STATE OF INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. EMra07120593 EEOC NO. 24FA800095

COREY CLINTON,

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Complainant,

FILE DATED

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KOONTZ-WAGNER
ELECTRIC COMPANY,
Respondent.

Indiana State Civil Rights Commission

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On September 25, 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: 24 October 2008

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 September 19, 2008, Complainant, Corey Clinton ("Clinton"), and Respondent, Koontz-Wagner Electric Company ("Koontz-Wagner"), filed their Stipulated Motion To Dismiss With Prejudice.

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. Clinton's complaint alleges that he was terminated from employment by Koontz-Wagner because of race. COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION (December 12, 2007).
- 2. Koontz-Wagner disputes Clinton's claims of unlawful discrimination. NOTICE OF FINDING (April 29, 2008).
- 3. The Motion is expressly motivated by a settlement.

- 4. There is no evidence of fraud, coercion, duress, or any other reason not to approve the requested 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.

ORDER

- 1. The Stipulated Motion To Dismiss With Prejudice is **GRANTED**.
- 2. The Initial Pre-Hearing Conference that had been scheduled for October 1, 2008 is CANCELLED.
- 3. Clinton's complaint is **DISMISSED**, with prejudice.

Dated: 25 September 2008

Robert D. Lange

Administrative Law Judge

To be served by first class mail this 25th day of September, 2008 on the following parties and attorneys of record:

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