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UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA (UMWA), ON BEHALF OF EUGENE RONCHETTO, GARY GENE RONCHETTO, RANDALL T. MCQUAY, COMPLAINANTS	DISCRIMINATION PROCEEDINGS Docket No. CENT 85-111-D MADI CD 85-6 Docket No. CENT 85-112-D MADI CD 85-7 Docket No. CENT 85-113-D MADI CD 85-8 Prairie Hill Mine
v.	
ASSOCIATED ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., RESPONDENT	

DECISION APPROVING SETTLEMENT

Before: Judge Morris

These are consolidated discrimination proceedings initiated by complainants in accordance with the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, 30 U.S.C. 801 et seq.

Prior to a hearing the parties reached an amicable settlement and they have now filed a written agreement herein.

The agreement provides that it is contingent upon the settlement of all proceedings, including the civil penalty proceeding docketed as Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI), Docket No. CENT 85-66.

In addition, it appears that the proposed settlement is satisfactory to the individual complainants.

In consideration of the proposed settlement respondent agrees to refrain from directing any rear lug "band-aid" welding on any dragline while it is in operation.

Discussion

I have reviewed the proposed settlement and I find that it is reasonable and it should be approved.

The judge further finds that his decision approving a settlement in Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI), Docket No. CENT 85-66, was issued November 19, 1985.

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Accordingly, I enter the following:

ORDER

1. The settlement agreement is approved.
2. The discrimination proceedings are dismissed.

John J. Morris
Administrative Law Judge