

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

TREVOR SUMNER,

&

SUN BADGER SOLAR LLC

RESPONDENTS.

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NOTICE OF REVOCATION
AND NOTICE OF RIGHT
TO REQUEST HEARING

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Order: **ORDER 0008766**

Case # 23 COM 45

TO: Trevor Sumner
1626 Deer Trail
Waukesha WI 53188

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.20(5), Wis. Stat. § 101.022 and Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 305.10(1)(a)5 you are hereby notified that your Dwelling Contractor Certificate (DC-112001203) and Electrical Contractor License (#1512539) are hereby **revoked** due to your failure to respond to an investigation to the satisfaction of the Department concerning allegations of misconduct, negligence, and/or incompetence by you and your company and due to you engaging in financial misconduct as evidenced by numerous consumer complaints and numerous civil actions filed against you.

The Department received a complaint alleging that you and your company collected \$ 17,405.85 in payment from the complainant to install a Solar Array System, but that the task was left incomplete. The complaint alleged that you were not returning phone calls.

Violation of Wis. Stat. § 440.20(5) via Wis. Stat. § 101.022 – Failure to Respond

The Department attempted to contact you concerning this complaint. On March 30, 2023, the Department sent a letter to the business address of record (2100 Pewaukee Rd Ste A, Waukesha WI 53188) and to your home address on record (1626 Deer Trail Waukesha WI 53189). On April 13 the letter sent to the business address was returned marked “unable to forward” and on April 12, the letter sent to your home was returned marked “unclaimed”.

On April 27 the Department attempted to email you at your email address of record (trevor@sunbadger.com) for a response. As of this writing no response was received.

The communications in the letter put you on notice that failure to respond to the Department could lead to disciplinary action.

Violation of Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 305.10(1)(a)5 – Engaging in Misconduct

The Department finds that the facts alleged in the complaint have merit and subject you to discipline for engaging in misconduct as allowed by Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 305.10(1)(a)5.

Further, the Department performed an independent investigation. That investigation found that there are four (4) open civil actions filed against you both individually and as a company and one closed small claims against you and the company with a default judgment of \$10,184.50. A search of “Sun Badger” found numerous other actions filed against the company with at least four judgments entered against the company.

An internet search found numerous articles about the company and how it had gone out of business and how customers were left without solar panels and out of money.¹

Based on the record before the Department, the Department finds by a preponderance of evidence that your actions in 23 COM 45 and the civil judgments entered against you constitute misconduct as defined by Wisconsin Administrative Code and the Department can enter discipline against you as allowed by Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 305.10(1)(a)5. *See also* Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 305.003(43) for the definition of “misconduct.”

You have the right to request a hearing on the revocation by sending a request for hearing to the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Chief Legal Counsel, P.O. Box 7190, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7190, which must be received by the Department no later than 30 days from the date of mailing of this Notice. Your request for hearing must set out specifically and in full detail every reason why such order is unreasonable, and every issue to be considered by the department on the hearing. You shall be deemed to have finally waived all objections to any irregularities and illegalities in the order upon which a hearing is sought other than those set forth in the petition. Any hearing on the revocation will be held in accordance with the requirements set forth in Wis. Stat. ch. 227.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin on 19 September, 2023.

Aloysius Rohmeyer

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Chief Legal Counsel - Department of Safety and Professional Services

¹ See: “A court-assigned receiver will oversee liquidation of Sun Badger Solar, a Waukesha company that shut down in January” <https://www.jsonline.com/story/money/business/energy/2023/06/03/sun-badger-solar-headed-for-liquidation-after-judge-appoints-receiver/70278035007/>; “Sun Badger Solar hands off customers to another company after claims of unfinished work and pending lawsuits” <https://www.tmj4.com/news/i-team/sun-badger-solar-hands-off-customers-to-another-company-after-claims-of-unfinished-work-and-pending-lawsuits>