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BEFORE THE GUAM CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF:

NEETI PRAKASH,

Employee,

VS.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,

Management.

ADVERSE ACTION APPEAL CASE NO. 12-AA12T

DECISION AND INTERLOCUTORY JUDGMENT



This matter came before the Civil Service Commission for a hearing on the merits with regard to an appeal of an adverse action of termination of Neeti Prakash by the Department of Education Management ("DOE"). Following the presentation of evidence, it was determined by the Commission that, while DOE was correct in issuing adverse action, the kind of action taken was too severe in light of the charges against Prakash. Accordingly, the Commission voted to modify the adverse action to demotion, the terms of which have been agreed to by the parties in the attached Stipulation to Terms of Reinstatement ("Stipulation") filed by the parties on October 22, 2013.²

The Commission, after reviewing the terms of the Stipulation, ratified the same. The Commission further determined, pursuant to CSC AA R#11.7.2 that the prevailing party in the matter was DOE because the issuance of an adverse action (though not the type) was correct, and

¹ The vote was 4-2 in favor of demotion. Two Commissioners voted to uphold the adverse action in its entirety.

² A copy of the Stipulation was emailed to the Commission on October 21, 2013. However, the original was delivered to the Commission on October 22.

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as such, Prakash is not entitled to reimbursement of her attorney's fees and costs. Additionally, and in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, which mandates reinstatement within thirty (30) days of the issuance of this Judgment, neither back pay nor retroactive benefits are due to Prakash.

On October 28, 2013, Prakash filed a Motion to Reconsider Pursuant to CSC AA R. 11.7.1 RE: SP194-06 ("Motion to Reconsider"). The issues on which Prakash seeks reconsideration are back pay, leave and benefit accrual, including retirement, and attorney's fees. The DOE filed its opposition to the Motion to Reconsider on October 30, 2013. The parties are instructed that because the Motion to Reconsider is now fully briefed, that motion will be heard by the Commission on November 26, 2013 at its meeting beginning at 5:45 pm. In light of the pending Motion to Reconsider, the Commission issues this Judgment in interlocutory form and further instructs the parties that this Judgment shall not be considered the final Judgment for purposes of CSC AA R#11.7.8.

THUS IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Prakash shall be reinstated to employment in the position and at the rate set forth in the Stipulation of the parties. The Motion to Reconsider is limited to issues of back pay, leave accrual, retirement and attorneys' fees and does not affect in any way the requirement that Prakash be re-employed with DOE. Thus, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in accordance with the Stipulation, DOE undertakes any additional action required to ensure that Prakash is re-employed with DOE within thirty (30) days of the date of this interlocutory Judgment.

SO ORDERED THIS 12 th day of November, 2013.

LUIS R. BAZA

Chairman

MANUEL R. PINAUIN

Vice-Chairman

PRISCILLA T. TUNCAP

Commissioner

LOURDES HONGYEE

Commissioner

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Commissioner