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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BEFORE
THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

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In the Matter of:)	
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CHRIS OMEKAM,)	
Employee)	OEA Matter No. 2401-0351-10
)	
v.)	Date of Issuance: December 6, 2012
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D.C. OFFICE OF UNIFIED)	
COMMUNICATIONS,)	
Agency)	Eric T. Robinson, Esq.
)	Senior Administrative Judge
_____)	
Wendy L. Kahn, Esq., Employee Representative)	
Lindsay M. Neinast, Esq., Assistant Attorney General)	

INITIAL DECISION

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On July 29, 2010, Chris Omekam (“Employee”) submitted a petition for appeal in the above-captioned matter. I was assigned this matter on or around July 17, 2012. On August 13, 2012, I issued an Order Convening a Prehearing Conference set for September 17, 2012. At Employee's request, on September 14, 2012, I rescheduled the prehearing conference date for November 15, 2012. On November 5, 2012, the parties submitted a Joint Motion to Reschedule Prehearing Conference. In this motion, the parties indicated that they would like to reschedule the prehearing conference so that they could have enough time in which to explore settlement of this matter. Accordingly, the prehearing conference in the above matter, which was originally scheduled to be held on November 15, 2012, was rescheduled for January 10, 2013. On December 4, 2012, Employee submitted a signed letter requesting that his petition for appeal be dismissed with prejudice. According to Employee's counsel, this request was made pursuant to a settlement and general release in this matter. The record is now closed.

JURISDICTION

The Office has jurisdiction pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-606.03 (2001).

ISSUE

Whether this matter should be dismissed with prejudice.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Since Employee voluntarily withdrew his petition for appeal, I find that Employee's petition for appeal should be dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that the above-captioned petition for appeal be dismissed.

FOR THE OFFICE:

ERIC T. ROBINSON ESQ.
Senior Administrative Judge