

MISSISSIPPI INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

MIKE CHANEY Commissioner of Insurance State Fire Marshal

DAVID BROWNING
Deputy Commissioner of Insurance

501 N. WEST STREET, SUITE 1001 WOOLFOLK BUILDING JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39201 www.mid.ms.gov

MAILING ADDRESS
Post Office Box 79
Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0079
TELEPHONE: (601) 359-3569
FAX: (601) 359-2474
WATS: 1-800-562-2957 (Incoming-USA)

January 30, 2024

Nathaniel Roundtree d/b/a Blue Wave Waters 212 White Plains Rd Conehatta, MS 39057

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to the attention of the Mississippi State Fire Marshal's Office, an office established within the Mississippi Insurance Department, that your business, Blue Wave Waters, has engaged in the business of installing Liquefied Compressed Gas ("LC-Gas") systems and/or installing, altering, extending, changing or repairing an LC-Gas system (collectively hereafter "LC-Gas installation activities") without obtaining a permit and/or an installer's certificate from the Mississippi Liquefied Compressed Gas Board ("LC-Gas Board"). This letter shall serve as an official notice that your business, Nathaniel Roundtree d/b/a Blue Wave Waters, is to CEASE AND DESIST all related LC-Gas installation activities, until properly permitted and/or certified with the LC-Gas Board.

The LC-Gas Board is vested with the power to regulate matters pertaining to LC-Gas. See Miss. Code Ann. § 75-57-101. This includes, but is not limited to, the authority to establish rules and regulations, establish a system of permits and impose monetary civil penalties. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 75-57-3, 75-57-105, 75-57-107 & 75-57-109. The Mississippi Insurance Department is vested with administrative and enforcement duties related to LC-Gas. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 75-57-3, & 75-57-101. Any person or other entity engaging in the LC-Gas business, as detailed in Miss. Code Ann. § 75-57-1 et seq., and/or Miss. Code Ann. § 75-57-101, et seq., must comply with applicable statutory permitting provisions and LC-Gas Board permitting processes.

Based upon the information available to the State Fire Marshal's Office, it has been determined that Nathaniel Roundtree d/b/a Blue Wave Waters has engaged in LC-Gas installation activities, as follows:

LC-Gas is commonly known or referred to as propane or propane gas.

Nathaniel Roundtree improperly installed a Liquefied Compressed Gas (LC Gas) system and piping at a home owned by

Any such service involving LC Gas systems installation or modifications is a violation of Mississippi law when done without a permit issued by the Mississippi Licensed Compressed Gas Board.²

The activities detailed immediately above violate applicable statutory provisions and administrative processes, including but not limited to, statutory permitting provisions found in Miss. Code Ann. §§ 75-57-49 & 75-57-57, statutory financial responsibility provisions found in Miss. Code Ann. § 75-57-49, installer certificate provisions found in Miss. Code Ann. § 75-57-47(1) & (2), and LC-Gas Board processes to obtain a Class 7 LC-Gas permit.

Accordingly, and as previously noted, Nathaniel Roundtree d/b/a Blue Wave Waters is to <u>CEASE</u> <u>AND DESIST</u> from engaging in all related LC-Gas systems installation activities, until properly permitted and/or certified with the LC-Gas Board.

If you have any LC-Gas permitting questions, please contact Scottie Cuevas, LC-Gas Division Director, at 601-359-1061, or you may visit the Mississippi State Fire Marshal's LC-Gas Division webpage at https://www.mid.ms.gov/sfm/liquefied-compressed-gas.aspx#&panel1-2.

Respectfully,

MIKE CHANEY Commissioner of Insurance and

State Fire Marshal

Y:

Mark Lampton

Senior Attorney

² Miss. Code § 75-57-107 provides that the LC-Gas Board may impose the following penalties: 1st Offense, not more than \$1,000; 2nd Offense, not more than \$3,000; 3rd and subsequent offenses, not more than \$5,000; and "such other disciplinary actions as authorized by this chapter." See also Miss. Code § 75-57-109 for permit revocation authority. Miss. Code § 75-57-57 provides for further sanctions and injunctive relief for failure to obtain a permit.