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Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 41258 Stephen Hall d/b/a Hall's Landscape RN106019797

Docket No. 2011-0346-LII-E

Default Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

LII

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

5905 Saddle Club Trail, McKinney, Collin County

Type of Operation:

Landscaping business

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: None Past-Due Penalties: None Past-Due Fees: None Other: None

Interested Third-Parties: The complainant has expressed an interest in this matter but does not

wish to speak at Agenda.

Texas Register Publication Date: August 19, 2011

Comments Received: None

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$262

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: N/A
Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: N/A
Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$262

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - N/A Site/RN - N/A

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy:September 2002

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): October 15, 2010

Complaint Information: Alleged that Respondent advertised "irrigation renovation" and is not a

licensed irrigator.

Date(s) of Investigation: February 14, 2011

Date(s) of NOV(s): October 28, 2010

Date(s) of NOE(s): February 25, 2011

Violation Information

Failed to refrain from advertising or representing himself to the public as a holder of a license or registration unless he possesses a current license or registration or unless he employs an individual who holds a current license [Tex. Water Code § 37.003 and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 30.5(b)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

1. Immediately, cease advertising irrigation system services until properly licensed.

2. Within 15 days, submit written certification demonstrating compliance.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: June 14, 2011

Date(s) Green Card(s) Signed: Refused

Date(s) Answer(s) Filed: N/A
SOAH Referral Date: N/A
Hearing Date(s): N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorneys: Steven M. Fishburn, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400

Lena Roberts, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Rebecca Johnson, Air Enforcement Section, (361) 825-3423

TCEQ Regional Contact: Alyssa Taylor, Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office, (817) 588-5828

Respondent: Stephen Hall, Owner, Hall's Landscape, 5905 Saddle Club Trail, McKinney, Texas

75070-6441

Respondent's Attorney: N/A

Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW) Policy Revision 2 (September 2002) PCW Revision October 30, 2008 CEQ Assigned 28-Feb-2011 PCW 9-May-2011 Screening 4-Mar-2011 EPA Due N/A RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION Respondent Stephen Hall dba Hall's Landscape Reg. Ent. Ref. No. RN106019797 Facility/Site Region 4-Dallas/Fort Worth Major/Minor Source Minor CASE INFORMATION Enf./Case ID No. 41258 No. of Violations 1 Docket No. 2011-0346-LII-E Order Type 1660 Media Program(s) Irrigators Government/Non-Profit No Multi-Media Enf. Coordinator Rebecca Johnson EC's Team Enforcement Team 5 Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum \$0 Maximum \$2,500 Penalty Calculation Section TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) Subtotal 1 \$250 ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1 Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage **Compliance History** \$12 5.0% Enhancement Subtotals 2, 3, & 7 Notes Enhancement for one NOV for same/similar violations. Culpability Subtotal 4 \$0 No 0.0% Enhancement Notes The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria. **Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments** Subtotal 5 \$0 Subtotal 6 \$0 **Economic Benefit** 0.0% Enhancement* Total EB Amounts *Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount \$4 Approx. Cost of Compliance **SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7** Final Subtotal \$262 OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE 0.0% Adjustment \$0 Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Final Penalty Amount

Final Assessed Penalty

Adjustment

Reduction

\$262

\$262

\$262

\$0

Notes

Notes

PAYABLE PENALTY

DEFERRAL

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT

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

Deferral not offered for non-expedited settlement.

Screening Date 4-Mar-2011

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Policy Revision 2 (September 2002) PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Respondent Stephen Hall dba Hall's Landscape

Case ID No. 41258

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN106019797

Media [Statute] Irrigators

Enf. Coordinator Rebecca Johnson

Compliance History Worksheet

Compliance History Worksheet									
>>	Con		ry Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)		A -1:				
			Number of	Enter Number Here	Adjust.				
		NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	1	5%				
			Other written NOVs	0	0%				
			Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	0	0%				
		Orders	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	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%				
		Decrees	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 Te		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%				
			Ple	ease Enter Yes or No					
			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%				
		2	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 Per	centage (Sub	total 2) 5%				
>>	Rep	eat Violator (Subtotal 3)						
		N/A	Adjustment Per	centage (Sub	total 3) 0%				
>>	>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)								
		N/A Adjustment Pe			total 7) 0%				
>> Compliance History Summary									
Compliance History Notes		History	Enhancement for one NOV for same/similar violations.						
			Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2,	3, & 7) 5%				

