State of New Hampshire Office of Professional Licensure and Certification Electricians' Board Concord, New Hampshire 03301

In the Matter of: Matthew Wilson, 14315M 27 Dolloff Road Standish, ME 04084

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

In order to avoid the delay and expense of further proceedings and to promote the best interests of the public, the New Hampshire Electricians' Board (hereinafter "Board") and Matthew Wilson, (hereinafter "Respondent"), licensed by the Board, do hereby stipulate and agree to resolve certain allegations of professional misconduct now pending before the Board according to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Pursuant to RSA 319-C:6-a, 319-C:12, 319-C:12-b, and the Board of Electrician's Practice and Procedural Rules the Board has jurisdiction to investigate and adjudicate allegations of professional misconduct committed by electricians. Pursuant to RSA 319-C:12 and Elec 207.07 the Board may, at any time, dispose of such allegations by settlement and without commencing a disciplinary hearing.
- 2. The Board first granted the Respondent a license to practice electrical installations in the State of New Hampshire as a Master Electrician on September 10, 2018 via reciprocity. The Respondent currently holds master license number 14315M.
- 3. In response to a request for assistance from the Hillsborough Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Boarden on or about April 8, 2021, at the 44 Municipal Drive solar plant in Hillsborogh, NH. A limited visual inspection was performed by State Electrical Inspector Henry Lesage and Chief Electrical Inspector Michael Soucy. During this limited visual inspection, it was discovered (2) of the pull boxes installed had ungrounded conductors, damaged and shorting against the metal enclosures. These enclosures were not bonded properly as required in National Electrical Code. The arching from one of these enclosures was the source of ignition of a brush fire. Seven additional wiring deficiencies were also discovered. This is in violation of the provisions of RSA 319-C and the Board of Electrician's Practice and Procedural Rules.
- 4. The investigation revealed and the Respondent freely admits to the following facts:

The Respondent agrees that he is the master electrician of record for this project, and that he is responsible for violating requirements in the National Electrical Code pertaining to wiring of the feeder for this photovoltaic system. The Board finds that Respondent committed the acts as described above and concludes that, by engaging in such conduct, Respondent violated RSA 319-C:12 II(c), and Elec 404.04.

- 5. The Respondent acknowledges that this conduct constitutes grounds for the Board to impose disciplinary sanctions, as stated in Elec 405.02(f), against the Respondent's license to practice as an electrician in the State of New Hampshire and represents that he has taken steps to avoid any repetition of such conduct.
- 6. There is no current record of a similar violation on file at the Board's office.
- 7. The Respondent is willing to accept that this is a first offense as described in Elec 405.01 and 405.02. This shall be considered as a disciplinary action until May 5, 2028 as described in Elec 405.03(i).
- 8. The Respondent consents to the Board imposing the following discipline, pursuant to RSA 319-C:12 and Elec 405.02(f):
 - A. The Respondent is **reprimanded**.
- B. The Respondent shall complete a 48 hours on continuing education on the 2017 National Electric Code chapters 1,2, 3 with 5 hours focused on article 690 and 705, within 6 months of the notice by a board approved provider.
- C. The Board may consider the Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions herein in any subsequent proceeding before the Board regarding Respondent's license.
- 9. Respondent's breach of any terms or conditions of this *Settlement Agreement* shall constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to RSA 319-C:12, and a separate and sufficient basis for further disciplinary action by the Board.
- 10. Except as provided herein, this Settlement Agreement shall bar the commencement of further disciplinary

action by the Board based upon the misconduct described above. However, the Board may consider this misconduct as evidence of a pattern of conduct in the event that similar misconduct is proven against the Respondent in the future. Additionally, the Board may consider the fact that discipline was imposed by this Agreement as a factor in determining appropriate discipline should any further misconduct be proven against Respondent in the future.

- 11. This Settlement Agreement shall become a permanent part of the Respondent's file, which is maintained by the Board as a public document.
- 12. The Respondent voluntarily enters into and signs this *Settlement Agreement* and states that no promises or representations have been made to him other than those terms and conditions expressly stated herein.
- 13. The Board agrees that in return for the Respondent executing this *Settlement Agreement*, the Board will not proceed with the formal adjudicatory process based upon the facts described herein.
- 14. The Respondent understands that his action in entering into this *Settlement Agreement* is a final act and not subject to reconsideration or judicial review or appeal.
- 15. The Respondent has had the opportunity to seek and obtain the advice of an attorney of his choosing in connection with his decision to enter into this Settlement Agreement.
- 16. The Respondent understands that the Board must review and accept the terms of this Settlement Agreement. If the Board rejects any portion, the entire Settlement Agreement shall be null and void. The Respondent specifically waives any claims that any disclosures made to the Board during its review of this agreement have prejudiced his right to a fair and impartial hearing in the future if this Settlement Agreement is not accepted by the Board.
- 17. The Respondent is not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time he signs this *Settlement Agreement*.
- 18. The Respondent certifies that he has read this *Settlement Agreement*. The Respondent understands that he has the right to a formal adjudicatory hearing concerning this matter and that at said hearing he would

possess the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, to call witnesses, to present evidence, to testify on his own behalf, to contest the allegations, to present oral argument, and to appeal to the Building Code Review Board, pursuant to RSA 155-A:11-a. Further, The Respondent fully understands the nature, qualities and dimensions of these rights. The Respondent understands that by signing this *Settlement Agreement*, he waives these rights as they pertain to the misconduct described herein.

19. This agreement shall take effect as an *Order of the Board* on the date it is signed by an authorized representative of the Board.

FOR RESPONDENT

Date: 5-25-21

Mills S. Wik______ (Signature)

Mathew S. Wilson
Respondent

FOR THE BOARD

This proceeding is hereby terminated in accordance with the binding terms and conditions set forth above.

Date:

(Signature

Joseph G. Shoemaker, Director Division of Technical Professions

NH Office of Professional Licensure and Certification Authorized Representative of the NH Electricians' Board