

**LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1443
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IN THE MATTER OF:)
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ENERGY ACCESS SOLUTIONS, LLC)
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RESPONDENT)
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CASE NO. 2017-25
Received
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By LAPELS Enforcement

CONSENT ORDER

The Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board [hereinafter the “Board”], by and through its Executive Director, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and Energy Access Solutions, LLC [hereinafter “Respondent”] hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was not licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional land surveying firm. Respondent subsequently became licensed as a land surveying firm, license number VF-778, effective August 14, 2017. Respondent’s land surveying firm license expired on March 31, 2018.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board’s receipt of a formal affidavit of complaint and documents which suggested that Respondent may have practiced and/or offered to practice land surveying in Louisiana without being properly licensed. The investigation disclosed that between October 2016 and June 2017 Respondent had practiced and offered to practice land surveying on one project in Louisiana.

La. R.S. 37:681 and 37:700(A)(1) and (9), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LX1§2301(B)(l), prohibit the practice and/or offer to practice land surveying in Louisiana without proper licensure. La. R.S. 37:681 and 37:700(H) permits the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (9), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LX1§2301(B), upon a finding of guilt following the preferral of charges, notice and hearing and a majority vote of its entire membership authorized to participate in the proceeding. La. R.S. 37:681, La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (9), La. R.S. 37:700(H) and LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that **(a)** at all times material hereto, Respondent was not licensed as a professional land surveyor in State of Louisiana, **(b)** between October 2016 and June 2017 Respondent practiced and offered to practice land surveying on one project in Louisiana.

By letter dated March 22, 2019, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that Respondent may have violated La. R.S. 37:681 and 37:700(A)(1), and (9), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LX1§2301(B)(1), relative to the practice and offer to practice of land surveying in Louisiana without proper licensure.

Wishing to dispense with the need for further disciplinary action and to conclude the instant proceeding without further delay and expense, for the purpose of this proceeding only, Respondent and the Board do hereby enter into this Consent Order, in which Respondent of his own free will consents to the issuance of a Consent Order by the Board, wherein Respondent agrees to **(a)** pay a fine of Three Thousand and No/100 (\$3,000.00) Dollars, **(b)** pay administrative costs of Four Hundred Two and 12/100 (\$402.12) Dollars, and **(c)** the publication of this Consent Order on the Board's website and a summary of this matter in the Board's official journal, the *Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal*, and the reporting of this matter to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), identifying Respondent by name.

Respondent admits that its conduct as set forth above constitutes violations of La R.S. 37:681 and La R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (9), *to wit* LAC 46:LXI§2301(B)(1) as stated herein. Respondent acknowledges awareness of said laws and/or rules and states that it will comply with all applicable laws and rules henceforth. Respondent has been advised of its right to an informal conference, to a formal hearing before the Board, to be represented by counsel before the Board and/or to appear at any hearing personally or by counsel and present witnesses and evidence in its own behalf, it hereby waives these rights and its right to appeal, and it states affirmatively that it has been afforded all administrative remedies due it under the law. Respondent further acknowledges awareness of the fact that the signed original of this Consent Order will remain in the custody of the Board as a public record and will be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and by signing this Consent Order, Respondent does hereby waive his right to an informal conference, to a hearing before the Board, to the presenting of evidence and witnesses on his behalf, to Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this case, and to judicial review of this Consent Order.

Respondent hereby represents that **(a)** it fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, **(b)** it has voluntarily entered into this Consent Order and that no other promise or agreement of any kind has been made to or with it by any person whatsoever to cause the execution of this instrument and **(c)** the sanctions set forth in this Consent Order do not prevent the Board from taking further disciplinary or enforcement action against Respondent on matters not specifically addressed in this Consent Order.

WHEREFORE, the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board and Respondent agree that:

1. Respondent shall pay a fine of Three Thousand and No/100 (\$3,000.00) Dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
2. Respondent shall pay administrative costs of Four Hundred Two and 12/100 (\$402.12) Dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
3. This Consent Order shall be published on the Board's website and a summary of this matter shall be printed in the official journal of the Board, the *Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal*, and reported to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), identifying Respondent by name; and
4. This Consent Order shall not become effective unless and until it is accepted and signed by and on behalf of the Board. Should the Board not accept and sign this Consent Order, it is agreed that presentation of this matter to the Board shall not prejudice the Board or any of its members, staff, attorneys or representatives from further participation, consideration, or resolution of any further proceedings herein.

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

DATE: 4/8/2019

BY: 
DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Director


ENERGY ACCESS SOLUTIONS, LLC
Respondent

DATE: 4-1-19

BY: 
CHRISTOPHER MORGAN, Manager

Witnesses to the signature of
Energy Access Solutions, LLC


Print Name: Sheila Martinez


Print Name: COLE ROBERTSON