Screening Date					ket No. 2011-0346-LII-E		PCW
			Stephen Hall dba Hall's Land	dscape			ion 2 (September 2002)
Dog		Case ID No.				PCW Re	vision October 30, 2008
Reg.		ference No. a [Statute]					
			Rebecca Johnson				
	Viol	ation Number	1				1
		Rule Cite(s)	30 Tex. Admin. C	ode § 30.5(b) a	and Tex. Water Code § 37.003	3	
Violation Description		on Description	of a license or registration unless he employs an inc	unless he posse dividual who ho	senting himself to the public a esses a current license or regis lds a current license. Specifica es on a company flyer without icense.	stration or ally, the	
					Bas	se Penalty	\$2,500
>> Env	vironme	ntal, Proper	ty and Human Health	Matrix			
		Release	Harm			•	
OR		Actual	Major Moderate	Minor			
		Potential			Percent 0%]	
> > Dro	aramma	tic Matrix					
>>P10	yı amına	tic Matrix Falsification	Major Moderate	Minor			
			Х		Percent 10%		
	Matrix Notes		100% of the rule requirement was not met.				
					Adjustment	\$2,250	
							\$250
						1	\$250
Violatio	on Event	ts					
		Number of \	/iolation Events 1		18 Number of violation	days	
		mark only one with an x	daily weekly monthly quarterly		Violation Bas	se Penalty	\$250
			semiannual annual single event x				,
			One single	event is recom	mended.		
Good F	aith Effo	orts to Com	ply 0.0%	Reduction			\$0
			Before NOV Extraordinary	NOV to EDPRP/S	ettlement Offer	•	
			Ordinary				
			N/A X	(mark with x)		_	
			Notes The Respond		neet the good faith criteria for iolation.		
					Violation	ո Subtotal	\$250
Econon	nic Bene	efit (EB) for	this violation		Statutory Limi	t Test	
		Estimat	ed EB Amount	\$4	Violation Final Pen	alty Total	\$263
						_	
			i nis Vio	iation Final As	ssessed Penalty (adjusted	ioi iimits)	\$263

	E	conomic	Benefit	Wo	rksheet		
Respondent	Stephen Hall o	dba Hall's Landsca	npe				
Case ID No.	41258		•				
Rea. Ent. Reference No.							
	Irrigators						Years of
Violation No.	-					Percent Interest	Depreciation
Violation No.	1						•
						5.0	15
	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
Item Description	No commas or \$						
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Delayed Costs							
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	\$111	14-Feb-2011	22-Nov-2011	0.77	\$4	n/a	\$4
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Notes for DELAYED costs Estimated expense to obtain an irrigator license. The date required is the date of the record review. The final date is the projected date corrective measures will be completed.							
Avoided Costs	ANNUAL	IZE [1] avoided	costs before	·		for one-time avoid	
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 \$0	\$0 \$0
Financial Assurance [2] ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Other (as needed)		1		0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$ U	ΦU	\$0
Notes for AVOIDED costs							
Approx. Cost of Compliance		\$111			TOTAL		\$4

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN603739962 HALL, STEPHEN Classification: Rating:

Regulated Entity: RN106019797 HALL STEPHEN Classification: Site Rating:

ID Number(s): WASTEWATER LICENSING NON LICENSED

Location: 5905 SADDLE CLUB TRAIL, MCKINNEY, COLLIN COUNTY

TCEQ Region: REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX

Date Compliance History Prepared: March 08, 2011

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Compliance Period: March 08, 2006 to March 08, 2011

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History Name: Rebecca Johnson Phone: (361) 825-3423

Site Compliance History Components

1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? No

- 2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period?
- 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

Components (Multimedia) for the Site:

A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgments, 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.)

Date: 10/28/2010 (871986)

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 30, SubChapter A 30.5(b)

Description: Failure to display an irrigator license prior to advertising irrigation services.

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 344, SubChapter C 344.30(d) 30 TAC Chapter 344, SubChapter G 344.70(b)

Description: Failure to display an irrigator license prior to advertising irrigation services.

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.

