IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

NANCY MARTIN, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Case No. C2-89-362 Judge Edmund A. Sargus, Jr. Magistrate Judge Norah McCann King

TED STRICKLAND, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

This class action came before the Court for a previously-noticed Fairness Hearing on March 5, 2007. The Court has thoroughly considered the likelihood of Plaintiffs' success on the merits in relationship to the benefit of certainty in the compromise; the complexity, expense and duration of discovery and the litigation; the judgment and experience of class counsel; the arms-length nature of the settlement negotiations between the parties; the objections and comments of the class members and interested parties; and the public's interest. *Williams v. Vukovich*, 720 F.2d 909 (6th Cir. 1983)(citing *Stotts v. Memphis Fire Dep't*, 679 F.2d 541 (6th Cir. 1982)). For the reasons stated in open court during the Fairness Hearing, the Court finds that the parties' proposed settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate and hereby **ADOPTS AND APPROVES** of the same. The **CLASS SETTLEMENT** is **APPROVED**. The Clerk is directed to remove this case from the Court's active cases and motions list.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

3-5-2007

DATED

EDMUND)A. SARGUS, JR.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE