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February 3, 2021

Sent via U.S. Mail, First Class

Ms. Stephanie Coomer That Tree Feller LLC 12220 South County Road 500 West Daleville, IN 47334

Re:

Commissioner of Labor v. That Tree Feller LLC

OALP Case No. DOL-1020-001059

BSR Docket No. 20-025

Dear Ms. Coomer:

Please find enclosed a copy of the *Agreed Entry* that was filed with the Office of Administrative Law Proceedings (OALP). Our litigation of this matter is now complete. OALP will transfer the case back to the Board of Safety Review who should issue a *Final Order* sometime after it meets later this month. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to further discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

J. Anthony Hardman

General Counsel

Indiana Department of Labor

Encl.

STATE OF INDIANA	)	BEFORE THE INDIANA OFFICE OF
	) SS:	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW PROCEEDINGS
COUNTY OF MARION	)	SUBJECT TO THE ULTIMATE
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		SAFETY REVIEW
IN THE MATTER OF:		) OALP CASE NO. DOL-1020-001059
		) BSR DOCKET NO. 20-025
COMMISSIONER OF LA	ABOR,	)
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Com	plainant,	)
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AND ITS SUCCESSORS,		)
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#### AGREED ENTRY

The parties to the above-captioned proceeding, the Commissioner of the Indiana

Department of Labor (hereinafter "Complainant") and That Tree Feller LLC (hereinafter

"Respondent"), through their duly authorized representatives, desiring to enter into this Agreed

Entry as final settlement of this matter, do hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

#### PART I.

- From June 4, 2020, through September 9, 2020, authorized employees of the Indiana Department of Labor conducted an inspection at the Respondent's worksite located at 2407 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Anderson, Indiana 46012.
- 2. On September 28, 2020, Complainant issued a Safety Order and Notification of Penalty (hereinafter "Safety Order") resulting from Indiana Department of Labor Inspection No. 318122843 and alleging that Respondent had violated the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Act (IC 22-8-1.1 *et seq.*) or the standards or rules thereunder. The Safety Order is attached hereto as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein.

 On or about October 19, 2020, Respondent duly and timely petitioned for review of the Safety Order.

#### PART II.

- The Safety Order consists of Safety Order 1, Item No. 1 and Safety Order 2, Item No.
- 5. Safety Order 1, Item 1 alleges a "Serious" violation of I.C. 22-8-1.1-2 for struck-by hazards from falling tree limbs and assesses a penalty of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000).
- 6. Safety Order 2, Item 1 alleges a "Non-Serious" violation of 29 CFR 1904.39(a)(1) and assesses a penalty of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000).
- 7. The combined total assessed penalty for Safety Orders 1 and 2 is Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000).

#### PART III.

- 8. The Safety Order is hereby amended as follows.
- 9. Safety Order 1, Item 1 is deleted in its entirety.
- 10. Safety Order 2, Item 1 is upheld, but the penalty is reduced to Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,750).
- 11. The AGREED total penalty for all violations and all subparts thereunder, subject to this Agreed Entry, is Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,750).
- 12. Respondent provided an Affidavit of hazard identification, training, and safety observations for deletion of Safety Order 1, Item 1.
- 13. Complainant agrees to allow Respondent a total of eighteen consecutive months to pay the agreed total penalty. Respondent shall make one payment of at least Two Hundred Eight and 33/100 Dollars (\$208.33) each consecutive month until the agreed total penalty of \$3,750 is

paid in full; the first payment being due with Respondent's execution of this Agreement.

Subsequent payments shall be due by the 10th day of each consecutive month until said penalty is paid in full.

- 14. If Respondent fails to make timely payments or fails to pay the full agreed total penalty as stated herein, the full amount of unpaid penalty that remains shall be immediately due to Complainant, Complainant may use every legal remedy available to collect such unpaid amount, interest shall begin to accrue on said unpaid amount at the rate of 12% apr compounded daily, and Complainant may collect fees and costs from Respondent for any collection action that may be necessary.
- 15. It is understood and agreed by the Respondent and Complainant that this Agreed Entry and attachments will constitute a final, enforceable OSHA Safety Order(s) and penalties for the purposes of the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Act ("Act").
- 16. Respondent confirms Complainant's right to re-inspect its workplaces, in accordance with the Act, and to verify abatement of the alleged violations.
- 17. If not already identified in the Safety Order and Notification of Penalty as completed during the inspection, all abatement, including any enhanced abatement identified and agreed upon herein, must still be completed in a timely manner and certified to IOSHA by completing a Letter of Abatement, State Form 44425, and sending the form, along with any supporting documentation and photographs, to IOSHA by any of the means listed in the box in the upper right portion of the form.
  - 18. Respondent hereby withdraws its petition for review previously filed in this matter.

