STATE OF INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Complainant,

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Respondent.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On June 2, 2011, 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 June 2011

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 May 26, 2011, Respondent Lisa Eytcheson ("Eytcheson"), filed her Notice Of Election ("NOTICE").

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. On March 22, 2011, the Director of the ICRC issued his NOTICE OF REVERSAL ("NOTICE"). The NOTICE found reasonable cause to believe that the Eytcheson had committed a violation of the Indiana Fair Housing Act, IC 22-9.5 ("the IFHA") by refusing to rent a house to Complainant Catonya Collier ("Collier") because of race. See HOUSING DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT (December 28, 2009) ("COMPLAINT").
- 2. Eytcheson has denied the allegations of unlawful discrimination. ANSWER (January 15, 2010).

- 3. The NOTICE was filed within 20 days of his receipt of the reasonable cause finding.
- 4. Any Conclusion Of Law that should have been deemed a Finding Of Fact is hereby adopted as such.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Under the IFHA, a complainant, a respondent, or an aggrieved person may elect to have the claims asserted in a reasonable cause finding decided in a civil action. IC 22-9.5-6-12(a).
- 2. Such an election must be made within 20 days after receipt by the electing party of the reasonable cause finding. IC 22-9.5-6-12(a).
- The election in the NOTICE was made in a timely manner.
- 4. Housing Rule 7.9(a) of the ICRC provides, in material part, as follows: (If ... the respondent ... makes a timely election to have the claims asserted in the charge asserted in a civil action under IC 22-9.5-6-12, the administrative law judge shall dismiss the proceeding..
 910 IAC 2-7-9(a).
- 5. This complaint must be dismissed under 910 IAC 2-7-9(a).
- 6. Administrative review of this proposed decision may be obtained by the filing of a writing identifying with reasonable particularity each basis of each objection within 15 days after service of this proposed decision. IC 4-21.5-3-29(d).
- 7. Any Finding Of Fact that should have been deemed a Conclusion Of Law is hereby adopted as such.

<u>ORDER</u>

1. Collier's COMPLAINT is **DISMISSED**, with prejudice.

2. The Initial Pre-Hearing Conference that had been scheduled for June 13, 2011 is **CANCELLED**.

Dated: 02 June 2011

Robert D. Lange Administrative Law Judge

To be served by first class mail this 2nd day of June, 2011 on the following parties and attorneys of record:

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Indiana Civil Rights Commission c/o Jamal L. Smith, Executive Director