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**BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
**STATE OF GEORGIA**

DOCKET# 55643
DOCUMENT# 218424

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**GUFPA CASE NO. PSC 24-26277**

**DOCKET NO. 55643**

**Barefoot Garden Design, LLC,**
**Respondent**

MAILED
4.24.2024

## FINAL ORDER

The Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") issues this Order to accept the Consent Agreement agreed to by Barefoot Garden Design, LLC, ("Respondent"), on March 25, 2024. A copy of the Consent Agreement is attached hereto as Attachment A.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

1.

All Findings and Conclusions contained within the attached Consent Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.

2.

The Commission has reviewed the terms of the Consent Agreement and finds that it is a reasonable and appropriate resolution of the allegations against Respondent.

## ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

**WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED,** that all findings of fact and conclusions of law contained within the preceding sections of this Order and/or as incorporated therein by reference, are hereby adopted as the findings and conclusions of this Commission;

**ORDERED FURTHER**, that the Commission hereby accepts and adopts the Consent Agreement attached as "Attachment 'A'" and executed by Barefoot Garden Design, LLC on

March 25, 2024. Nothing in this order shall resolve or prejudge any complaint or complaints against any other person involved in the matters from which this action arises;

**ORDERED FURTHER,** that Respondent shall abide by the terms of the Consent Agreement.

**ORDERED FURTHER,** that Respondent shall pay to the Commission, ***in certified funds***, a civil penalty of $10,000.00 within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. Respondent may mitigate $8,000.00 of the above assessed civil penalty by attending Commission approved training, and shall pay remaining civil penalty of $2,000.00, ***in certified funds***, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. Proof that such training has been accomplished shall be furnished to the Commission within forty-five (45) days from the date of this Order.

**ORDERED FURTHER,** that failure to comply with the terms of this Order or the Consent Agreement could subject Respondent to further penalties under O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91.

**ORDERED FURTHER,** that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission; and

**ORDERED FURTHER,** that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above action of the Commission in Administrative Session on April 16, 2024.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

4-19-24
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

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Date

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this Commission Order was filed with the Commission's Executive Secretary and a copy of same was served upon all parties and persons listed below via hand delivery as indicated by an asterisk, or by depositing same in the United States mail.

*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Barefoot Garden Design, LLC
Attn: Jennifer King
974 Tilden St. NW
Atlanta, GA 30318

Respectfully Submitted this 17th day of April, 2024:

Maritza Rivera, Admin. Assistant
Facilities Protection Unit
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington St. Ste. 112
Atlanta, GA 30334

3.

Respondent(s) agree to pay to the Commission a penalty of $10,000.00 within thirty (30) days after the date of an Ord issued by the Commission approving of this Consent Agreement. Payment must be forwarded to:

Georgia Public Service Commission
Facilities Protection Unit
244 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5701

**All payment of penalties must be remitted in certified funds: money order, cashier's check, or official check.**

**Personal/Company checks will not be accepted.**

4.

If Respondent(s) choose training in lieu of paying $8,000.00 of the penalty described above, Respondent(s) agree to promp complete a training program acceptable to the Commission, ***minimum of five (5) employees required to attend training.*** **T respondent will be responsible for completing the training class and submitting the remaining $2,000.00 penalty certified funds or cashier's check to the Georgia Public Service Commission.**

5.

Respondent(s) understands that all payments will be processed upon receipt. However, this does not release the Respond of the terms of this agreement.

6.

Respondent(s) understands that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement could subject each to addition penalties.

7.

This Consent Agreement shall not become effective until and unless approved by the Commission. Respondent(s) enter in this Consent Agreement without admission of fault or liability.

8.

The undersigned authorized representative of the Respondent(s) acknowledges that he/she has read this Consent Agreeme and understands its contents. The undersigned representative acknowledges that the undersigned party freely, knowingly a voluntarily enters into this agreement. The undersigned representative hereby consents to the resolution of this proceedin provided herein.

This 25 day of March, 2024

**Consented to:**
***(Sign, date and mail, email, or fax)***

**On behalf of: Barefoot Garden Design, LLC**

**PSC 24-26277**