

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH<sup>1</sup>  
BOARD OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS AND  
MAINTENANCE & ALTERATION CONTRACTORS

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, LABOR &  
ECONOMIC GROWTH,  
BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES *ex rel*  
BERNARD SMITH

Docket No. 2008-1414  
Complaint No. 307568

Complainant,

v

REMQUEST GROUP LLC  
ROBERT ALAN REMINGA, QUALIFYING OFFICER  
License No. 21-02-180084

Respondent.

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FINAL ORDER

WHEREAS, this matter having come before the Michigan State Board of Residential Builders and Maintenance & Alteration Contractors, hereafter the "Board", on July 14, 2009;

WHEREAS, the Board having received a Hearing Report under MCL 339.514 for this case and the Board having considered the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the Hearing Report of Renec A. Ozburn, Administrative Law Judge, dated February 11, 2009;

WHEREAS, the hearing report is hereby incorporated by reference;

WHEREAS, the Respondent having been found in violation of the Michigan Occupational Code, PA 299 of 1980, hereafter the "Code," or rules promulgated there under, and the Board having elected to exercise its authority pursuant to MCL 339.514 to impose penalties different from those recommended by the Administrative Law Judge; now, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED, that the following penalties authorized by Section 602 of the Code are imposed:

1. Respondent shall pay a FINE in the amount of \$10,000.00. The fine is payable to the State of Michigan within 60 days from the mailing date of this Final Order. Complaint No. 307568 must be clearly indicated on the check or money order, and the payment sent to the Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth, Bureau of Commercial Services, Final Order Monitoring, P.O. Box 30018, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

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<sup>1</sup> Effective December 28, 2008, by Executive Order 2008-20, the Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG) was reorganized and renamed as the Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth (DELEG).

2. Respondent shall make RESTITUTION to Bernard and Angela Smith by paying in full the Judgment dated December 18, 2007 entered in State of Michigan, 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, Case No. 07-07701-CK in the amount of \$123,626.15, plus statutory interest and any additional costs by certified check made payable Bernard and Angela Smith and mailed to Bernard and Angela Smith, 8500 Curley Trails, Caledonia, MI 49316 within 60 days from the mailing date of the Final Order.

3. The license of Respondent and any and all Article 24 licenses held by Respondent or Respondent's Qualifying Officer shall be and hereby are IMMEDIATELY REVOKED. Respondent's Qualifying Officer may not serve as the Qualifying Officer of any licensed corporate entity while any other Article 24 license held by Respondent or Respondent's Qualifying Officer is in suspended or revoked status. No application for licensure, relicensure, reinstatement or renewal shall be considered or granted by the Department until all Final Orders of the Board have been fully complied with.

4. It is the intent of the Board that the fine be assessed one time in order to satisfy the Final Orders issued for Complaint Numbers 307568 and 307569. Once the fine ordered in one of the companion Final Orders is satisfied the fine ordered in the other Final Order will be considered satisfied.

5. Respondent shall submit in writing to the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth, Bureau of Commercial Services, Final Order Monitoring, P.O. Box 30018, Lansing, Michigan 48909, proof of compliance with each and every requirement of this Final Order, in a form acceptable to the Department.

This Final Order shall not be construed as limiting the Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth, any other agency of the State of Michigan, or any individual as to the use of a lawful method of collection of the payment imposed by this Final Order.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Final Order is considered a violation of the Code pursuant to Section 604(k) and may result in further disciplinary action.

This Final Order is effective immediately upon its mailing.

Given under my hand at Okemos, Michigan, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009.

BY:   
Mark T. Glynn, Chairperson

Date mailed: Sept. 28, 2009

Proof of Compliance should be filed with:

Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth, Bureau of Commercial Services  
Final Order Monitoring  
P.O. Box 30018  
Lansing, MI 48909

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES**

**In the matter of**

**Docket No. 2008-1414**

**Bureau of Commercial Services,**

**Agency No. 307568**

**Petitioner**

**v**

**Agency: Bureau of Commercial Services**

**Remquest Group, LLC**

**Robert Alan Reminga, Q.O.,**

**Respondent**

**Case Type: Sanction**

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Issued and entered  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009  
by Renee A. Ozburn  
Administrative Law Judge

**HEARING REPORT**

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On August 01, 2008, the Bureau of Commercial Services (BCS/Petitioner) issued a Formal Complaint alleging that Robert Alan Reminga d/b/a RemQuest Group, LLC, (Respondent), violated the Occupational Code, 1980 PA 299, as amended (Code), Article 24; MCL 339.2401-2412 *et seq.*, in the course of practicing as a licensed residential builder.

On October 08, 2008, a Notice of Hearing was issued scheduling this matter for hearing at 9 a.m., on December 16, 2008, at the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, in Lansing, Michigan. The Notice of Hearing was mailed to the last two known addresses of record for the Respondent: 2452 Cedar Crest Dr., NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 and P.O. Box 321 Belmont, MI 49306. The Notice of Hearing informs parties that failure to appear for a hearing may result in a default judgment or decision against the non-appearing party.

On December 16, 2008, at the time scheduled for hearing, Attorney William D. Wilhelm, Jr., appeared and was ready to proceed on behalf of BCS. Neither Respondent, nor an attorney or representative on his behalf, appeared at the hearing. The undersigned Administrative Law Judge deemed that the Respondent had been duly served with notice, and the hearing could proceed in his absence pursuant to Section 72 of the Administrative Procedures Act, 1969 PA 306, as amended, (APA) MCL 24.201 *et seq.* Mr. Wilhelm motioned to default Respondent pursuant to Section 78 of the APA, being MCL 24.278. The undersigned Administrative Law Judge granted a default.

