JUL 28 2009

BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF $\sqrt{\sqrt{|f|}}$ REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

IN RE:

PARSONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP INC.

C2009-18

CONSENT ORDER

Comes now the West Virginia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers by Leonard J. Timms, P.E., its president, and its attorney, Nicole A. Cofer, Assistant Attorney General for the State of West Virginia (hereinafter "the Board") for the purpose of agreeing to disciplinary action to be taken against Parsons Infrastructure and Technology Group Inc. (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"). As reflected in this document, the parties have reached an agreement concerning the proper disposition of this matter, and the Board, upon approval of such agreement, does hereby FIND the following:

- 1. The Board is a state entity created by West Virginia Code §30-13-1 et seq. and is empowered to regulate the practice of professional engineering pursuant to the same.
- 2. Respondent Firm, Parsons Infrastructure and Technology Group Inc., is organized under the laws of the State of Nevada with its main office in Pasadena, California.
- 3. Marc Radin, as a representative of Respondent Firm, has the power and authority to make admissions and otherwise act on behalf of Parsons Infrastructure and Technology Group Inc.
- 4. Respondent Firm, at the time of this Board initiated complaint, did not have a valid

- Certificate of Authorization to practice engineering in the State of West Virginia. As of April 9, 2009, Respondent Firm has acquired a valid Certificate of Authorization to practice engineering in the State of West Virginia.
- 5. The Board was made aware of Respondent Firm's practicing without a Certificate of Authorization and contacted Respondent Firm regarding the same; thereafter, the Board-Initiated Complaint No. C2009-18 was filed on March 24, 2009.
- 6. Respondent Firm admits that it provided engineering services in the State of West Virginia without a valid Certificate of Authorization in this state. Shortly after being made aware of this complaint, Respondent Firm submitted the appropriate documentation and application for a Certificate of Authorization and subsequently received a valid Certificate of Authorization from the West Virginia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers.
- 7. The Board has the authority to assess administrative costs incurred in the performance of its investigatory and enforcement activities against Respondent Firm. W. Va. Code R § 7-1-14.4.
- 8. Respondent Firm, by entering into this agreement, has waived its right to a hearing on this matter and other rights set forth in W. Va. Code § 30-13-1 *et seq.* and the procedural rules of the Board.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- West Virginia engineering law allows a firm to practice or offer to practice engineering only upon the issuance of a certificate of authorization by the Board.
 West Virginia Code § 30-13-17.
- 2. The Board is authorized to "assess civil penalties against any person who violates any provision of this article or any rule promulgated by the board for each offense in an amount determined by the board." West Virginia Code § 30-13-21(b); see also W. Va. Code § 30-13-21(d)(4).
- 3. Practicing or offering to practice engineering without a valid Certificate of Authorization, to which Respondent Firm has admitted herein, is an action that could subject a firm to discipline by the Board, including a civil penalty up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00). W.Va. Code R § 7-1-15.1.
- 4. The Board may assess administrative costs incurred in the performance of its enforcement or investigatory activities against any person or entity that violates the provisions referenced in subsection 14.1 of this rule, which shall be paid to the Board within thirty (30) days from the date of the final order entered by the Board. W. Va. Code R § 7-1-14.4.
- 5. Each day of continued violation may constitute a separate offense. W.Va. Code R § 7-1-15.3.

CONSENT OF RESPONDENT

Marc Radin, on behalf of Parsons Infrastructure and Technology Group Inc., by affixing his signature hereon, agrees to the following:

- 1. Respondent Firm is aware of its right to be represented by counsel and of their option to pursue this matter through appropriate administrative and/or court procedures, but Respondent Firm intelligently and voluntarily waives its right to do so.
- 2. Respondent Firm intelligently and voluntarily waives its right to a formal hearing before the Board in this matter if the Board accepts the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- Respondent Firm admits it performed engineering services for a project in West
 Virginia without the required Certificate of Authorization.
- 4. Respondent Firm accepts the findings set forth above and consent to the entry of this Consent Order freely and voluntarily and not under duress, restraint or compulsion.
- 5. Respondent Firm acknowledges that the Board may reject this proposal and may hold a hearing to impose such sanctions of a disciplinary nature as it deems appropriate. Should the Board not approve this Consent Order, presentation and consideration of this Consent Order and other documents and matters by the Board

