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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY) CIVIL ACTION NO.
COMMISSION,))) COMPLAINT
Plaintiff, v.)) JURY TRIAL DEMAND)
THE BURRITO SHOPPE LLC, dba SQUEEZERS GIANT BURGERS Defendant.	CIVO5-329-S-LMB
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NATURE OF THE ACTION

This is an action under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of sex and to provide appropriate relief to Audrey Powers ("Ms. Powers"). The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission alleges that defendant subjected Ms. Powers and a class of similarly situated

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909 First Avenue, Suite 400 Seattle, Washington 98104-1061 Telephone: (206) 220-6883 Facsimile: (206) 220-6911 TDD: (206) 220-6882 females to discrimination when it subjected them to harassment on the basis of their sex. The sexual harassment resulted in Ms. Power's constructive discharge. Plaintiff seeks monetary relief, including pecuniary and nonpecuniary compensatory and punitive damages, and injunctive relief on behalf of Ms. Powers and a class of similarly situated females.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§451, 1331, 1337, 1343 and 1345. This action is authorized and instituted pursuant to sections 706(f)(1) and (3) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. sections 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3) ("Title VII"), and Section 102 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. §1981a.
- 2. The employment practices alleged to be unlawful were committed within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Idaho.

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (the "Commission"), is the agency of the United States of America charged with the administration, interpretation and enforcement of Title VII, and is expressly authorized to bring this action by Section 706(f)(1) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §2000e-5(f)(1).
- 4. At all relevant times, defendant The Burrito Shoppe LLC, dba Squeezers Giant Burgers ("Squeezers") has been a corporation continuously doing business in the State of Idaho and has continuously had at least 15 employees.

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909 First Avenue, Suite 400 eattle, Washington 98104-1061 Telephone: (206) 220-6883 Facsimile: (206) 220-6911 5. At all relevant times, defendant Squeezers has continuously been an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of Sections 701(b), (g) and (h) of

Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §§2000e-(b), (g) and (h).

STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

6. More than thirty days prior to the institution of this lawsuit, Ms. Powers filed a

charge with the Commission alleging violations of Title VII by defendant Squeezers. All

conditions precedent to the institution of this lawsuit have been fulfilled.

7. Beginning on or about August 2003, defendant Squeezers engaged in unlawful

employment practices at its Nampa, Idaho facility in violation of §§ 703(a) of Title VII, 42

U.S.C. §§ 2000e-2(a). The practices include sexual harassment and constructive discharge.

8. The effect of the practices complained of in paragraph 7 above has been to

deprive Ms. Powers and a class of similarly situated females of equal employment opportunities.

9. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraph 7 above were

intentional.

10. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraph 7 above were

done with malice or with reckless indifference to Ms. Powers' and the class of similarly situated

females' federally protected rights.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court:

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Telephone: (206) 220-6883 Facsimile: (206) 220-6911 TDD: (206) 220-6882 Α. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining defendant, its officers, successors, agents,

assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from engaging in any

employment practices which discriminate.

В. Order defendant to institute and carry out policies, practices, and programs which

provide equal employment opportunities for all employees, and which eradicate the effects of its

past and present unlawful employment practices.

C. Order defendant to make whole Ms. Powers and the class of similarly situated

females by providing appropriate back pay with prejudgment interest, in amounts to be

determined at trial, and other affirmative relief necessary to eradicate the effects of its unlawful

employment practices.

D. Order defendant to make whole Ms. Powers and the class of similarly situated

females by providing compensation for past and future pecuniary losses resulting from the

unlawful employment practices described in paragraph 7 above, including past and future out-of-

pocket expenses, in amounts to be determined at trial.

E. Order defendant to make whole Ms. Powers and a the class of similarly situated

females by providing compensation for past and future nonpecuniary losses resulting from the

unlawful practices complained of in paragraph 7 above, including without limitation emotional

pain, suffering, and loss of enjoyment of life, in amounts to be determined at trial.

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- F. Order defendant to pay Ms. Powers and the class of similarly situated females punitive damages for its malicious and reckless conduct described in paragraph 7 above, in amounts to be determined at trial.
- G. Grant such further relief as the Court deems necessary and proper in the public interest.
 - H. Award the Commission its costs of this action.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

The Commission requests a jury trial on all questions of fact raised by its complaint.

DATED this 11th day of August, 2005.

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