    PART IV.
  - 19. Nothing contained in this Agreed Entry shall be construed to affect Complainant's

interpretation of the Act or any standard or regulation enforced pursuant thereto or the applicable classification thereof.

20. Except for this agreement, and matters arising out of this agreement and any other subsequent IOSHA proceedings between the parties, none of the foregoing agreements, statements, findings, and actions taken by the Respondent shall be deemed an admission by Respondent of the allegations contained within the Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty. The agreements, statements, findings, and actions taken herein are made in order to compromise and settle this matter economically and amicably, and they shall not be used for any other purpose, except as herein stated.

21. The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Agreed Entry does not affect the remaining sections, subsections, clauses, or provisions of this Agreed Entry.

22. Respondent, upon full execution of this Agreed Entry, will post this Agreed Entry for three (3) working days or until abatement is completed, whichever period is longer, pursuant to Board of Safety Review Rules of Procedure, 615 IAC 1-2-18(b)(3)(C).

AGREED this <u>SO</u> day of January, 2021.

THAT TREE FELLER LLC

Printed: William Q. Coomer

Title: OWNER

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

By: 47 While & Elling

Michelle L. Ellison, Deputy Commissioner,

IOSHA

Approved as to Form:

J. Anthony Hardman,

Counsel for Complainant

INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT	
State/Commonwealth of MDIANA	
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	Proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence
	to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein stated.
MARJORIE M HARPER Notary Public - Seal	WITNESS my hand and official seal.
State of Indiana Delaware County My Commission Expires Jul 7, 2023	Marjorie M. Hayse Signature of Notary Public
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EXHIBIT A

# Indiana Department of Labor

Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration 402 West Washington St - Room W195 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Phone: (317)232-2691 FAX: (317)233-3790



# Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

To:

That Tree Feller LLC and its successors 12220 South County Road 500 West Daleville, IN 47334

**Inspection Site:** 2407 East 8th Street Anderson, IN 46012 Inspection Number: 318122843 CSHO ID: 09916 Optional Report No.: 2339-20

Inspection Date(s): 6/4/2020 - 9/9/2020

Issuance Date: 9/28/2020

The violation(s) described in this Safety Order and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.

An inspection of your place of employment has revealed conditions which we believe do not comply with the provisions of the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Act (Indiana Code Chapter 22-8-1.1) or the standards or rules adopted thereunder. Accordingly, enclosed please find safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty describing such violation(s) with references to applicable standards, rules, or provisions of the statute and stating the amount of any penalty(ies).

Informal Conference - Please be advised that it may be possible to informally settle any potential dispute without initiating the more elaborate proceedings brought on by a petition for review. Prior to filing a petition for review, you may request an informal conference concerning any of the results of the inspection (safety orders, penalties, abatement dates, etc.) by contacting the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA, preferably by telephone, in a prompt manner. Please be advised that a request for an informal conference cannot extend the fifteen working day period for filing a petition for review. Informal conferences frequently resolve any possible disputes, and therefore you are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. Because of the limited time period and in order to facilitate scheduling, any requests for an informal conference should be made promptly upon your receipt of the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty.

Right to Contest - You are hereby also notified that you are entitled to seek administrative review of the safety order(s), penalty(ies), or both by filing a written petition for review at the above address postmarked within fifteen working days of your receipt of the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty. ("Working days" means Mondays through Fridays, but does not include Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays under a state statute or days on which the Indiana Department of Labor's offices are closed during regular business hours). If you do not file such a petition for review (contest), the safety order(s) and penalty(ies) shall be deemed final orders of the Board of Safety Review and not subject to review by any court or agency. The issuance of a safety order does not constitute a finding that a violation has occurred unless no petition for review is filed, or if a petition for review (contest) is filed, it must contain a statement of its basis and should reference the above inspection number. Upon receipt of your petition for review, we will affirm, amend or dismiss the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty. If we affirm, your petition for review will be granted (unless it was not timely) and the dispute will be certified by the Board of Safety Review for further proceedings. The Board of Safety Review is an independent board appointed by the governor with authority to conduct legal proceedings leading up to and including administrative hearings, or assign an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct the same, and to issue decisions concerning disputed safety orders and notifications of penalties. If we amend the safety order(s) or notification(s) of penalty, your petition for review shall be deemed moot. However, you will then be given an opportunity to file a petition for review concerning the amended safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty.

