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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

STEEVIE A. HILL
License No. 36BI01110600

TO PRACTICE PLUMBING
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

PROVISIONAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Steevie A. Hill ("respondent") is a licensed master plumber licensed in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
2. On November 17, 2003, the Board conducted a continuing education audit involving 460 randomly selected licensees. All of the randomly selected licensees had indicated on their biennial renewals that they will have completed their continuing education requirement for the 2003-2005 biennial renewal period by June 30, 2003. Respondent was randomly selected and was instructed to provide the Board with a copy of his continuing education certificate required for the 2003-2005 biennial renewal period.
3. The Board sent a letter to respondent by regular mail, dated November 17, 2003, to his address of record with the Board. In the letter, the Board required respondent to furnish a copy of his continuing education certificate to the Board office. A response was to be submitted to the Board office within twenty (20) days. Respondent failed to provide a copy of his continuing education certificate, nor did he provide any response within that time period.

4. The Board sent a second copy of the November 17, 2003 letter to respondent by regular and certified mail. The letter was stamped "Second Notice" and was hand dated January 14, 2004 and sent to his address of record with the Board. Once again, the letter requested that respondent furnish a copy of his continuing education certificate to the Board office. The green certified postcard was never returned to the Board office. As a result, the Board sent the letter dated January 14, 2004 via UPS Next Day Air on April 1, 2004. However, respondent failed to provide a copy of his continuing education certificate, nor did he provide any response within the required time period. (Exhibit A, Board letter sent to respondent on November 17, 2003 and January 14, 2004, attached and made a part of hereto). (Exhibit B, Shipping Document of UPS Next Day Air dated April 1, 2004).

5. The Board sent a third letter to respondent by regular and certified mail, dated April 2, 2004, to his address of record with the Board. The letter requested that respondent appear before the Board for an investigative inquiry on May 4, 2004 as a result of his failure to furnish any response whatsoever to the Board's letters dated November 17, 2003 and January 14, 2004. Respondent was instructed to contact the Board in order to confirm his attendance. Respondent received the letter dated April 2, 2004 as evidenced by the signature on the green certified postcard indicating the date of delivery as April 13, 2004. However, respondent failed to contact the Board after the letter was sent, nor did he appear for the investigative inquiry scheduled for May 4, 2004. To date, respondent has failed to submit a copy of a continuing education certificate for the 2003-2005 biennial period, nor has he contacted the Board with regard to the continuing education audit. (Exhibit C, Board letter sent to respondent dated April 2, 2004, attached and made a part of hereto). (Exhibit D, copy of certified postcard with signature dated April 13, 2004, attached and made a part of hereto).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1.. The above preliminary findings of fact provide grounds for disciplinary action against respondent's license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) in that respondent has failed to comply with the provisions of an act or regulation administered by the Board, specifically, N.J.S.A. 45:14C-18.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 13:32-6.1 et seq. in that respondent's failure to provide a copy of a continuing education certificate is deemed by the Board to be a failure to complete the required continuing education requirements for the 2003-2005 biennial period. Additionally, the above preliminary findings of fact provide grounds for disciplinary action against respondent's license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) in that respondent has engaged in professional or occupational misconduct by

failing to cooperate with the Board's continuing education audit by not responding to the Board's request for information upon receipt of the November 17, 2003 and January 14, 2004 letters in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.3, as well as failing to appear for the investigative inquiry which was scheduled for May 4, 2004 in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2. The above preliminary findings of fact also provide grounds for disciplinary action against respondent's license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) in that respondent has engaged in professional or occupational misconduct by indicating on his application for the 2003-2005 biennial renewal that he will complete his continuing education requirement by June 30, 2003. The Board deems respondent's failure to provide a copy of a continuing education certificate for the 2003-2005 biennial period as a failure to have completed the continuing education requirement by June 30, 2003.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 27 day of May, 2004,
ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice plumbing in the State of New Jersey is hereby provisionally suspended unless or until he furnishes the Board with a copy of his continuing education certificate, issued by the instructor, indicating compliance with the continuing education requirements for the 2003-2005 biennial renewal period pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14C-18.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 13:32-6.1 et seq.

