

## U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION Office of Federal Operations P.O. Box 77960 Washington, DC 20013

Linette F.,<sup>1</sup> Complainant,

v.

Megan J. Brennan, Postmaster General, United States Postal Service (Pacific Area), Agency.

Request No. 2019002141

Appeal No. 2019000487

Agency No. 4F-926-0095-18

## DECISION ON REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Complainant requested that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC or Commission) reconsider its decision in EEOC Appeal No. 2019000487 (December 20, 2018). EEOC Regulations provide that the Commission may, in its discretion, grant a request to reconsider any previous Commission decision issued pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 1614.405(a), where the requesting party demonstrates that: (1) the appellate decision involved a clearly erroneous interpretation of material fact or law; or (2) the appellate decision will have a substantial impact on the policies, practices, or operations of the agency. See 29 C.F.R. §1614.405(c).

In her underlying complaint, Complainant alleged that the Agency subjected her to unlawful race, color, sex, and age discrimination when on November 17, 2016, management put her on emergency placement. In its final decision, the Agency dismissed the complaint, pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 1614.107(a)(2), for untimely EEO counselor contact. On appeal, the Commission affirmed the Agency's dismissal, finding that Complainant did not initiate EEO counselor contact until May 4, 2018, which is well beyond the 45-day time limit. Further, we found that she failed to present any evidence or arguments to warrant an extension of the time limit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This case has been randomly assigned a pseudonym which will replace Complainant's name when the decision is published to non-parties and the Commission's website.

In her request for reconsideration, Complainant largely reiterates arguments made, and fully considered on appeal. Accordingly, after reviewing the previous decision and the entire record, the Commission finds that the request fails to meet the criteria of 29 C.F.R. § 1614.405(c), and it is the decision of the Commission to deny the request. The decision in EEOC Appeal No. 2019000487 remains the Commission's decision. There is no further right of administrative appeal on the decision of the Commission on this request.

## COMPLAINANT'S RIGHT TO FILE A CIVIL ACTION (P0610)

This decision of the Commission is final, and there is no further right of administrative appeal from the Commission's decision. You have the right to file a civil action in an appropriate United States District Court **within ninety (90) calendar days** from the date that you receive this decision. If you file a civil action, you must name as the defendant in the complaint the person who is the official Agency head or department head, identifying that person by his or her full name and official title. Failure to do so may result in the dismissal of your case in court. "Agency" or "department" means the national organization, and not the local office, facility or department in which you work.

## RIGHT TO REQUEST COUNSEL (Z0815)

If you want to file a civil action but cannot pay the fees, costs, or security to do so, you may request permission from the court to proceed with the civil action without paying these fees or costs. Similarly, if you cannot afford an attorney to represent you in the civil action, you may request the court to appoint an attorney for you. **You must submit the requests for waiver of court costs or appointment of an attorney directly to the court, not the Commission.** The court has the sole discretion to grant or deny these types of requests. Such requests do not alter the time limits for filing a civil action (please read the paragraph titled Complainant's Right to File a Civil Action for the specific time limits).

FOR THE COMMISSION:

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Carlton M. Hadden, Director Office of Federal Operations

<u>July 30, 2019</u> Date