A default judgment constitutes a decision that allegations in the Complaint are true as alleged.

Section 72(1) of the APA provides as follows:

If a party fails to appear in a contested case after proper service of notice, the agency, if no adjournment is granted, may proceed with the hearing and make its decision in the absence of the party. MCL 24.272(1).

Further, Section 78(2) of the APA provides as follows:

Except as otherwise provided by law, disposition may be made of a contested case by stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order, waiver, default or other method agreed upon by the parties. MCL 24.278(2).

The Petitioner's exhibits were admitted into the record as follows:

1. Petitioner's Exhibit 1 is the Residential Construction Mortgage Loan Agreement between Bernard Smith and RemQuest Construction.
2. Petitioner's Exhibit 2 is the State of Michigan's 17th Judicial Circuit Court Order of Judgment in the amount of \$123,626.15, dated December 18, 2007.

**ISSUES AND APPLICABLE LAW**

The issue is whether the Respondent violated Occupational Code Section 2411(3) which states:

The department shall suspend or revoke the license of a person licensed under this article whose failure to pay a lien claimant results in a payment being made from the homeowner construction lien recovery fund pursuant to the construction lien act, 1980 PA 497, MCL 570.1101 to 570.1305, regardless of whether the person was performing services as a licensee under this article; under the electrical administrative act, 1956 PA 217, MCL 338.881 to 338.892; or under the state plumbing act, 2002 PA 733, MCL 338.3511 to 338.3569. The department shall not renew a license or issue a new license until the licensee has repaid in full to the fund the amount paid out plus the costs of litigation and interest at the rate set by section 6013 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.6013.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Based on the entire record in this matter, the following findings of fact are established by a preponderance of the evidence:

1. RemQuest Group, LLC, Robert Alan Reminga Qualifying Officer (Respondent), has at all times relevant to this Complaint, been licensed as a residential builder under the Code, except as to those events that occurred after May 31, 2007, at which time the license lapsed.
2. Respondent Robert Alan Reminga on behalf of Respondent RemQuest Group, LLC, entered into a contract to perform services regulated by 1980 PA 299, as amended, with Bernard and Angela Smith in or around July 2006.
3. Respondent failed to reduce changes in the agreement to a writing signed by the parties.
4. On December 18, 2007, Respondent RemQuest Group, LLC, had a

Judgment entered against it in the State of Michigan 17th Judicial Circuit Court, in the amount of \$123, 626.15 plus interest.

5. Respondent has failed to satisfy the Judgment.
6. Respondent has violated a rule of conduct in practicing an occupation.
7. Respondent RemQuest Group, LLC, was a party to the acts and omissions alleged hereinabove and was in a position to ensure compliance with the Code or, otherwise, prevent the violations that are the subject of this complaint but failed to do so.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Petitioner bears the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the Respondent violated the Code as alleged, and that grounds exist for imposing sanctions.

Based upon the facts described herein, Petitioner has proven that Respondent violated the Code as follows:

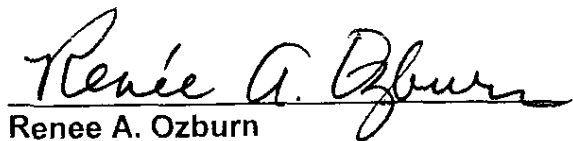
1. Respondent failed to reduce changes in the agreement to a writing signed by the parties, contrary to 2006 AACS, R 338.1533(1).
2. Respondent has failed to satisfy the Judgment, contrary to MCL 339.2411(2)(1).
3. Respondent violated a rule of conduct in practicing an occupation, contrary to MCL 339.604(c).
4. Respondent RemQuest Group, LLC, was a party to the acts and omissions alleged hereinabove and was in a position to ensure compliance with the Code or, otherwise, prevent the violations that are the subject of this complaint but failed to do so.

Pursuant to the above Findings of Fact, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge concludes that Petitioner has established by a preponderance of the evidence that Respondent violated Code §§ 604(c), 2411(2)(c)&(1), and 2411(3) of the Occupational Code, 1980 PA 299; as amended; MCL 339.604(c), MCL 339.2411(2)(c)&(1) and MCL 339.2411(3), and Rule 51(2) of the Residential Builders and Maintenance and Alteration Contractors Board Rules, promulgated thereunder, being 2006 AACS, R 338.1551(2) constituting grounds for the assessment of a penalty as defined in § 602 of the Occupational Code.

**RECOMMENDED SANCTION**

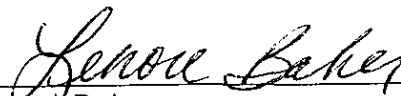
The Petitioner recommends, and the undersigned Administrative Law Judge concurs, that the Board should order as follows:

1. A Sanction in the amount of \$123,626.15;
2. A fine in the amount of \$1,000; and
3. Revocation of license or denial of any requests for reinstatement or renewal of any licenses if the Sanction and Fine are not paid within six months.

  
Renee A. Ozburn  
Administrative Law Judge

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby state, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon all parties and/or attorneys of record in this matter by Inter-Departmental mail to those parties employed by the State of Michigan and by UPS/Next Day Air, facsimile, and/or by mailing same to them via first class mail and/or certified mail, return receipt requested, at their respective addresses as disclosed by the file on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.



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