

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

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PROFESSIONAL REGULATION,

Petitioner,

v.

Case No. 2019-026143  
ECLB

ANGEL GASTOU,

Respondent.

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FINAL ORDER ADOPTING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

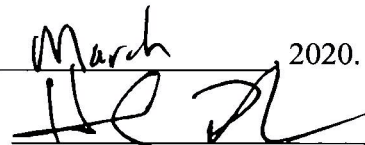
The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (“Department”), in accordance with the provisions of section 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, hereby enters this Final Order incorporating and adopting *in toto* the Settlement Agreement entered into between Angel Gastou and the Department, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by reference. Upon consideration of the Settlement Agreement and being otherwise fully advised, it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

1. The Settlement Agreement is approved, adopted, and incorporated herein by reference. Accordingly, the parties shall adhere to and abide by all the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

2. This Final Order shall become effective upon filing with the Clerk of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

DONE AND ORDERED this 13 day of March 2020.



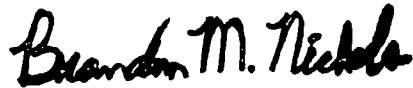
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Department of Business and  
Professional Regulation  
2601 Blair Stone Road  
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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Unless expressly waived, any party adversely affected by this Final Order may seek judicial review by filing an original Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and a copy of the notice, accompanied by the filing fees prescribed by law, with the clerk of the appropriate District Court of Appeal within 30 days of the effective date of this order, in accordance with Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110, and section 120.68, Florida Statutes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of this Final Order Adopting Settlement Agreement was provided to Angel Gastou, D/B/A Max Service SRQ LLC at 3005 S. Tuttle Ave., Sarasota, FL 34239 by regular U.S. Mail this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.



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OFFICE OF THE AGENCY CLERK

Copy(s) Furnished to:

Daniel A. David, Assistant General Counsel - ULA

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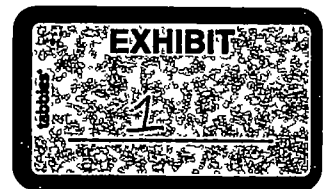
Angel Gastou (“Respondent”), and the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (“the Department”), hereby agree to the following Settlement Agreement and to the entry of a Final Order incorporating this Settlement Agreement as the final resolution of these matters

STIPULATED FACTS

1. At no time material hereto was Respondent duly registered or certified to engage in the practice of electrical contracting in the State of Florida.
2. Through an Administrative Complaint filed by the Department, Respondent was charged and properly served with an alleged violation of section 455.227(1)(q), Florida Statutes, and the rules enacted pursuant thereto. A true and correct copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit “A.”
3. Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations of fact contained in the Administrative Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. Respondent admits that the Department is the state agency having jurisdiction



over the practice of electrical contracting pursuant to section 20.165, Florida Statutes, and chapters 455 and 489, Florida Statutes.

5. Respondent admits that the facts set forth in the Administrative Complaint, if proven, constitute violations of chapters 455 and 489, Florida Statutes, as alleged in the Administrative Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

#### STIPULATED DISPOSITION

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE FINE:** Respondent must pay an administrative fine totaling \$1,500.00 to the Department.

7. **INVESTIGATIVE COSTS:** Respondent must pay investigative costs in the amount of \$352.52 to the Department.

8. **METHOD OF PAYMENT:** The payments described above total \$1,852.52. These payments must be paid within 365 days from the date of the filing of the Department's Final Order adopting this Settlement Agreement. All payments made pursuant to this paragraph must be in the form of a cashier's or certified check made payable to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and mailed directly to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Revenue Unit, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2202. **Your case number(s) must be clearly referenced when making payment.**

9. Respondent agrees to waive demand, notice of non-payment, and protest, and in the event a suit shall be brought for the collection of the outstanding balance of the fine, default interest, and costs, of this Settlement Agreement that has to be collected upon demand of an

Agreement shall be considered a violation of chapter 455, Florida Statutes, for which disciplinary action may be initiated.

11. This Settlement Agreement is to be construed and enforced according to the laws of the State of Florida and venue for any legal action related to this Settlement Agreement is agreed by Respondent to be in Leon County, Florida

12. It is expressly understood that this Settlement Agreement is subject to the approval of the Secretary of the agency. In this regard, the foregoing paragraphs of the Stipulated Facts, Stipulated Conclusions of Law, and Stipulated Disposition shall have no force and effect unless a Final Order incorporating the terms of this Settlement Agreement is entered herein.

13. Should this Settlement Agreement be rejected, no statement made in furtherance of this Settlement Agreement by either party may be used as evidence in any subsequent proceeding herein.

