LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD 9643 Brookline Avenue, Suite 123 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

RULING ON PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER

RULING NO. 2022-2

1.

On March 21, 2022, Pamela G. Granger, P.E. ("Petitioner") filed with the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board (the "Board") a petition for declaratory order and ruling pursuant to LAC Title 46:LXI§727.

2.

Petitioner seeks a declaratory order as to whether LAC Title 46:LXI§2507(E) would prohibit her from testifying in court on behalf of a governmental body regarding engineering services which she provided to the governmental body while under contract with such body.

3.

LAC Title 46:LXI§2507(E) provides as follows:

§2507. Conflicts of Interest

E. When in public service as a member, advisor or employee of a governmental body or agency, or under contract to provide consultation, advice, technical reviews and recommendations to a governmental body or agency, licensees shall not participate in considerations or actions with respect to professional services provided by them or their organization to that governmental body or agency or to any other person.

<u>ORDER</u>

After due consideration of the petition for declaratory order and ruling filed by Petitioner and after discussion by the Board during its meeting on April 4, 2022:

IT IS THE RULING of the Board that:

4.

LAC Title 46:LXI§2507(E) is focused on conflicts of interest and is intended to prohibit, for example, a professional engineer from engaging in a conflict of interest through their involvement on behalf of a governmental body in that body's review, consideration or approval

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of the professional engineer's own engineering work or the engineering work of the professional engineer's firm.

5.

Therefore, LAC Title 46:LXI§2507(E) does not prohibit a professional engineer from testifying in court on behalf of a governmental body regarding engineering services which such professional engineer provided to the governmental body while under contract with such body.

THUS DONE at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 4th day of April, 2022.

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

By: CHRISTOPHER K. RICHARD, P.E., Chairman