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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

EOUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,

Plaintiff.

v.

HANNAH MOTORS COMPANY,

Defendant.

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03-CV-05531-CMP

# NATURE OF THE ACTION

This is an action under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ("Title VII") and Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of sex and retaliation and to provide appropriate relief to Ann Morgan and Genny Smith who were adversely affected by such practices. The Commission alleges that Ms. Morgan and Ms. Smith were sexually harassed. The Commission further alleges that Ms. Morgan was discharged in retaliation for having complained about being sexually harassed and Ms. Smith was constructively discharged. Plaintiff seeks monetary and injunctive relief, including pecuniary and nonpecuniary compensatory damages and punitive damages.

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§451, 1331, 1337, 1343

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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. §§ 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 Western District of Washington.

### <u>PARTIES</u>

- 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 Hannah Motors Company ("Hannah Motor") has continuously been a corporation doing business in the State of Washington and has continuously had at least 15 employees.
- 5. At all relevant times, Defendant Hannah Motors has continuously been an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of Sections and 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. Morgan filed a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission alleging violations of Title VII by Defendant Hannah Motors. All conditions precedent to the institution of this lawsuit have been fulfilled.
- 7. From at least June, 1999, Defendant Hannah Motors engaged in unlawful employment practices at its Vancouver, Washington facility in violation of §§ 703(a) and 704(a) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e-2(a) and 2000e-3(a). These practices included sexually harassing Ms. Smith and Ms. Morgan, then discharging Ms. Morgan in retaliation for complaining about being sexually harassed and constructively discharging Ms. Smith.

- 8. The effect of the practices complained of in paragraph 7 above has been to deprive Ms. Morgan and Ms. Smith of equal employment opportunities and otherwise adversely affect their status as employees of Hannah Motors because of their sex.
- 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 the federally protected rights of Ms. Morgan and Genny Smith.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. 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 other employment practice which discriminates on the basis of sex and retaliation.
- B. 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 Ann Morgan and Genny Smith 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 Ann Morgan and Genny Smith 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 defendants to make whole Ann Morgan and Genny Smith 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

1	of enjoyment of life, in amounts to be determined at trial.	
2	F. Order defendant to pay Ann Morgan and Genny Smith punitive damages for it	
3	malicious and reckless conduct described in paragraph 7 above, in amounts to be determined at trial	
4	G. Grant such further relief	as the Court deems necessary and proper in the public
5	interest.	
6	H. Award the Commission its	s costs of this action.
7	<u>JURY TRIAL DEMAND</u>	
8	The Commission requests a jury trial on all questions of fact raised by its complaint	
9	DATED this 29th day of September, 2003.	
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