2. Respondent shall be assessed a civil penalty in the aggregate amount of \$4,000, consisting of a \$1,000 penalty for failing to provide a copy of a continuing education certificate for the 2003-2005 biennial period which is deemed a failure to satisfy the required continuing education requirements for the 2003-2005 biennial period; a \$1,000 penalty for failing to cooperate with the Board's continuing education audit by not responding to the Board's request for information upon receipt of the November 17, 2003 and January 14, 2004 letters from the Board, as well as a \$1,000 penalty for failing to appear for the investigative inquiry which was scheduled for May 4, 2004 ; a \$1,000 penalty for indicating on the application for the 2003-2005 biennial renewal that he will complete his continuing education requirement by June 30, 2003, when in fact, respondent has failed to provide a copy of a continuing education certificate demonstrating his compliance with the continuing education requirement by this date. The penalty shall be paid by money order or certified check made out to the State of New Jersey and delivered to the Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, P.O. Box 45008, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, NJ 07101, no later than thirty (30) days after entry of any Final Order of Discipline in this matter. In the event respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed.

3. Any practice in this State prior to formal reinstatement of license by the Board shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice. In addition, the Board reserves the right to place restrictions on respondent's practice should his license be reinstated.

4. The within Order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry hereof unless respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to Barbara Cook, Executive Director, State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45008, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.

c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor or offered in mitigation of penalty.

5. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board, and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

6. In the event that respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to, an evidentiary hearing, respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein may serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding. Additionally, if further proceedings are ordered, the Board may seek to recoup the costs of such proceedings from respondent, in addition to the sanctions and penalties stated above.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

By: 
Alexander Tucciarone
Board Chairman



SECOND NOTICE

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State of New Jersey

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Governor

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November 17, 2003

(973) 504-6420

STEEVIE A HILL
LMP# 36BI01110600
PO BOX 675
ORANGE NJ 07051-0675

RE: Master Plumber's Continuing Education Requirement
2003-2005 Biennial License Renewal

Dear Licensee:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:32-6, as a Licensed Master Plumber in the State of New Jersey, you are required to complete **five (5) hours** of State Board approved courses for each renewal cycle prior to renewing your license. The Board Office files indicate that you renewed your Master Plumber's License for the 2003-2005 biennial cycle and your license is in an "Active" status.

The Board is making every effort to ensure the integrity and importance of our Continuing Education Program, as well as that of the occupation that each licensee should take pride in.

The Board Office is presently reviewing the files of its "Active" licensees for compliance with the Continuing Education Requirements for the current 2003-2005 biennial renewal cycle. As a licensee of the Board, you are requested to submit a copy of your Continuing Education Certificate (issued to you by your instructor).

FAILURE TO REPLY TO THIS DIRECTIVE
WILL RESULT IN A SUBPOENA
TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD.

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Exhibit A 5

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Please DO NOT send your Original Certificate; a COPY of your Continuing Education Completion Certificate will be sufficient. A return envelope addressed to the Board Office has been enclosed for your convenience in returning this requested document.

A response within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter is requested. Your cooperation and assistance are appreciated.

Very truly yours,

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF MASTER PLUMBERS



Barbara A. Cook
Executive Director

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Enclosure-1 Return Envelope
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Exhibit A *le*

UPS Next Day Air
UPS Worldwide Express
Shipping Document

See instructions on back. Call 1-800-PICK-UPS (800-742-5877) for additional information.

