

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
COMPLAINTS, APPEALS & REVIEW PANEL (CARP)
Public Procurement & Concessions Commission
Executive Mansion Grounds
Capitol Hill, Monrovia, Liberia

IN RE:

WILLIAM SIGNS
by and through its Chief Executive Officer
Mr. William A. Hall **COMPLAINANT**

VERSUS

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
by and through its
Minister, Hon. Sirleaf Ralph Tyler and all those
under his Authority, Warren Street,
Monrovia, Liberia **DEFENDANTS**

COMPLAINT

BID CHALLENGE AND REQUEST FOR BID RE-EVALUATION SUBMITTED BY WILLIAM SIGNS AGAINST THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

FACTUAL SUMMARY

The complaint before the Complaints, Appeals, and Review Panel (CARP) grows out of a Bid Challenge for which William Signs is requesting for bid re-evaluation by the Ministry of Transport(MOT) alleging the following:

1. That the Ministry of Transport (MOT) issued tender for Road Stripping under IFB No: MOT/RSS/PROJ/NCB/001/2024 on July 29, 2024, in which William Signs participated as a bidder.
2. That on August 23, 2024, the bid was opened with only two bidders registered to participate.
3. That further, after the bid opening and bid evaluation process which included spot visit of William Signs' facilities, the MOT on September 17, 2024, issued a letter of notification to William Signs, indicating that its bid was unsuccessful.
4. That upon receipt of said letter of notification, William Signs rejected the outcome of the bid evaluation process and filed a complaint to MOT through its Minister.
5. That on October 17, 2024, William Signs, through its CEO subsequently, filed its complaint with the Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC) stating that since the filing of its complaint with the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry made no attempt to investigate the said complaint; a reason for seeking recourse at the level of the PPCC for CARP's intervention.
6. That William Signs, in its complaint against the MOT, alleged that the MOT violated Sections 65 (1) and 126 (2) of the PPC Act, 2010.

7. That a notice of publication of the alleged violation was placed on the Commission's website, followed by a notice of assignment citing the parties to appear for a hearing on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 10:30 AM.

When the case was called for hearing by the Complaints, Appeals & Review Panel (CARP), the party defendant was present and made representation, while the party complainant was absent without any notice of excuse to the Panel. Howbeit and to understand the rationale of his absence from the hearing; especially, as a complainant, the Panel decided to place a call to the Complainant to ascertain reason for said absence. Strangely enough, Mr. William A. Hall, CEO and Complainant, having been given notice that the call was on speaker for the Panelists and everyone attending the hearing to hear his response, told the hearing that he was voluntarily discontinuing his case, on grounds that his pursuit of said case will yield no fruitful or favorable result. Hence, his abandonment of the case.

The Panel says it is the right of a complaining party to decide not to continue with his or her case brought before the Panel for hearing. However, what is troubling in Mr. Hall's case, is his failure or silence to notify the Panel of his unwillingness to continue his case. Mr. Hall's action to have kept the Panel and the adversary party waiting, showed no respect to the Panel.

At the end of the telephone conversation with Mr. Hall, the Panel advised him to reduce his decision to abandon his complaint into writing and to submit same to CARP to be spread on its minutes for future reference.

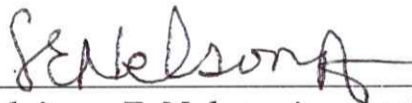
Accordingly, on November 26, 2024, a letter of withdrawal was filed with the PPCC for CARP's attention, and CARP having considered Mr. Hall's request decided to grant same.

Wherefore and in view of the foregoing facts and circumstances, the Complainant's request to discontinue and withdraw his complaint is hereby granted and the matter dismissed.

It is hereby so ordered!

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THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D. 2024

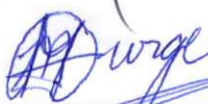
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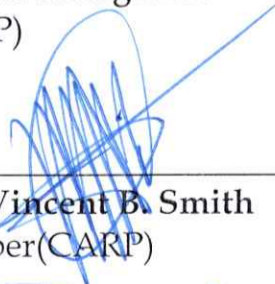
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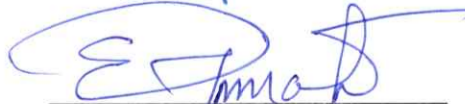
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