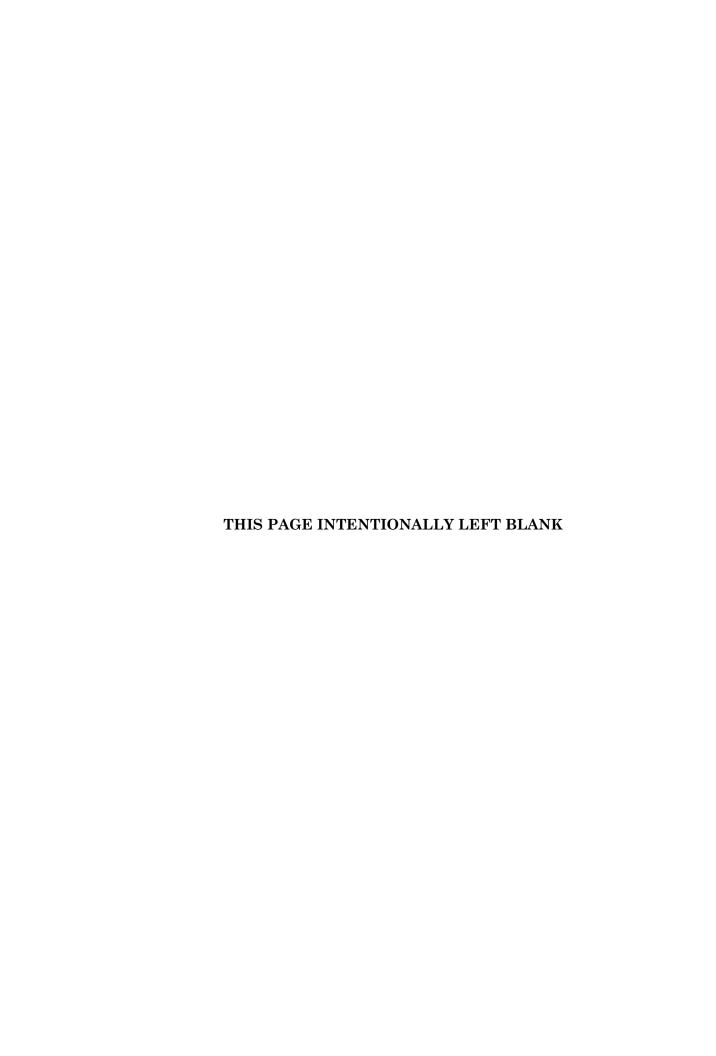
N/A

J. Early compliance.

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas

N/A



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§	
CONCERNING	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
STEPHEN HALL D/B/A HALL'S	§	
LANDSCAPE;	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
RN106019797	§.	

DEFAULT ORDER

DOCKET NO. 2011-0346-LII-E

At its ______ agenda meeting, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or "TCEQ") considered the Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition filed pursuant to Tex. Water Code chs. 7 and 37, Tex. Occ. Code ch. 1903, and the rules of the TCEQ, which requests appropriate relief, including the imposition of an administrative penalty and corrective action of the respondent. The respondent made the subject of this Order is Stephen Hall d/b/a Hall's Landscape ("Respondent").

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent owns and operates a landscaping business located at 5905 Saddle Club Trail in McKinney, Collin County, Texas (the "Business"). Respondent sells, designs, offers consultations regarding, installs, maintains, alters, repairs, and/or services landscape irrigation systems and is required to be licensed under 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE ch. 30. Therefore, Respondent is subject to TCEQ jurisdiction pursuant to Tex. WATER CODE ch. 37 and Tex. Occ. CODE ch. 1903.
- 2. During a record review conducted on February 14, 2011, a TCEQ Central Office investigator documented that Respondent failed to refrain from advertising or representing himself to the public as a holder of a license or registration unless he possesses a current license or registration or unless he employs an individual who holds a current license. Specifically, Respondent advertised irrigation services on a flyer without a valid irrigator license.
- 3. Respondent received notice of the violation on or about March 2, 2011.
- 4. The Executive Director filed the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of Stephen Hall d/b/a Hall's Landscape" (the "EDPRP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on June 14, 2011.
- 5. By letter dated June 14, 2011, sent to Respondent's last known address via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid, the Executive Director served Respondent with notice of the EDPRP. The United States Postal Service returned the EDPRP sent by certified mail as "Refused By Addressee." The first class mail has not been returned, indicating that Respondent received notice of the EDPRP.

