ELECTRICAL SAFETY AUTHORITY REVIEW PANEL

BETWEEN:

ELECOMP INC.

(the "Appellant")

- and -

DIRECTOR, ELECTRICAL SAFETY AUTHORITY

(the "Respondent)

DECISION AND ORDER

Review Panel Member: Rainer Arocena

Appeal Number: NOAA 25-04

1. On March 14, 2025, the Electrical Safety Authority ("ESA") imposed an administrative penalty order ("APO") in respect of four 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 August 6, 2023, and December 24, 2024, you operated an electrical contracting business, when you advertised electrical installation services, 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

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

Between August 6, 2024, and December 23, 2024, you proposed to carry out an activity referred to in the regulations under the Act as requiring an authorization, by placing advertisements for electrical work on your website, contrary to ss.113.2(1) of the *Electricity Act*, 1998.

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

Between August 6, 2024, and December 23, 2024, you proposed to carry out an activity referred to in the regulations under the Act as requiring an authorization, by placing advertisements for electrical work on lawn signs, contrary to ss.113.2(1) of the *Electricity Act*, 1998.

5. The fourth contravention in the APO, for which a penalty of \$3,000 was imposed, is described as follows ("Contravention 4"):

Between August 6, 2024, and December 23, 2024, you proposed to carry out an activity referred to in the regulations under the Act as requiring an authorization, by placing advertisements for electrical work on Facebook.com, contrary to ss.113.2(1) of the *Electricity Act*, 1998.

- 6. On March 28, 2025, the Appellant submitted a Notice of Appeal in respect of the APO.
- 7. On August 18, 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 Settlement contains the following paragraph under the heading "Facts":

Between August 6, 2023 and December 23, 2024, Elecomp advertised electrical work through lawn signs, and online through advertisements placed on Facebook and on its own website. The electrical work advertised varied depending on the medium, but included advertisements for the installation of wiring, electrical fixtures including lighting, fans, and fire alarms, and electrical panels. The advertisements often referred to Elecomp as "licensed" or a "licensed electrical contractor". Elecomp was not a Licensed Electrical Contractor at the time that the advertisements were posted.

- 9. By way of email on August 27, 2025, the ESA has confirmed that the Appellant and its principal, Afshin Fadaei, are now properly licensed.
- 10. The parties have requested certain orders to be made on consent as part of the Settlement, which I am prepared to make.
- 11. By way of their request for this relief, both parties accept that I have jurisdiction to make the order sought pursuant to 0. Reg 187/09 (including subsection 18(4)) and the ESA's *Rules of Procedure*, and I accept that I do have that authority.

- 12. 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.
- 13. Accordingly, on consent of the parties and at their request, I order that:
 - a. The APO amount with respect to Contravention 1 is rescinded, such that no amount is payable with respect to this contravention;
 - b. The APO amount with respect to Contravention 2 is confirmed at \$3,000.00;
 - c. The APO amount with respect to Contravention 3 is confirmed at \$3,000.00;
 - d. The APO amount with respect to Contravention 4 is reduced to \$1,500.00;
 - e. Starting on September 29, 2025, the Appellant is to make payments in respect of the APO, which now totals \$7,500.00, in the amount of \$500.00 per month, on the 29th day of each month, except for the month of February when payment shall be made on the 28th day of the month; and
 - f. Provided the Appellant makes all payments on time and in accordance with the terms of this Order, no interest shall accrue.
- 14. Given that the matter has been resolved, this appeal proceeding is hereby dismissed, on a without costs basis.

Dated August 29, 2025

Rainer Arocena Review Panel Member

APPENDIX "A"



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Appeal Number: NOAA 25-04

File No: AP-2025-0050

BETWEEN

Director, Electrical Safety Authority

Respondent

- AND -

ELECOMP INC.

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. Afshin Fadaei is the sole officer and director of Elecomp Inc. ("Elecomp"), a business

- incorporated in the Province of Ontario on January 4, 2022.
- 6. Between August 6, 2023 and December 23, 2024, Elecomp advertised electrical work through lawn signs, and online through advertisements placed on Facebook and on its own website. The electrical work advertised varied depending on the medium, but included advertisements for the installation of wiring, electrical fixtures including lighting, fans, and fire alarms, and electrical panels. The advertisements often referred to Elecomp as "licensed" or a "licensed electrical contractor". Elecomp was not a Licensed Electrical Contractor at the time that the advertisements were posted.
- 7. On January 16, 2025, the ESA issued a Notice of Intent to Issue an Administrative Penalty on Elecomp for four contraventions of the *Electricity Act* and/or its associated Regulations. The contraventions alleged were that Elecomp Operated an Electrical Contracting Business Without a Licence and that it Proposed to Carry Out Electrical Work Without a Licence by advertising on its website, through Facebook Marketplace and by using lawn signs.
- 8. The Administrative Penalty Order ("APO") was issued on March 14, 2025 to Elecomp.
- 9. Elecomp appealed the APO to the Review Panel on March 28, 2025.

III. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

- 10. The Parties request that the Review Panel amend the Order on the following terms:
 - a. The APO with respect to Contravention 1 is rescinded. For further clarity, no amount is payable with respect to Contravention 1;
 - b. The APO with respect to Contravention 2 is confirmed at \$3000.00;
 - c. The APO with respect to Contravention 3 is confirmed at \$3000.00; and
 - d. The APO with respect to Contravention 4 is reduced to \$1500.00.
- 11. 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 \$7500.00, in the amount of \$500.00 per month, on the 29th day of each month, except for the month of February where the payment shall be made on the 28th day of the month;
 - b. The first payment is due to be paid on September 29th, 2025; and
 - c. Provided the Appellant makes payments in full and in accordance with the proposed payment schedule herein, no interest shall accrue.
- 12. Elecomp acknowledges and agrees that:
 - a. It 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

Afshin

Afshin Fadaei on behalf of Elecomp Inc.