

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER

DOCKET NO.: 2010-0754-LII-E **TCEQ ID:** RN105912562 **CASE NO.:** 39663

RESPONDENT NAME: Roberto Ortega dba Ortega's Lawn and Trees Service

ORDER TYPE:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1660 AGREED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS AGREED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS ORDER FOLLOWING SOAH HEARING
<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS DEFAULT ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> SHUTDOWN ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> IMMINENT AND SUBSTANTIAL ENDANGERMENT ORDER
<input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY ORDER	
CASE TYPE:		
<input type="checkbox"/> AIR	<input type="checkbox"/> MULTI-MEDIA (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE
<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY	<input type="checkbox"/> PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION
<input type="checkbox"/> WATER QUALITY	<input type="checkbox"/> SEWAGE SLUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL
<input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> RADIOACTIVE WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> DRY CLEANER REGISTRATION
<p>SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED: Robert Ortega, 1501 Glenville Drive, Garland, Dallas County</p> <p>TYPE OF OPERATION: Landscaping company</p> <p>SMALL BUSINESS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: A complaint was received on April 16, 2010 alleging that the Respondent was advertising irrigation repairs using business cards that did not contain a license number. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.</p> <p>INTERESTED PARTIES: A complaint was received, but the complainant has not expressed a desire to protest this action or to speak at Agenda.</p> <p>COMMENTS RECEIVED: The <i>Texas Register</i> comment period expired on November 15, 2010. No comments were received.</p> <p>CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST: TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: None TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Ms. Gena Hawkins, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 4, MC 149, (512) 239-2583; Ms. Laurie Eaves, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-4495 Respondent: Mr. Roberto Ortega, Owner, Ortega's Lawn and Trees Service, 1501 Glenville Drive, Garland, Texas 75042 Respondent's Attorney: Not represented by counsel on this enforcement matter</p>		

VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART:		
VIOLATION INFORMATION	PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED
<p>Type of Investigation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Follow-up <input type="checkbox"/> Records Review</p> <p>Date(s) of Complaints Relating to this Case: April 16, 2010</p> <p>Date of Investigation Relating to this Case: April 16, 2010</p> <p>Date of NOV/NOE Relating to this Case: April 27, 2010 (NOE)</p> <p>Background Facts: This was a complaint investigation.</p> <p>WATER</p> <p>Failed to refrain from advertising or representing himself to the public as a person who can perform services for which a license or registration is required. Specifically, the Respondent advertised irrigation services on a business card without a valid irrigator license [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 30.5(b) and 344.30(a)(2) and TEX. WATER CODE § 37.003].</p>	<p>Total Assessed: \$225</p> <p>Total Deferred: \$45 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expedited Settlement <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Inability to Pay</p> <p>SEP Conditional Offset: \$0</p> <p>Total Paid to General Revenue: \$180</p> <p>Site Compliance History Classification <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p>Person Compliance History Classification <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p>Major Source: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002</p>	<p>Corrective Actions Taken:</p> <p>The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent ceased advertising irrigation system services as of June 9, 2010.</p>

Additional ID No(s): N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

DATES	Assigned	3-May-2010	Screening	11-May-2010	EPA Due	
	PCW	7-Jul-2010				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION			
Respondent	Roberto Ortega dba Ortega's Lawn and Trees Service		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN105912562		
Facility/Site Region	4-Dallas/Fort Worth	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	39863	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2010-0754-LII-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Irrigators	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Gena Hawkins
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	EC's Team	Enforcement Team 4
Maximum	\$2,500		

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) **Subtotal 1**

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

Compliance History Enhancement **Subtotals 2, 3, & 7**

Notes

Culpability Enhancement **Subtotal 4**

Notes

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments **Subtotal 5**

Economic Benefit Enhancement* **Subtotal 6**

Total EB Amounts *Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount
 Approx. Cost of Compliance

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 **Final Subtotal**

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE Adjustment

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

Final Penalty Amount

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT **Final Assessed Penalty**

DEFERRAL Reduction Adjustment

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes

PAYABLE PENALTY

Screening Date: 11-May-2010

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PCW

Respondent: Roberto Ortega dba Ortega's Lawn and Trees Service

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No.: 39663

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No.: RN105912562

Media [Statute]: Irrigators

Enf. Coordinator: Gena Hawkins

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written NOVs with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which violations were disclosed)	0	0%

Please Enter Yes or No

Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 0%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

No adjustment due to compliance history.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 0%

Screening Date 11-May-2010

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PCW

Respondent Roberto Ortega dba Ortega's Lawn and Trees Service

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 39683

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN105912662

Media [Statute] Irrigators

Enf. Coordinator Gena Hawkins

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 30.5(b) and 344.30(a)(2) and Tex. Water Code § 37.003

Violation Description

Failed to refrain from advertising or representing himself to the public as a person who can perform services for which a license or registration is required, as documented during a record review on April 16, 2010. Specifically, the Respondent advertised irrigation services on a business card without a valid irrigator license.

