BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

Complainant: )
) Arkansas State Board of Licensure for
) Professional Engineers and Professional
) Surveyors
) ) Case #2010-34
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Respondent: )
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Michael B. Kopplin, PE #10850
Saulsbury Engineering & Construction, Inc
5308 Andrews Highway
Odessa, TX 79762

DISMISSAL ORDER

The Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional
Surveyors (hereinafter "the Board") registered a complaint on October 8, 2010, charging
Michael B. Kopplin (AR-PE #10850, hereinafter "Kopplin") with violation of Arkansas Code
Annotated §17-30-305(a)(5) (discipline by another jurisdiction where the grounds for
discipline were the same as, or substantially equivalent to, those in Arkansas).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Kopplin is a Professional Engineer licensee of the Board, and the Board has
jurisdiction over his conduct.

2. Kopplin notified the Board on October 8, 2010 that he had been disciplined by the
West Virginia licensing board.

3. Kopplin is licensed as a Professional Engineer in Texas, where he lives and is
employed.

3. Kopplin was retained by a client located in Oklahoma, where Kopplin is also
licensed as a Professional Engineer.

3. The client’s project was located in West Virginia.
3. Kopplin did preliminary engineering work on the West Virginia project, and when it appeared the project would be constructed, he applied for and received comity Professional Engineer licensure in West Virginia.

4. The West Virginia licensing board noted the prior engineering work in his application, however, and brought a disciplinary action for unlicensed practice against Kopplin personally, and for lack of a Certificate of Authorization against his firm.

5. Kopplin admitted the violations and entered into a Consent Agreement with the West Virginia licensing board in settlement of the disciplinary action.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-305(a)(5) provides that the Board may discipline Arkansas licensees for conduct in another jurisdiction which would also be a violation in Arkansas, but does not require it to do so.

Upon review of the evidence in its possession, noting there was no violation in Arkansas and the violations did not reflect on Kopplin’s trustworthiness or character, the Board finds the conduct by Kopplin described in the Findings of Fact does not warrant further investigation or other action.

ORDER

Based on these Findings and Conclusions, the complaint against Kopplin is dismissed.

SO ORDERED this 15th day of February, 2011

Tommy Bond, Board President
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, James Atchley, Investigator of the Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors, do hereby certify that I have served a copy of the attached order by mailing a copy of same, by first class mail on this 13th day of February, 2011, to:

Mr. Michael B. Kopplin, PE
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James Atchley, Board Investigator