Complainant's motion for summary decision, and bifurcating the penalties on March 15, 2023. *United States v. El Camino*, 18 OCAHO no. 1479 (2023).

On September 5, 2023, the parties filed a jointly signed Joint Notice of Settlement and Request for Dismissal. The parties indicate that they have "reached a full and final settlement in this case and have agreed to dismissal of the action," and request dismissal without prejudice. Not. Settlement 1.

Per 28 C.F.R. § 68.14(a)(2), when the parties have entered into a settlement agreement, they shall "[n]otify the Administrative Law Judge that the parties have reached a full settlement agreement and agreed to dismissal of the action. Dismissal of the action shall be subject to the

approval of the Administrative Law Judge, who may require the filing of the settlement agreement."

The Court finds that the parties' Joint Notice of Settlement and Request for Dismissal complies with the requirements of 28 C.F.R. § 68.14(a)(2). The Court declines to require the filing of the settlement agreement as both parties are represented, have actively engaged in the case, and have the benefit of the Court's decision on liability.

Because the parties have jointly requested dismissal and complied with the regulatory requirements for dismissal, the Notice of Settlement and Joint Motion to Dismiss is GRANTED and the case is hereby DISMISSED without prejudice.

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on September 6, 2023.

Honorable Jean C. King Chief Administrative Law Judge