- shall not prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation in the adjudication of this matter. This paragraph is binding on the participants even if the Board does not approve this Consent Order.
- 6. Respondent Firm understands that this Consent Order and the underlying Complaint are public records and agrees that the sum and substance of the Complaint and this agreement in part or in their entirety will be set forth in Board publications and on the Board website, as well as other appropriate placements, including the non-public enforcement exchange database administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).
- 7. Respondent Firm acknowledges that proof of any misstatement or misrepresentation made in connection with this matter will result in the rescission of this agreement, the reinstatement of the Complaint, the summary revocation of any certificate of authorization issued to Respondent Firm, and the addition of any other charges which may arise or ensue from providing false information to the Board in violation of West Virginia engineering law.

ORDER

- 1. On the basis of the foregoing the Board hereby **ORDERS** that this Consent Order shall serve as an informal settlement of this Complaint pursuant to West Virginia Code § 30-13-22(b).
- 2. This Consent Order is executed by Respondents for the purpose of avoiding further

administrative action with respect to this cause. In this regard, Respondents authorize the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondents prior to or in conjunction with consideration of this Consent Order. Furthermore, should this Consent Order not by accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation, consideration or resolution of these proceedings.

- 3. The Board **ORDERS** Respondent Firm to pay a civil penalty in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for practicing engineering in West Virginia without a valid Certificate of Authorization.
- 4. The civil penalties imposed herein must be paid within thirty (30) days of the date Respondent Firm receives notice of the Board President's signature hereon, such amount to be made payable to the W. Va. P.E. Board for transfer to the general fund of the State of West Virginia upon receipt.
- The Board ORDERS Respondent Firm to pay administrative costs in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-four dollars (\$264.00).
- 6. The administrative costs imposed herein must be paid within thirty (30) days of the date Respondent Firm receives notice of this Consent Order being entered by the Board, such amount must be made payable to the W.Va. P.E. Board (Administrative Costs). This payment must be separate from that of the civil penalties imposed above.

- 7. Respondent Firm acknowledges this Consent Order and the underlying Complaint are public records and agree that the sum and substance of the Complaint and this agreement in part or in their entirety may be set forth in Board publications and on the Board website, as well as other appropriate placements, including the non-public enforcement exchange database administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).
- 8. Any violation of the terms of this Consent Order shall be immediate cause for further disciplinary action by the Board.
- 9. This Consent Order, upon being entered by the Board, constitutes a full and final settlement of this matter, and nothing in this Consent Order or the circumstances giving rise to same may be the subject of any appeal or other civil or administrative action except an action to enforce the terms of this Consent Order.
- 10. If the civil penalties imposed herein are not timely paid, this Consent Order may be summarily enforced in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County without further notice to Respondent Firm upon application by the Board for the entry of a Judgment Order for the total amount of payment agreed to herein (\$500.00), together with prejudgment interest from the date of the President's signature hereon, post-judgment interest from the date of entry of the Judgment Order and all costs of any enforcement action(s), which judgment shall be fully executable in accordance with applicable law.
- 11. This matter shall be closed upon execution of this Consent Order by both parties

and the full payment of the civil penalty and administrative costs agreed to herein.

12. This Consent Order relates solely to matters within the jurisdiction of the West Virginia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and does not evidence compliance with any other laws of the State of West Virginia or its political subdivisions, nor should any such compliance be implied.

AGREED TO BY:

MARC RADIN, on behalf of

PARSONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND

TECHNOLOGY GROUP INC.

25 2MX 5000

DATE

ENTERED into the records of the West Virginia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers this:

17 day of august, 2009.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,

FONARD FONMS IR PE

BOARD PRESIDENT