

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 1, 2008

In attendance: William McGowan, Chairperson

Paul Feeney Laurence Ryan, Jr.

**Those Also In Attendance: Robert Gaj, Investigator, Valentino
Lombardi, Esquire**

**Not In attendance: Jay Bombardier, Robert Zuba, Steven Mollo,
Thomas Chabot**

**William McGowan, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:15
am.**

**William McGowan, Chairperson made the Roll call and there was no
Quorum.**

Minutes of the March 4, 2008 will be reviewed at our next Board

meeting as there was no quorum at today's Board meeting.

There will be one hearing scheduled for today. Mr. McGowan informed Mr. Olsen, III of Ascio Wireless, Inc. that testimony can be taken today, so we don't have to inconvenience anyone today, and the transcript will be presented at our next Board meeting. Mr. Olsen, III of Ascio Wireless, Inc. is welcomed to come back to our next Board meeting for a decision and we can go forward with the testimony to be heard by the Board today.

1. Ascio Wireless, Inc. #3400 –

Robert Gaj, Wallace Olsen, III were sworn in by the Board Stenographer.

Robert Gaj, Investigator read the location: Date of violation, February 15, 2008, Violation No. 3400. Place of violation: Hampton Inn, Route 7, Smithfield, RI. On January 17, 2008, RIDLT Investigator, Robert Gaj, while performing an on-site investigation at Hampton Inn, Route 7, Smithfield, RI, found that Ascio Wireless, Inc., contracted for and engaged in the installation of cabling for data, telephony, and video system that required a Rhode Island Telecommunication System Contractor's license. Ascio Wireless, Inc., is not in possession of any form of a Rhode Island Telecommunication license. This is two (2) violations of RIGL 5-70-2 "Practices Prohibited – contracting/engaging in work requiring a license."

Robert Gaj, Investigator reported that there were two vehicles one was on site and the other one left, and Bob Gaj spent two hours looking for the individual. Robert Gaj spoke to the Building Superintendent and the Manager of the Company that owns the hotel and Robert Gaj, was informed that Ascio Wireless, Inc. is doing all the work.

Robert Gaj went to the Town Hall of Smithfield and found that a permit was issued to Ascio Wireless's employee, Mr. Oswaldo Ortiz, on May 15, 2007. Mr. Ortiz, who is a licensed Telecom Technician, and not a contractor, should not have pulled the permit to perform this work. Mr. Gaj reported to the Board that the work was in progress when he was on the site at the Hampton Inn, and all of the cable work was done before January 17, 2008, the day of the violation.

Robert Gaj did speak to Mr. Olsen about the rules. Mr. Olsen reported to the Board that he thought he was abiding by the rules and he did not know that he needed a contractor's license to pull a permit, nor did he realize that he needed a contractor's license in Rhode Island to perform this work. Once Mr. Olsen was told he was in violation, he stopped working and the work was finished by American

Telecommunications Systems.

Mr. Olsen reported that he is in the process of how he should obtain a contractor's license in Rhode Island. Mr. Olsen reported to the Board that he would like lenience on the fine, since at the time, he did not realize he needed a contractor's license to perform this work. Mr. McGowan informed Mr. Olsen that the Board reviews applications and the Board will be more than happy to help with anything that they can to help him in the process of his application.

William McGowan, Chairperson, informed Mr. Olsen that we cannot take any action at this meeting, that the testimony taken today by the Board Stenographer, will be documented from this hearing and a decision will be made at our next Board meeting, and that Mr. Olsen will be notified so that he can attend the next Board meeting for the decision.

The hearing was closed.

Review of examinations was made after the general meeting.

Meeting was closed at 9:45 am.

The next meeting of the Board of Examination & Licensing of Telecommunication System Contractors, Technicians and Installers will be May 6, 2008, at 9:00 am in Building #70, Department of Labor

and Training, second floor conference room, Cranston, RI 02920.

Minutes respectively submitted by Elaine J. Heiss, April 1, 2008