14. Upon the filing of a Final Order adopting this Settlement Agreement, Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps, and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of the Stipulation of Facts, Conclusions of Law, the Stipulated Disposition, and the Final Order incorporating said Settlement Agreement, or any part thereof.

15. Upon the adoption of this Settlement Agreement, the parties hereby agree that each party will bear their own attorney's fees and costs, except for investigative costs, resulting from the prosecution and/or defense of this proceeding. The parties waive the right to seek any attorney's fees or costs in connection with this disciplinary proceeding.

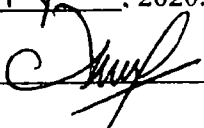
16. This Settlement Agreement is executed by Respondent for the purpose of

avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause. In this regard, Respondent authorizes the agency hearing officer and/or Secretary of the agency to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent, prior to or in conjunction with, consideration of the Settlement Agreement. Should this Settlement Agreement not be accepted, it is agreed that consideration of this Settlement Agreement and other documents and matters shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the agency hearing officer and/or Secretary of the agency from further participation, consideration, or resolution of these proceedings.

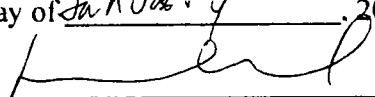
17. This Settlement Agreement may be signed in counterparts, and facsimile copies shall be treated as original.

18. The Department reserves the right to correct any typographical errors or make any non-material changes to this Settlement Agreement after it is signed.

SIGNED this 22 day of January, 2020.

  
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Angel Gastou

APPROVED this 23 day of January, 2020.

By.   
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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (“Petitioner”) files this Administrative Complaint against Angel Gastou (“Respondent”) and alleges

1 Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of electrical contracting pursuant to section 20 165, Florida Statutes, and chapters 455 and 489, Florida Statutes

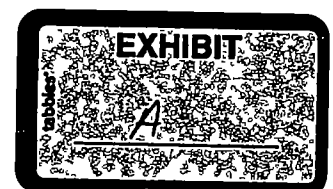
2 Petitioner has jurisdiction over the unlicensed practice of electrical contracting pursuant to sections 455 227, 455 228, and 489 531 Florida Statutes

3 At no time material hereto was Respondent duly registered or certified to engage in the practice of electrical contracting pursuant to chapter 489, Florida Statutes

4 At no time material hereto was Max Service SRQ LLC an entity properly qualified under the provisions of chapter 489, Florida Statutes

5 Respondent’s last known address is 3005 S Tuttle Ave , Sarasota, FL, 34239

6 On or about March 21, 2018, an investigation revealed Respondent, D/B/A Max Service SRQ LLC, offered, contracted, or performed regulated electrical contracting services,



including but not limited installation of electrical fans and outlets at 133 Baldwin Ct , Port Charlotte, FL 33952

7 Respondent offered, contracted, or performed the regulated services at issue for compensation

8 Section 455 227(1)(q), Florida Statutes, provides “violating the applicable professional practice act ” shall constitute grounds for which disciplinary actions may be taken

9 Section 489 531(1)(a), Florida Statutes, provides “a person may not (a) practice [electrical] contracting unless the person is certified or registered ”

10 Based upon the foregoing, Respondent violated section 455 227(1)(q), Florida Statutes, by practicing electrical contracting without the requisite license, in violation of section 489 531(1)(a), Florida Statutes

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that a Final Order be entered imposing one or more of the following an administrative fine, assessment of costs related to the investigation, and/or any other relief the Department is authorized to impose pursuant to chapters 455 and 489, Florida Statutes, and the rules promulgated thereunder

(SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS)



Signed this 15th day of November, 2019

HALSHEY BESHEARS, Secretary  
Department of Business and  
Professional Regulation

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### NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Please be advised that mediation under section 120 573, Florida Statutes, is not available for administrative disputes involving this type of agency action

Please be advised that Respondent has the right to request a hearing to be conducted in accordance with sections 120 569 and 120 57, Florida Statutes, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum issued on his or her behalf if a hearing is requested Any request for an administrative proceeding to challenge or contest the charges contained in the administrative complaint must conform to Rule 28-106 2015, *Florida Administrative Code*. Rule 28-106 111, *Florida Administrative Code*, provides in part that if Respondent fails to request a hearing within 21 days of receipt of an agency pleading, Respondent waives the right to request a hearing on the facts alleged

### NOTICE REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

Respondent is placed on notice that Petitioner has incurred costs related to the investigation and prosecution of this matter Pursuant to section 455 227(3)(a), Florida Statutes, the Board, or the Department when there is no Board, may assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of the case excluding costs associated with an attorney's time, against Respondent in addition to any other discipline imposed