

COMPROMISE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into between:

- (1) the Federal Maritime Commission, hereinafter referred to as Commission, and
- (2) North Star World Trade Services, Inc. (North Star), hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Whereas the Commission is considering the institution of an assessment proceeding against Respondent for the recovery of civil penalties for alleged violation of the Commission's regulations at 46 C.F.R. § 515.18(c);

Whereas this course of action is the result of alleged practices believed by the Commission to have been engaged in by Respondent, to wit:

North Star operated without a Qualifying Individual as required pursuant to 46 C.F.R. Part 515, for a period in excess of one year.

Whereas, the Commission has authority under section 13(c) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. § 41109(a)-(b), and Part 502 of the Commission's Regulations, 46 C.F.R. Part 502, to compromise and collect civil penalties;

Whereas, Respondent has terminated the practices which are the basis of the alleged violations set forth herein, and has committed to maintain measures designed to eliminate these practices by Respondent in the future.

Now Therefore, in consideration of the premises herein, and in compromise of all civil penalties arising from the alleged violations set forth and described herein, Respondent and the Commission hereby agree upon the following terms of settlement:

1. Respondent shall make monetary payment to the Commission by cashier's or certified check in the total amount of \$35,000.

2. This instrument shall forever bar the commencement or institution of any assessment proceeding or other claim for recovery of civil penalties from Respondent, its officers, directors, or employees arising from the alleged violations set forth above that occurred for a period in excess of one year prior to November 16, 2016.
3. It is expressly understood that this Agreement is not, and is not to be construed as, an admission by Respondent to the alleged violations set forth above.
4. This agreement is subject to approval by the Commission's Managing Director in accordance with 46 C.F.R. § 502.604.

NORTH STAR WORLD TRADE SERVICES, INC.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE

The above Terms and Conditions and Amount of Consideration are hereby approved and accepted:

By the Federal Maritime Commission:

Brian L. Troiano, Deputy Director (Date)
Bureau of Enforcement

Karen Gregory, Managing Director (Date)