Base Penalty \$2,500

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential			

Percent 0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor
	x		

Percent 10%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$2,250

\$250

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

Number of violation days 1

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	x

mark only one with an x

Violation Base Penalty \$250

One event is recommended for the one advertisement.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

10.0% Reduction

\$25

	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/Settlement
	Extraordinary	
Ordinary		x
N/A		(mark with x)

Notes The Respondent came into compliance on June 9, 2010.

Violation Subtotal \$225

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$0

Violation Final Penalty Total \$225

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$225

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent: Roberto Ortega dba Ortega's Lawn and Trees Service
Case ID No.: 39663
Reg. Ent. Reference No.: RN105912562
Media: Irrigators
Violation No.: 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
No commas or \$							

Delayed Costs

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$25	16-Apr-2010	9-Jun-2010	0.15	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost of ceasing advertisements of irrigation system services. Date Required is the date of the record review. Final Date is the date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$25

TOTAL

\$0

Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN603659657 ORTEGA, ROBERTO Classification: Rating:
Regulated Entity: RN105912562 ORTEGA ROBERTO Classification: Site Rating:
ID Number(s):
Location: 1501 GLENVILLE DR, GARLAND, TX, 75042
TCEQ Region: REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX
Date Compliance History Prepared: May 12, 2010
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement
Compliance Period: May 11, 2005 to May 11, 2010
TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History
Name: Gena Hawkins Phone: (512) 239 - 2583

Site Compliance History Components

1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period?
2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? No
3. If Yes, who is the current owner/operator? N/A
4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s) ? N/A
5. When did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? N/A
- 6.

Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

- A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgements, and consent decrees of the state of Texas and the federal government.
N/A
 - B. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government.
N/A
 - C. Chronic excessive emissions events.
N/A
 - D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
N/A
 - E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
N/A
 - F. Environmental audits.
N/A
 - G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs).
N/A
 - H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates.
N/A
 - I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program.
N/A
 - J. Early compliance.
N/A
- Sites Outside of Texas
N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
ROBERTO ORTEGA DBA ORTEGA'S
LAWN AND TREES SERVICE
RN105912562**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2010-0754-LII-E**

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

At its _____ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Roberto Ortega dba Ortega's Lawn and Trees Service ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 37 and TEX. OCCUPATIONS CODE ch. 1903. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a landscape business at 1501 Glenville Drive in Garland, Dallas County, Texas.
2. TCEQ has general authority to regulate the design and installation of landscape irrigation systems, and the licensing of landscape irrigators and installers, pursuant to TEX. OCCUPATIONS CODE ch. 1903.
3. The Commission and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about May 2, 2010.
5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.

6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$225) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180) of the administrative penalty and Forty-Five Dollars (\$45) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.
7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
8. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and the Respondent have agreed on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to the approval of the Commission.
9. The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent ceased advertising irrigation system services as of June 9, 2010.
10. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
11. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
12. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

II. ALLEGATIONS

The Respondent is alleged to have failed to refrain from advertising or representing himself to the public as a person who can perform services for which a license or registration is required, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 30.5(b) and 344.30(a)(2) and TEX. WATER CODE § 37.003, as documented during a record review conducted on April 16, 2010. Specifically, the Respondent advertised irrigation services on a business card without a valid irrigator license.

III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Roberto Ortega dba Ortega's Lawn and Trees Service, Docket No. 2010-0754-LII-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

2. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent.
3. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
4. This Agreed Order may be executed in multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single original instrument. Any executed signature page to this Agreed Order may be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the other parties, which shall constitute an original signature for all purposes under this Agreed Order.
5. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

John Srdan

For the Executive Director

10/14/2010
Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

Roberto Ortega

Signature

9/2/10

Date

Roberto Ortega

Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
Roberto Ortega dba Ortega's Lawn and Trees Service

owner

Title

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.