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## STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

DECISION AND ORDER

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 ENG 001

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Peter A. Hilger Chouteau, OK 74337

Professional Engineer Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors P.O. Box 8366 Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Professional Engineer Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors (Section). The Section has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Section in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Peter A. Hilger (Birth Year 1967) is registered by the State of Wisconsin as a professional engineer, having certificate of registration number 38224-6, first issued on May 4, 2006 and current through July 31, 2022. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Chouteau, Oklahoma 74337.

2. On February 27, 2020, the Department received a letter from Respondent reporting that he had received out-of-state discipline. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) subsequently opened Case Number 20 ENG 001 for investigation.

3. On January 28, 2020, the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board (Louisiana Board) disciplined Respondent in Louisiana Board Case No. 2019-19. The Louisiana Board disciplined Respondent for acting as the main representative of a firm that provided engineering services in Louisiana without having the proper firm licensing between January 2015 and September 22, 2019.

4. On January 29, 2020, the Louisiana Board mailed a letter to Respondent to inform him of the outcome of Louisiana Board Case No. 2019-19.

5. On February 27, 2020, Respondent notified the Department that he had received discipline from the Louisiana Board.

6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Professional Engineer Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § A-E 8.08(4) by failing to notify the Department in writing within 48 hours after Respondent was disciplined in another state for unprofessional conduct which was related to the practice of a professional engineer.

3. As a result of the above violations, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11(1)(e).

### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Peter A. Hilger is REPRIMANDED.

3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent Peter A. Hilger shall pay the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$569.

4. Payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

# Department Monitor Division of Legal Services and Compliance

Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190 Telephone (608) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264 <u>DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov</u>

Payment may also be submitted online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System at: https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov/

5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's certificate of registration (number 38224-6), or Respondent's right to renew his certificate of registration, may, in the discretion of the Section or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Section may, in addition and/or in the alternative, refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

by:

A Member of the Section

2/24/2022 Date

## STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

PETER A. HILGER, RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0007865
	:	STIPULATION
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 ENG 001

Respondent Peter A. Hilger and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Professional Engineer Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors (Section). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Section's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Section, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Section, the parties agree not to contend that the Section has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Section ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Section may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Section should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Section adopt this Stipulation, the Section's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

**Veter** A. Hilger, Respondent Chouteau, OK 74337 Credential No. 38224-6

Megan Reed, Attorney Division of Legal Services and Compliance P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

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1/3/2022 Date