

BEFORE THE ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINING BOARD  
OF THE STATE OF IOWA

FILED 1/14/03 (Date)

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Board / Commission

IN THE MATTER OF: )

PACKARD ELECTRIC, INC., )  
an Iowa corporation, and )  
RODNEY A MEINTS, an individual, )

RESPONDENTS )

CASE NO. )  
02-07 )

CEASE AND DESIST )  
AGREEMENT )

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Signature, Executive Officer

The Iowa Architectural Examining Board ("Board") and Packard Electric, Inc., an Iowa corporation, and Rodney A. Meints, its President and registered agent, (collectively "Respondents"), enter into the following Cease and Desist Agreement pursuant to Iowa Code section 544A.15(4) (2001):

1. In 2001, Respondents provided design services ( preliminary plans, and bid documents) in connection with the Belmont Fire Station, a governmental facility. The Board received a complaint alleging the unlicensed practice of architecture.

2. Packard Electric, Inc. is not authorized to practice architecture in the state of Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code section 544A.21, and Rodney A. Meints is not a registered architect.

3. The building does not fall into any of the exemptions described in Iowa Code section 544A.18, and accordingly should have been designed by a registered architect pursuant to Iowa Code sections 544A.1 and 544A.16(9).

4. A registered architect ultimately did assume responsible charge of the design, but not until Respondents were informed by the State Fire Marshal that a registered architect was required.

5. Respondents agree that in the future they will not prepare plans, specifications, bid documents or other technical submissions as those terms are defined in Iowa Code subsections 544A.16(9), (10), and (14) (2001), unless the technical submissions are prepared in connection with a building or structural modification to a building which, pursuant to Iowa Code section 544A.18, may be designed by persons who are not registered architects or professional engineers.

6. Among the professional services Respondents shall not provide in the future for nonexempt buildings are: preliminary or final floor plans, construction bid specifications, consultation regarding compliance with applicable Code requirements (including mechanical, ventilation, plumbing, equipment, electrical, and fire resistivity), structural compliance with applicable Codes and professional standards, handicapped accessibility, ingress and egress patterns, and other professional services involving the life, health and safety of the public.

7. More generally, Respondents and their officers, directors, owners and employees, will in the future refrain from engaging in the practice of

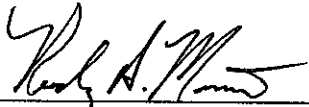
architecture in Iowa, as defined in Iowa Code section 544A.16(9), or representing to the public any ability or authority to perform architectural services, except through a business entity authorized to practice architecture in Iowa or, as applicable, individual registration as an architect in Iowa.

8. Respondents have cooperated with the Board's investigation and have not been the subject of any prior complaints. As provided in Iowa Code section 544A.15(4), the Board exercises its discretion to enter into this Cease and Desist Agreement in lieu of a prosecution. Once fully executed, this Agreement fully resolves the pending investigation. The Board will consider any violation of this Agreement in the future, however, in determining whether to commence an action for civil penalties or take such other action as is authorized in Iowa Code section 544A.15.

9. This Agreement is a public record available for inspection and copying in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 22 (2001).

AGREED:

Packard Electric, Inc.,  
an Iowa corporation, and Rodney A. Meints



Date 1-7-2003

By: Rodney A. Meints, individually and as President of  
Packard Electric, Inc.

The Iowa Architectural Examining Board



Date 1/14/03

By: Kevin W. Monson, Chair

Department of Commerce  
Professional Licensing and Regulation Division

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