

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING

DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

**Board of Examination & Licensing of Telecommunication System
Contractors, Technicians and Installers**

1511 PONTIAC AVENUE

Building 70 – 2nd Floor Conference Room

Cranston, RI 02920

TUESDAY, April 3, 2007

In attendance: William McGowan, Chairperson

Robert Zuba

Steven Mollo

Jay Bombardier

Robert Gaj

Paul Feeney

Not In attendance: Laurence Ryan, Jr.

Mr. McGowan called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Roll called was made and we had a Quorum.

Chairperson, William McGowan, asked the Board members if they had reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Steve Mollo made a

motion to accept the minutes as recorded, and Robert Zuba seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

New Business:

First order of business was Mr. David Sousa of Aquidneck Lock & Security Systems, Inc. who wanted to address the Board.

David Sousa was not grandfathered in for four (4) Telecommunication licenses back on October 27, 1997. David Sousa had sent in an application for four (4) exams and was not aware that the Board needed additional information to take these exams. The Department sent him a letter that the applications were approved and then later sent him congratulation's letter. Mr. Sousa should have been eligible for only the Telephony and sound. The check was cashed when the applications were approved.

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The Board reviewed his current license. David currently has a Telephone Contractor's license and he was not aware he needed

other licenses. Since David Sousa was acting in good faith, Robert Gaj suggested to the Board that David Sousa be grandfathered into the other two categories. Paul Feeney made a motion to have him grandfathered in for all 4 categories and Jay Bombardier, Sr. seconded the motion. All other Board members were in favor. Bob Gaj would take care of his licenses after the meeting today.

There were no hearings for today's meeting. Partners Communications, LLC did not show up for a hearing today. Bob Gaj did not receive the certified or the regular mail back.

Old Business:

William McGowan, Chairperson, and our Attorney, Valentino Lombardi reported to the Board the current status of Starlight Communication. Starlight went to Superior Court, a decision was rendered, and Starlight Communication made an appeal against the Department of Labor and Training. The Judge stated that there was not enough information on the "Findings of Fact." Robert Gaj mailed out and dropped off to all Board members material pertaining to original transcripts, decisions, appeals, and other pertinent information on Starlight Communications. Our attorney, Valentino Lombardi reported that there is no need for any further hearings on the violations. William McGowan reported that there were three (3) hearings that were held on May 6, 2003, June 3, 2003 and October 7, 2003, cited the violations on January 21, 2003, and reported the facts

with the Board members; Bob Gaj reported that there were three companies performing work for Starlight Communications, for which there were no licenses. The Board members will review the material and render further the findings of fact based on the decision that was made to the Director.

Valentino Lombardi, Esquire, reported that Mary Ellen, Esquire, did receive a letter from Starlight Communications stating they could not make the April 3, 2007 meeting, but would attend the May 1, 2007 Board meeting. Paul Feeney made a motion to place Starlight Communications and their attorney on our Agenda for our next Board meeting, which is May 1 2007, pertaining to the Findings of Fact, and Robert Zuba seconded the motion. All other Board members were in favor.

Other Business:

Review of examinations and approval of applications were made by the Board.

There was no other business before the Board.

Paul Feeney made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. and Jay Bombardier seconded the motion. All other board members were in favor.

Respectively submitted by Elaine J. Heiss, April 3, 2007