## STATE OF INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. EMsh06120559 EEOC NO. 24FA700101

DIANE J. BROTHERS,

Complainant,

FILE DATED

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GOLDEN EGG PANCAKE HOUSE, INC.;

Respondent.

Indiana State Civil Rights Commission

### FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On August 29, 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: 23 September 2011

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

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# PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On August 18, 2011, Complainant Diane J.Brothers ("Brothers") and Respondent Golden Egg Pancake House, Inc. ("Golden") filed their Joint Motion To Dismiss.

Having carefully considered the foregoing and being duly advised in the premises, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge 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. This proceeding began when Brothers filed a complaint with the ICRC against Golden alleging that he had been constructively discharged from employment by Golden because of sexual harassment. COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION (December 11, 2006).
- 2. Golden denied Brothers' claim of unlawful discrimination. POSITION STATEMENT (January 22, 2007).
- 3. The Joint Motion is expressly motivated by settlement.

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

### <u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The parties' Joint Motion To Dismiss is **GRANTED**.
- 2. Brothers' complaint is **DISMISSED**, with prejudice.

Dated: 29 August 2011

Robert D. Lange Administrative Law Judge

To be served by first class mail this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011 on the following parties and attorneys of record:

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