6. More than 20 days have elapsed since Respondent received notice of the EDPRP. Respondent failed to file an answer and failed to request a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to Tex. Water Code ch. 37, Tex. Occ. Code ch. 1903, and the rules of the Commission.
- 2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, Respondent failed to refrain from advertising or representing himself to the public as a holder of a license or registration unless he possesses a current license or registration or unless he employs an individual who holds a current license, in violation of Tex. WATER CODE § 37.003 and 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 30.5(b).
- 3. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 4 and 5, the Executive Director timely served Respondent with proper notice of the EDPRP, as required by Tex. WATER CODE § 7.055 and 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 70.104(c)(2).
- 4. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 6, Respondent failed to file a timely answer as required by Tex. Water Code § 7.056 and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.105. Pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 7.057 and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.106, the Commission may enter a Default Order against Respondent and assess the penalty recommended by the Executive Director.
- 5. Pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 7.051, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against Respondent for violations of state statutes within the Commission's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
- 6. An administrative penalty in the amount of two hundred sixty-two dollars (\$262.00) is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in Tex. Water Code § 7.053.
- 7. Tex. Water Code §§ 5.102 and 7.002 authorize the Commission to issue orders and make determinations necessary to effectuate the purposes of the statutes within its jurisdiction.

ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

 Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of two hundred sixty-two dollars (\$262.00) for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this administrative penalty and Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order completely resolve the matters set forth by this Order in this action. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for other violations which are not raised here.

¹ "When a letter is returned as "refused" or "unclaimed," the notice is sufficient if it is apparent that the address was valid and could be located by the postal office." *Wright v. Wentzel*, 749 S.W.2d 228, 232 (Tex. App.--Houston [1st Dist.] Mar. 31, 1988, no pet.); *Zuyus v. No'Mis Communications, Inc.*, 930 S.W.2d 743, 747 (Tex. App.--Corpus Christi Aug. 22, 1996, no pet.).

2. The administrative penalty assessed by this Order shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Order. All checks submitted to pay the penalty imposed by this Order shall be made out to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Stephen Hall d/b/a Hall's Landscape; Docket No. 2011-0346-LII-E" to:

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

- 3. Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall cease advertising irrigation system services until properly licensed, in accordance with the requirements of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE ch. 30; and
 - b. Within 15 days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit written certification and detailed supporting documentation, in accordance with Ordering Provision No. 3.c., below, to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 3.a.
 - c. The certification required by these Ordering Provisions shall be accompanied by detailed supporting documentation, including photographs, receipts, and/or other records, shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public, and shall include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

Respondent shall submit the written certification and supporting documentation necessary to demonstrate compliance with these Ordering Provisions to:

Order Compliance Team Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enforcement Division, MC 149A P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

and:

Tracy Miller, Landscape Irrigation Program, MC 174 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P. O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

- 4. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
- 5. The provisions of this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent.
 Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Business operations referenced in this Order.
- 6. If Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Order. Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
- 7. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
- 8. The Executive Director may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings without notice to Respondent if the Executive Director determines that Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Order.
- 9. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.
- 10. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Order to each of the parties. By law, the effective date of this Order shall be the date the Order is final, as provided by 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.106(d) and Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.144.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	
For the Commission	

AFFIDAVIT OF STEVEN M. FISHBURN

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF TRAVIS

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"My name is Steven M. Fishburn. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and the facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

On behalf of the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of Stephen Hall d/b/a Hall's Landscape" (the "EDPRP") was filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on June 14, 2011.

The EDPRP was mailed to Respondent's last known address on June 14, 2011, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid. The United States Postal Service returned the EDPRP sent by certified mail as "refused by addressee." The first class mail has not been returned, indicating that Respondent received notice of the EDPRP, in accordance with 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.104(c)(2).

More than 20 days have elapsed since Respondent received notice of the EDPRP. Respondent failed to file an answer and failed to request a hearing."

Steven M. Fishburn, Attorney

Office of Legal Services, Litigation Division Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Steven M. Fishburn, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration herein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 2

, A.D. 2011

Notary Signature

MARGARET T JACKSON NOTARY PUBLIC State of Texas Comm. Exp. 12-21-2013