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October 28, 2003 – EMERGENCY MEETING CONFERENCE CALL – 1:30 PM*

**Department Of Business and Professional Regulation
Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board (ECLB)
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Members Present**

Pierre Bellemare
Kim DeBerry
Norman Mugford
Lewis Roberts
Paul Sandefer
Rae Small
Clarence Tibbs, Chair

Members Absent

Arnaldo Abreu
Jeffrey Kiner, Vice Chair
Roger Langer
Michele Poole

Others Present

Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director
John Knap, Executive Director (Newly Appointed)
Gregory Spence, Government Analyst
Mary Ellen Clark, Assistant Attorney General
Jesse T. Hall, Technical Support Supervisor, Security Associates International, Inc. (SAI)
David S. Smith, General Manager, SAI
Paul Lucking, Chief Operating Officer, SAI

**The meeting convened at approximately 1:45 PM EST.*

*** With a majority of 50% plus one (1) of its total members the ECLB did have a quorum present to conduct business.*

The purpose of this meeting was to reconsider the application of Jesse T. Hall, for Alarm System Contractor I examination. The application was initially reviewed by the ECLB at the September 18-19, 2003 meeting of the Board held at the Colony Hotel, 155 Hammon Avenue, Palm Beach, FL 34480. This emergency meeting was necessary to meet the timeframes established by [Section 120.60\(1\), Florida Statutes \(F. S.\)](#).

Mr. Hall applied to take the Alarm Contractor I exam on May 27, 2003; however, the application folder and application worksheet, were incorrectly coded as an Alarm Contractor II examination application. Additionally, Mr. Hall did not submit with his application a job list required by [Rule 61G6-5.003, Florida Administrative Code \(F. A. C.\)](#), hence the application was incomplete. Notice of this deficiency was sent to Mr. Hall on June 5, 2003. Mr. Hall's application was also incorrectly listed as Alarm Contractor II examination on the application review list prepared and provided by the Central Intake Unit/Applications (CIU).

This application was reviewed and approved as an Alarm Contractor II exam application by the ECLB Application Committee on September 18, 2003; however it may have been approved in error because: the application was incomplete; the documentation in the application, including a written statement provided by the applicant, seemed to indicate the applicant did not have the required experience for any level of alarm system, or electrical contractor examination; and Mr. Hall's written narrative concerning his lack of the required experience and the lack of a job list may have been overlooked by the ECLB Application Committee.

APPLICATION COMMITTEE – Clarence Tibbs, Chair

Reconsideration – Jesse T. Hall, Alarm System Contractor I Exam

Mr. Hall was present but not represented by counsel. Mr. Tibbs introduced the matter for the record. Mr. Spivey administered the oaths. Ms. Clark recommended the board enter a motion to reconsider the application.

MOTION: Mr. Bellemare motioned to RECONSIDER Mr. Hall's application.

SECOND: Mr. Mugford.

The board voted on the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board entered into discussion regarding Mr. Hall's application and experience. Messrs. Lucking and Smith provided testimony on Mr. Hall's behalf. During discussion Mr. Hall stated that the last 10 years of his experience has been as a technical support supervisor for a central monitoring station. Many of the board members present stated that supervisory experience in technical support for central station monitoring was not adequate experience and did not meet the experience requirements specified in [Section 489.511, F. S.](#), and [Rule 61G6-5.003, F. A. C.](#)

MOTION: Mr. Bellemare motioned to DENY Mr. Hall's application on the grounds he did not meet the experience requirements pursuant to [Rule 61G6-5.003\(1\)\(a\) 2, F. A. C.](#)

SECOND: Mr. Mugford.

Further discussion ensued, during which Mr. Hall stated that he and his company were only interested in providing central station monitoring services only and that based on the requirements of the examination application he believed his experience to be relevant and applicable for central station monitoring.

During discussion the board considered a proposal to develop a new category of alarm system contracting license that would provide for central station monitoring services only. Some members of the board stated that a class of licensure such as what was proposed could be helpful to persons such as Mr. Hall and recommended that this matter be continued pending further discovery of Mr. Hall's experience.

Ms. Clark reminded the board that a motion and second were on the table to be voted on. The motion and second were subsequently withdrawn. Ms. Clark asked Mr. Hall if he would be willing to submit a waiver of his right to the board taking action on his application at this time pursuant to [Section 120.60\(1\), F. S.](#) Mr. Hall responded affirmatively, acknowledging his rights under Section 120.60(1), F. S., and submitted a waiver of those rights. After discussion:

MOTION: Mr. Bellemare motioned to CONTINUE this matter until the November 2003 meeting of the board pending further discovery of Mr. Hall's experience in the fire alarm contracting trade.

SECOND: Mr. Mugford.

The board voted on the motion. The motion passed by a majority vote of 5 in favor and 1 opposed.

The board advised Mr. Hall to submit to the board office documented evidence of his total experience in fire alarm system contracting as soon as possible for consideration at the November 2003 meeting of the board. Mr. Tibbs directed board staff to include in the next meeting agenda under New Business, a discussion on the development of an additional license category for central station monitoring. Mr. Lucking stated that he would be willing to assist the board in the development of the proposed new license category.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Small entered a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:22 PM.