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SHIPMENT FROM

SHIPPER'S UPS ACCOUNT NO. **F042E8**
 REFERENCE NUMBER

NAME **E. Baccile** TELEPHONE **973-504-6420**
 COMPANY **MASTER PLUMBERS**
 STREET ADDRESS **124 HALSEY ST 6TH FLOOR**
 CITY AND STATE **NEWARK NJ** ZIP CODE **07102**

EXTREMELY URGENT DELIVERY TO

NAME **Steevie Hill** TELEPHONE
 COMPANY **Hill Contracting**
 STREET ADDRESS **1729A Walker Ave** DEPT./FLR. RESIDENCE
 CITY AND STATE (INCLUDE COUNTRY IF INTERNATIONAL) **Union, NJ** ZIP CODE **07053**



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STREET ADDRESS			
CITY AND STATE			ZIP CODE
9	SHIPPER'S SIGNATURE	<i>E. Baccile</i>	DATE OF SHIPMENT 9/17/19

Exhibit E 7



OFFICE COPY

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April 2, 2004

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RE: CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT ~2003 - 2005 BIENNIAL
REQUEST FOR APPEARANCE ~TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2004 ~9:00 AM

Dear Licensee:

The State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers conducted an *audit* into compliance by its licensees concerning the (5) five hour Continuing Education (CE) requirement for the recent 2003-2005 Biennial Renewal Cycle.

The State Board renewed the Master Plumber's licenses for the 2003-2005 biennial; however, an audit generated by the Board produced a letter dated November 17, 2003, to some *460 randomly selected* Licensed Master Plumbers. This audit requested that each licensee furnish a copy of his/her CE Certificate proving completion of the five (5) hour course for the 2003-2005 biennial renewal.

Our audit further indicates that you have failed to furnish any response whatsoever to the Board's Regular and Certified Mail initial inquiry of November 17, 2003, and/or the January 14, 2004, "Second Notice" of audit issued by the Board.

At this time, there is insufficient evidence on file to support your compliance with the Board's requirement for fulfilling (5) hours of Continuing Education for the 2003-2005 biennial renewal period.

You are hereby requested to appear for an Investigative Inquiry proceeding before the full Board concerning this matter.

Exhibit C.8

You are scheduled to appear at the Offices of the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers at the State of New Jersey, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ, 6th floor, on Tuesday, May 4th, at 9:00 am, for this proceeding. *Please refer to the enclosed "Direction" sheet to plan your attendance at this meeting.*

Please contact the Office of the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers at 973-504-6420, and request to speak with my Executive Assistant, Rosemarie Baccile, concerning your appearance.

Your testimony at this Investigative Inquiry proceeding will be recorded and transcribed by a court reporter. Please be advised that you may represent yourself at this proceeding, or if you wish, you could retain the services of an attorney to appear with you and represent you for this proceeding.

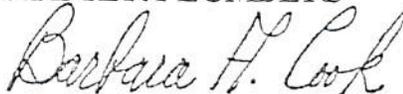
At the time that you call to confirm your appointment with the Board, please advise our office if you will be either (A) representing yourself for the proceeding, or (B) if you plan to retain the services of an attorney.

You are directed to bring the following items with you for this proceeding:

- Your Master Plumber's Pressure Seal;
- Your current Master Plumber's license identification card;
- All Continuing Education certificates in your possession, *including those Certificates for past biennials.*

You are strongly encouraged to cooperate in this matter, and be advised that your failure to respond to this directive will cause the Board to implement further sanctions against your Master Plumber's license by way of penalties, possible suspension, or revocation.

Very truly yours,
THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF MASTER PLUMBERS



Barbara A. Cook
Executive Director

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Enclosure (1) Direction sheet

Exhibit C 9

U.S. Postal Service
CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT
(Domestic Mail Only; No Insurance Coverage Provided)

OFFICIAL USE

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Certified Fee		
Return Receipt Fee (Endorsement Required)		
Restricted (Endorsement)		
Total	STEEVIE A HILL	
Sent 7	LMP # 36BI01110600	
Street, or PO Box	PO BOX 675	
City, State, ZIP+ 4	ORANGE NJ 07051-0675	

PS Form 3811, April 2002 See Reverse for Instructions

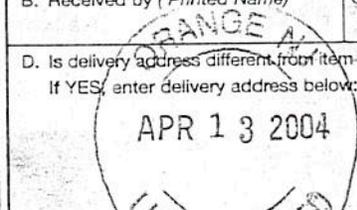
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<p>1. Article Addressed to:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">STEEVIE A HILL LMP # 36BI01110600 PO BOX 675 ORANGE NJ 07051-0675</p> </div>	<div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>
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