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

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COMPLAINANT

Case #2017-05

Jason Needham, PE 15843

RESPONDENT

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (hereinafter "the Board") and Jason Needham, (hereinafter "Respondent") agree as follows in full settlement of the charges in this matter.

ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

A1. On November 1, 2013 Respondent was issued a Professional Engineers' license and was so licensed until present.

A2. On April 14, 2017 Needham plead guilty in the US District Court, Western district of Tennessee to Accessing a computer and obtaining information from a protected computer, a Felony.

CHARGES

C1. If proven true, the conduct of the Respondent, as set forth above in the Allegations of Fact, constitutes a violation of Article 14(A)(3) of the Rules of the Board as well as a violation of Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-305(a)(2)(A)(B)(C).
FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND
CONSENT AGREEMENT

In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement, consistent with the public interest and the responsibilities of the Board, the undersigned parties enter into this Consent Agreement as a final disposition of these matters presently before the Board.

1. The Respondent has the right to be advised by legal counsel and has chosen to proceed with the understanding that the facts and conduct described above in the Allegations of Fact are admitted and are incorporated herein as Findings of Fact 1 and 2:

   FOF 1: On November 1, 2013, Respondent was issued a Professional Engineer’s license in the State of Arkansas and was so licensed until present.

   FOF 2: On April 14, 2017, Needham pled guilty in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee, to accessing a computer and obtaining information from a protected computer, a felony.

2. In lieu of a formal hearing, the Respondent agrees to the following Order and waives all rights to a hearing, appeal or judicial review relating to the Order or charges. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Agreement and Order are not effective until accepted by the full Board.

3. The Respondent understands that all investigative materials prepared or received by the Board concerning these allegations and all notices and pleadings relating thereto may be retained in the Board’s file concerning this matter.
ORDER

For the violation described above, the Respondent's Professional Engineer's License is hereby revoked by the Board, from the date of this order.

AGREED TO BY: __________________________

[Signature]

Jason Needham

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ______ day of ______, 2017

[Signature]

Linda Holmes
Notary Public

My commission expires: ______, 2018

AGREED TO AND ORDERED BY: __________________________

[Signature]

Heather N. Richardson, Executive Director
Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors