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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DISTRICT OF MO EASTERN DIVISION TERM DISTILLOUIS EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION, U. S. DILTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MO ST. LOUIS Plaintiff, and TRACY PICKETT, Plaintiff-Intervenor, CIVIL ACTION NO. 4: 02CV1483 AGF V. CWI of MISSOURI, Inc., d/b/a HEARTLAND DISPOSAL SERVICES, and REPUBLIC SERVICES, Inc., Defendants.

CONSENT DECREE

Introduction

Plaintiff, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (hereinafter the "Commission"), has instituted this action alleging that Defendants violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000e et seq. (hereinafter "Title VII"), by sexually harassing Tracy Pickett and retaliating against her after she reported the harassment.

Tracy Pickett, by and through her attorneys, has intervened in this lawsuit, alleging violations of Title VII, and tort claims under Missouri state law.

For purposes of settlement and compromise only, the parties have advised the Court that they wish to resolve the instant controversy without the expense, delay, and burden of further litigation;

THEREFORE, it is the finding of this Court, made on the pleadings and on the record as a whole and upon agreement of the parties, that: (i) this Court has jurisdiction over the parties to and the subject matter of this action, (ii) the requirements of Title VII will be carried out by the implementation of this Decree, (iii) this Decree is intended to and does resolve all matters in controversy in this lawsuit among the parties, and (iv) the terms of this Decree constitute a fair and equitable settlement of all issues in this lawsuit.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED as follows:

I. General Provisions

- 1. This Decree, being entered with the consent of the parties for purposes of settlement, shall not constitute an adjudication on the merits of this lawsuit and shall not be construed as an admission by Defendants of any violation of Title VII or claims made under Missouri state law, or any executive order, law, rule or regulation dealing with or in connection with sex discrimination in employment.
- 2. Defendants shall not discriminate or retaliate against any person because he or she has opposed any practices alleged in this action as unlawful under Title VII, has participated in an

investigation conducted under Title VII with respect to this complaint, or because he or she has participated in this lawsuit or has benefitted in any way as a result of this Consent Decree.

II. Relief for Charging Party

- 3. Within ten (10) calendar days of the parties' executing this Consent Decree, Defendants shall forward to David C. Howard and Associates, counsel for Tracy Pickett:
- a. A company payroll check made payable to Tracy Pickett in the amount of \$45,000.00, less applicable deductions for FICA, Medicare and federal and state income tax withholdings.

 Defendants shall also issue a W-2 form to Tracy Pickett for this amount.
- b. A check made payable to David C. Howard and Associates in the amount of \$30,000 as attorney fees. Defendants shall also issue a 1099-MISC form for this amount.
- 4. Within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Decree,
 Defendants will prepare a letter in the form shown in Exhibit A
 attached hereto on appropriate Heartland Disposal letterhead, and
 will make a signed copy of the resulting letter part of Defendant
 Heartland Disposal's permanent employment record of Tracy
 Pickett. In case of any inquiries by any prospective employers
 regarding Tracy Pickett, Defendants will limit their response to
 the information contained in this letter, which shall be made
 available to the prospective employer and a copy provided, if
 requested. Within thirty (30) days of the parties' executing

this consent decree, a copy of this letter shall also be provided to David C. Howard and Associates for Tracy Pickett.

III. Training

- Decree is approved by the Court, Defendants shall provide mandatory EEO training for all of its owners, managers, supervisors and employees within any facility owned and/or operated by Republic Services, Inc. in the State of Missouri and in or around De Soto, Illinois (to include all facilities in southern Illinois). The training shall cover sexual harassment, sex discrimination, and retaliation under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. This training shall be presented by a trainer from Barnes & Thornburg law offices. An outline of the material that will be covered at the training is attached hereto as Exhibit B. This training will be completed no later than one hundred and twenty (120) days from the Court's approval of this Consent Decree.
- 6. Within sixty (60) days of providing any EEO training pursuant to paragraph 5, Defendants shall send to the EEOC's Regional Attorney in its St. Louis District Office the signatures of all trainees specifying their completion of the training. A copy of this signature page is attached as Exhibit E.

IV. Posting and Policies

7. Defendants shall post and cause to remain posted in all of its Missouri sites as well as all of its sites in southern Illinois copies of Republic Services - Sexual Harassment Policy, signed by Republic Services, Inc.'s Chief Financial Officer, including all means of reporting sexual harassment and/or retaliation complaints. The Notice to Employees attached hereto as Exhibit C shall be posted in locations publicly visible to all employees and applicants in all Missouri and southern Illinois facilities owned and/or operated by Republic Services, Inc. for a period of two (2) years starting from the date of entry of this Decree. Defendants shall also distribute to each management official employed at any facility owned and/or operated in Missouri and Southern Illinois by Defendant Republic Services, Inc. a copy of the signed Notice to Employees, attached as Exhibit C, and have each management official sign the statement attached as Exhibit D to indicate that he has received and has read the policy.

V. Reporting, Record-keeping, and Access

8. Within one hundred eighty (180) days of the entry of this Decree, Defendants shall prepare and submit to the EEOC's Regional Attorney in its St. Louis District Office a letter indicating that they have complied with this Consent Decree. The

signed copies of Exhibits D and E shall be enclosed with the letter.

VI. Term and Effect of Decree

- 9. By entering into this Decree, the parties do not intend to resolve any charges of discrimination currently pending before the Commission other than the charge that created the procedural foundation for the complaint in this case.
- 10. This Decree shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their successors and assigns. Defendants shall affirmatively notify any purchasers of the obligations of this Consent Decree prior to any sale which may take place.
- 11. The Court shall retain jurisdiction of this cause for purposes of compliance and enforcement.
 - 12. Each party shall bear its own costs.

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