
ELECTRICAL SAFETY AUTHORITY REVIEW PANEL

B E T W E E N:

BHARAT JHAMB

(the “Appellant”)

- and -

DIRECTOR, ELECTRICAL SAFETY AUTHORITY

(the “Respondent”)

DECISION AND ORDER

Review Panel Member: Jeff Dunn

Appeal Number: NOAA 26-01

1. On March 14, 2025, the Electrical Safety Authority (“ESA”) imposed an administrative penalty order (“APO”) in respect of three contraventions against the Appellant, pursuant to subsection 113.18.1 of the *Electricity Act, 1998* (“Act”).
2. The first contravention in the APO, for which a penalty of \$5,000 was imposed, is described as follows (“Contravention 1”):

Between April 28, 2023, and September 15, 2023, you carried out an activity referred to in the regulations under the Act as requiring an authorization, by carrying out electrical work at 74 Lourakis Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario, without being authorized, contrary to ss.113.2(1) of the Electricity Act, 1998.

4. The second contravention in the APO, for which a penalty of \$3,000 was imposed, is described as follows (“Contravention 2”):

Between April 28, 2023 and April 28, 2023, and prior to the commencement of work to be done on an electrical installation at 74 Lourakis Street, Richmond Hill, ON, failed to file with Electrical Safety Authority a notification of the work, contrary to rule 2-004(1)(a) of the Ontario Electrical Safety Code.

5. The third contravention in the APO, for which a penalty of \$3,000 was imposed, is described as follows ("Contravention 3"):

Between April 28, 2023, and September 4, 2023, you operated an electrical contracting business, Bharat Jhamb, without being the holder of an electrical contractor license, contrary to s.3 of O. Reg. 570/05: Licensing of Electrical Contractors and Master Electricians.

6. On March 29, 2025, the Appellant submitted a Notice of Appeal in respect of the APO.
7. On September 4, 2025, I was provided with the Terms of Settlement between the Appellant and the Respondent, including an agreed statement of facts and a joint request to amend the APO, which is attached hereto as Appendix "A" to this Order ("Settlement").
8. The parties have requested certain orders to be made on consent as part of the Settlement, which I am prepared to make.
9. By way of their request for this relief, both parties accept that I have jurisdiction to make the order sought pursuant to O. Reg 187/09 (including subsection 18(4)) and the ESA's *Rules of Procedure*, and I accept that I do have that authority.
10. I further conclude that the terms of the Settlement meet the "public interest test" that applies in these circumstances, and do not satisfy the high bar for rejecting a joint submission on penalty put forward by the parties. In particular, approval of the Settlement would not bring the administration of justice into disrepute, nor would it be otherwise contrary to the public interest.
11. Accordingly, on consent of the parties and at their request, I order that:
 - a. The APO amount with respect to Contravention 1 is confirmed at \$3,000.00;
 - b. The APO amount with respect to Contravention 2 is rescinded and no amount is payable with respect to Contravention 2;
 - c. The APO amount with respect to Contravention 3 is rescinded and no amount is payable with respect to Contravention 3;
 - d. Starting on October 13, 2025, the Appellant is to make payments in the amount of \$200.00 per month in respect of the APO, which now totals \$3,000.00; and
 - e. Provided the Appellant makes all payments on time and in accordance with the terms of this Order, no interest shall accrue.
12. Given that the matter has been resolved, this appeal proceeding is hereby dismissed, on a without costs basis.

Dated September 5, 2025



Jeff Dunn
Review Panel Member



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BETWEEN

DIRECTOR,
ELECTRICAL SAFETY AUTHORITY

Respondent

- AND -

BHARAT JHAMB

Appellant

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

I. BACKGROUND

1. The Electrical Safety Authority ("ESA"), a not-for-profit organization, is a designated administrative authority under section 3 of the *Safety and Consumer Statutes Administration Act*, 1996. The ESA is tasked with the administration of Part VIII of the *Electricity Act*, 1998 ("Act"), and works to regulate and promote electrical safety in the Province of Ontario.
2. The ESA's mandate is to undertake activities which enhance public electrical safety. The ESA does this in part through training, inspection, authorization, investigation, registration, enforcement, audit, and other regulatory and non-regulatory public electrical safety quality assurance services.
3. The ESA also prosecutes offences under Part VIII of the *Electricity Act* on behalf of the Province of Ontario.
4. Section 113.2(1) of the *Electricity Act* prohibits any person from carrying out or proposing to carry out an activity referred to in the regulations as requiring an authorization without first obtaining an authorization. Section 3 of Ontario Regulation 570/05 entitled Licensing of Electrical Contractors and Master Electricians (the

“Regulation”) indicates that no person shall operate an electrical contracting business without an electrical contractor licence issued under the Regulation.

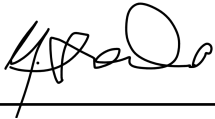
II. FACTS

5. On or about April 28, 2023, the ESA received information that electrical work was being completed on a residential property located in Richmond Hill, Ontario by an unlicensed contractor.
6. As a result of this information, an ESA inspector visited 74 Lourakis Street (the “Property”) on this date and observed a male, later identified as Bharat Jhamb, installing external pot lights at the Property.
7. In speaking with Mr. Jhamb, the inspector learned that Mr. Jhamb was not a Licensed Electrical Contractor (“LEC”), nor had he received any electrical training or education, as verified by Skilled Trades Ontario. Mr. Jhamb immediately ceased the completion of the electrical work at the Property upon speaking to the inspector.
8. The Property owner subsequently hired an LEC to complete the installation of the pot lights and to ensure the electrical work performed by Mr. Jhamb was done properly and safely. The LEC ultimately discovered that some of the wiring installed by Mr. Jhamb had been run incorrectly. Mr. Jhamb was not paid by the Property owner for any of the electrical work he performed on the Property.
9. On or about October 11, 2024, the ESA issued a Notice of Intent to Issue an Administrative Penalty to Bharat Jhamb for three contraventions of the *Electricity Act* and/or its associated Regulations. The contraventions alleged that Mr. Jhamb Carried Out Electrical Work Without a Licence, that he had Failed to File a Notification of Work and that he had Operated an Electrical Contracting Business Without a Licence.
10. The Administrative Penalty Order (“APO”) was issued on or about March 14, 2025 to Mr. Jhamb.
11. Mr. Jhamb appealed the APO to the Review Panel on or about March 29, 2025.

III. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

12. The Parties request that the Review Panel amend the Order on the following terms:
 - a. The APO with respect to Contravention 1 is confirmed at \$3000.00;
 - b. The APO with respect to Contravention 2 is rescinded. For further clarity, no amount is payable with respect to Contravention 2; and
 - c. The APO with respect to Contravention 3 is rescinded. For further clarity, no amount is payable with respect to Contravention 3.

13. In addition to the above, the Parties also request that the Review Panel order that:
- a. The Appellant shall make payments in respect of the APO, which now totals \$3000.00, in the amount of \$200.00 per month;
 - b. The first payment is due to be paid on October 13, 2025; and
 - c. Provided the Appellant makes payments in full and in accordance with the proposed payment schedule herein, no interest shall accrue.
14. Bharat Jhamb acknowledges and agrees that:
- a. He had sufficient opportunity to consult with, and be represented by, counsel in regards to this Agreement;
 - b. The Parties represent and warrant that they have the full power and authority to enter into these terms of settlement; and
 - c. If any of these conditions are deemed invalid, unenforceable, illegal, or a mutual mistake, such conditions shall be severed and the remaining conditions shall remain in full force and effect.



Maureen Salama
on behalf of
Electrical Safety Authority



Bharat Jhamb