UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JANET HOWARD, Plaintiff, v. CARLOS GUTIERREZ, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce, Defendant.

Civil Action No. 08-0421 (PLF)

<u>ORDER</u>

For the reasons stated in the Memorandum Opinion issued this same day, it is

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hereby

ORDERED that defendant's motion to dismiss plaintiff's complaint pursuant to

Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure [13] is GRANTED; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff's complaint is dismissed without prejudice

for failure to state a claim; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall remove this case from

the docket of this Court. This is a final appealable order. See FED. R. APP. P. 4(a).

SO ORDERED.

/s/

PAUL L. FRIEDMAN United States District Judge

DATE: March 3, 2009