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September 11, 2023

Via Email (idtheft@oag.state.md.us)

Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Security Breach Notification
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: Data Incident Notification

To Whom It May Concern:

We serve as counsel for Ace Electric, located at 4081 Inner Perimeter Rd., Valdosta, GA 31602, and write to inform you of a recent data security incident. By providing this notice, Ace Electric does not waive any rights or defenses under Maryland law, including the data breach notification statute.

On or about March 30, 2023, Ace Electric discovered suspicious activity related to an employee's email account. Upon discovery, Ace Electric took immediate action to address and investigate the incident, which included engaging third-party specialists to assist with determining the nature and scope of the incident. A thorough investigation determined that an unauthorized actor gained access to an employee's email account for a limited period of time between March 29, 2023 and March 30, 2023. Ace Electric then began a thorough review of the contents of the email account in order to determine the type(s) of information contained within the account and to whom that information related. On or about August 9, 2023, Ace Electric completed their review and determined that certain personal information related to seven (7) Maryland residents was subject to unauthorized access. The information potentially at risk includes first and last names in combination with Social Security number, financial account number, payment card number, Driver's License number, and health insurance information,

On September 11, 2023, Ace Electric sent written notice of this incident to the potentially impacted Maryland residents pursuant to Maryland state law. The notice letter included an offer of complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services for twenty-four (24) months. The notice letter sent to the individual is substantially similar to the letter attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

Very truly yours,



Meghan Farally, Esq.
CIPRIANI & WERNER, P.C.

Exhibit A



P.O. Box 989728
West Sacramento, CA 95798-9728

<<First Name>> <<Middle Initial>> <<Last Name>> <<Suffix>>
<<Address1>>
<<Address2>>
<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

Enrollment Code: <<Enrollment Code>>

To Enroll, Scan the QR Code Below:



Or Visit:

<https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect>

September 11, 2023

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Dear <<First Name>> <<Middle Initial>> <<Last Name>> <<Suffix>>:

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident experienced by our company that may have involved your information as described below. We take the privacy and security of all information very seriously and are providing information about the incident, our response, and steps you can take to help protect your information.

What Happened: On or about March 30, 2023, we discovered suspicious activity related to an employee's email account. Upon discovery, we took immediate action to address and investigate the incident, which included engaging third-party specialists to assist with determining the nature and scope of the incident. A thorough investigation determined that an unauthorized actor gained access to an employee's email account for a limited period of time between March 29, 2023 and March 30, 2023. We then began a thorough review of the contents of the email account in order to determine the type(s) of information contained within the account and to whom that information related. Once this review was completed, we immediately began working to locate address information, which was completed on August 9, 2023, in order to provide potentially impacted individuals with this notification.

What Information Was Involved: The types of information that may have been contained within the email account includes your first and last name, in combination with the following data element(s): <<Data Elements>>.

What We Are Doing: We have taken the steps necessary to address the incident and are committed to fully protecting all of the information entrusted to us. Upon learning of this incident, we immediately took steps to secure the email account and undertook a thorough investigation. We have also implemented additional technical safeguards to further enhance the security of information in our possession and to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future. Additionally, we are offering you complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services.

What You Can Do: We recommend that you remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your credit reports/account statements for suspicious activity and to detect errors. If you discover any suspicious or unusual activity on your accounts, please promptly contact the financial institution or company. We have provided additional information below, which contains more information about steps you can take to help protect yourself against fraud and identity theft, including activating the complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services we are offering.

For More Information: Should you have any questions or concerns, we can be reached at 1-888-979-0014 between the hours of 9 am to 9 pm ET, Monday through Friday. The security of information is of the utmost importance to us. We stay committed to protecting your trust in us and continue to be thankful for your support during this time.

Sincerely,

Rob Stalvey
President

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Activate Identity Monitoring Services

We are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, A ZeroFox Company, the data breach and recovery services expert. IDX identity protection services include: 24 months of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed id theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised.

You can enroll in the free identity protection services by calling 1-888-979-0014, going to <https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect>, or scanning the QR image and using the Enrollment Code provided above. IDX representatives are available Monday through Friday from 9 am - 9 pm Eastern Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is December 11, 2023.

Monitor Your Accounts

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your credit reports/account statements and explanation of benefits forms for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228. Once you receive your credit report, review it for discrepancies and identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting bureau.

You have the right to place an initial or extended “fraud alert” on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one-year alert that is placed on a consumer’s credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer’s identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, you have the right to place a “credit freeze” on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without your express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a credit freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Address for the prior two to five years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (e.g., state driver’s license or identification card); and
7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft, if you are a victim of identity theft.

Should you wish to place a fraud alert or credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

TransUnion 1-800-680-7289 www.transunion.com TransUnion Fraud Alert P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016-2000 TransUnion Credit Freeze P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094	Experian 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com Experian Fraud Alert P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 Experian Credit Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	Equifax 1-888-298-0045 www.equifax.com Equifax Fraud Alert P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069 Equifax Credit Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
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Additional Information

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the credit reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), or your state Attorney General. The FTC also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. The FTC may be reached at 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement, your state Attorney General, and the FTC. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-888-743-0023; and <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>. Ace Electric may be contacted at 4081 Inner Perimeter Rd., Valdosta, GA 31602.

For New Mexico residents, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act: (i) the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; (ii) the consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; (iii) access to your file is limited; (iv) you must give consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; (v) you may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; (vi) and you may seek damages from violators. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active-duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, FTC, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

For New York residents, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or <https://ag.ny.gov>.

For North Carolina residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and www.ncdoj.gov.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be contacted at 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; 1-401-274-4400; and www.riag.ri.gov. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There are 0 Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.

For Washington, D.C. residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at 400 6th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001; 202-442-9828, and <https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection>. Ace Electric may be contacted at 4081 Inner Perimeter Rd., Valdosta, GA 31602.