

**BEFORE THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20585**

In the Matter of:

American Valve, Inc.
Respondent

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Case Number: 2010-CW-1411

ORDER

Issued: October 4, 2010

By the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Energy:

1. In this Order, I adopt the attached Compromise Agreement entered into between the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") and American Valve, Inc. ("Respondent"). The Compromise Agreement resolves the case initiated to pursue a civil penalty for violations of the compliance certification requirements at 10 C.F.R. § 430.62.
2. The DOE and Respondent have negotiated the terms of the Compromise Agreement that resolve this matter. A copy of the Compromise Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
3. After reviewing the terms of the Compromise Agreement and evaluating the facts before me, I find that the public interest would be served by adopting the Compromise Agreement which completes the adjudication of the case.
4. Based on the information in the case file and Respondent's admission of violation in the Compromise Agreement, I find that Respondent committed a Prohibited Act¹ by failing to comply with 10 C.F.R. § 430.62 and 42 U.S.C. § 6296(d) and hereby assess a civil penalty of \$5000.

¹ 42 U.S.C. § 6302 lays out the specific acts prohibited by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6291, *et seq.*

5. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to Section 333 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, of 1975, as amended,² the Compromise Agreement attached to this Order **IS ADOPTED**.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Harris". The signature is stylized, with a large, sweeping initial "S" and a small "P" above the final "s".

Scott Blake Harris
General Counsel

² 42 U.S.C. § 6303.