

**MINUTES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

Doug Becker

v.

Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corp., An Alaska Village Corporation

Case No. 3:09-cv-00015-TMB

THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY M. BURGESS

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES

At Docket No. 28, Defendant Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corporation (“Defendant”) moves for attorneys’ fees, requesting that the Court require Plaintiff Doug Becker (“Plaintiff”) pay Defendant’s legal fees and expenses incurred in bringing the motion to compel at Docket No. 17. Defendant stated that it incurred attorneys’ fees of \$6,070.50 in pursuing the motion, which was granted by the Court at Docket No. 27.¹

An award of such fees is expressly permitted under Fed. R. Civ. P. 37, and counsel’s affidavit establishes to the Court’s satisfaction that the time spent pursuing this matter was reasonable both in hourly cost and total time expended. Plaintiffs seek a total of \$6,070.50 for the time spent by attorney Scott Broadwell and Ted Wellmen.² The Court finds their respective hourly rates of \$225/hour and \$265/hour reasonable given the nature of this litigation, and concludes that the total amount of time expended was reasonable, as well. The Court notes that counsel has discounted their rates in calculating the total amount expended in pursuing the motion to compel.³

Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** the Motion for Attorney Fees at Docket 28 and **ORDERS** Defendant Doug Becker to pay Plaintiffs \$6,070.50 for attorney fees.

IT IS SO ORDERED

DATE: November 9, 2009.

Entered at the direction of the Honorable Timothy M. Burgess, United States District Judge.

¹ Dkt. 29 at ¶ 2.

² *Id.* at ¶ 3.

³ *Id.*