STATE OF INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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KAREN E. STONE,

Complainant,

FILE DATED

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V.

PINNACLE CREDIT UNION,
Respondent.

Indiana State Civil Rights Commission

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On June 18, 2008, Robert D. Lange, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ("ICRC"), entered his Proposed Findings Of Fact, Conclusions Of Law, And Order ("the proposed decision").

No objections have been filed to the ICRC's adoption of the proposed decision.

Having carefully considered the foregoing and being duly advised in the premises, the ICRC hereby adopts as its own the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order proposed by the ALJ in the proposed decision, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Dated: 25 July 2008

COMMISSIONER

To be served by first class mail on the following parties and attorneys of record:

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PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On June 16, 2008, Complainant, Karen Stone ("Stone"), filed her Agreed Motion To Dismiss, a Motion with which Respondent, Pinnacle Credit Union ("PCU"), agrees.

Having carefully considered the foregoing and being duly advised in the premises the undersigned Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ("ICRC") proposes that the ICRC enter the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Stone's complaint alleges that she was unlawfully disciplined and eventually terminated from employment with PCU because of disability. CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION (September 16, 2004).
- 2. PCU disputes Stone's claims of unlawful discrimination. NOTICE OF FINDING (January 2, 2008).
- 3. Stone's Motion is expressly motivated by a settlement.

- 4. There is no evidence of fraud, coercion, duress, or any other reason not to approve the stipulated dismissal.
- 5. Any Conclusion Of Law that should have been deemed a Finding Of Fact is hereby adopted as such.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The ICRC has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties.
- 2. Settlement is a favored resolution and should be encouraged.
- 3. Administrative review of this proposed decision may be obtained by the filing of a writing specifying with reasonable particularity each basis for each objection within 15 days after service of this proposed decision. IC 4-21.5-3-29(d).
- 4. Any Finding Of Fact that should have been deemed a Conclusion Of Law is hereby adopted as such.

<u>ORDER</u>

- 1. Stone's Agreed Motion To Dismiss is **GRANTED**.
- 2. Stone's complaint is **DISMISSED**, with prejudice.
- 3. The Status Conference that had been scheduled for June 23, 2008 is **CANCELLED**.

Dated: 18 June 2008

Robert D. Lange

Administrative Law Judge

To be served by first class mail this 18th day of June, 2008 on the following parties and attorneys of record:

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