Please be advised that an employee or representative of employees may file a petition for review to contest the reasonableness of the time stated in the safety order(s) for the abatement of any violation.

**Posting** - Upon receipt of any safety order(s) you are required to post such safety order(s), or a copy thereof, unedited, at or near each place an alleged violation referred to in the safety order(s) occurred. However, if your operations are such that it is not practicable to post the safety order(s) at or near each place of alleged violation, such safety order(s) shall be posted, unedited, in a prominent place where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. For example, if you are engaged in activities which are physically dispersed, the safety order(s) may be posted at the location from which the employees operate to carry out their activities. You must take steps to ensure that the safety order is not altered, defaced, or covered by other material. Posting shall be until the violation is abated, or for three working days, whichever is longer.

**Penalties** - Penalties are due within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Abatement does not constitute payment of penalties.

**Abatement** - The conditions cited in the safety order(s) must be corrected (abated) on or before the date shown for each item on the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty and proof of abatement must be sent to the email address: <u>AbatementGI@dol.in.gov</u> unless:

- (1) You file a petition for review concerning the violation, in which case the full abatement period shall commence from the issuance of a final decision by the Board of Safety Review or the courts which requires compliance with the safety order; or
- (2) The abatement period is extended by the granting of a petition for modification of abatement date.

PMAs - The petition for modification of abatement date is a manner in which you may seek additional time to correct (abate) a violation without having to file a petition for review concerning the safety order, or after the expiration of the time period to file such a petition for review when it becomes apparent that you need extra time to abate the violation. A petition for modification of abatement date shall be in writing and shall be sent to the email address: <a href="mailto:AbatementGI@dol.in.gov">AbatementGI@dol.in.gov</a> shall include the following information:

(1) All steps you have taken, and the dates of such actions, in an effort to achieve compliance during the prescribed abatement period.

- (2) The specific additional abatement time necessary in order to achieve compliance.
- (3) The reasons such additional time is necessary, including the unavailability of professional or technical personnel or of materials and equipment, or because necessary construction or alteration of facilities cannot be completed by the original abatement date.
- (4) All available interim steps being taken to safeguard employees against the cited hazard during the abatement period.
- (5) A certification that a copy of the petition has been posted, and if appropriate, served on the authorized representative of affected employees, and a certification of the date upon which such posting and service was made.

A petition for modification of abatement date shall be filed with the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA no later than the close of the next working day following the date on which abatement was originally required sending the Petition to AbatementGI@dol.in.gov. A later-filed petition shall be accompanied by the employer's statement of exceptional circumstances explaining the delay. A copy of such petition shall be posted in a conspicuous place where all affected employees will have notice thereof or near such location where the violation occurred. The petition shall remain posted until the time period for the filing of a petition for review of the Commissioner's granting or denying the petition expires. Where affected employees are represented by an authorized representative, said representative shall be served a copy of such petition.

Notification of Corrective Action - Correction of the alleged violations which have an abatement period of thirty (30) days or less should be reported in writing to us promptly upon correction and sent to the email address AbatementGI@dol.in.gov. A "Letter of Abatement" form and an "Abatement Photographs" worksheet are enclosed for your assistance in providing adequate documentation of abatement. Reports of corrections should show specific corrective action on each alleged violation and the date of such action. On alleged violations with abatement periods of more than thirty (30) days, a written progress report should be submitted via email at AbatementGI@dol.in.gov, detailing what has been done, what remains to be done, and the time needed to fully abate each such violation. When the alleged violation is fully abated, we should be so advised. Timely correction of an alleged violation does not affect the initial proposed penalty..

**Followup Inspections** - Please be advised that a followup inspection may be made for the purpose of ascertaining that you have posted the safety order(s) and corrected the alleged violations. Failure to correct an alleged violation may result in additional penalties for each day that the violation has not been corrected.

Employer Discrimination Unlawful - The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the discrimination occurred with the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA at the address shown above.

Notice to Employees - The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA at the address shown above within fifteen (15)

working days (excluding weekends and State holidays) or receipt by the employer of this safety order and penalty.

If you wish additional information, you may direct such requests to us at the address or telephone number stated above.

# NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been	scheduled with	IOSHA to discuss	the safety	order(s) issu	ued or
9/28/2020. The conference will be	held at the IOS	HA office located a	at 402 West	Washington	Street
Room W195, Indianapolis, IN 462	204 on	at		Employees	and/or
representatives of employees have a	right to attend an	informal conference	e.	.7	

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

**Inspection Number:** 318122843

Inspection Date(s):

6/4/2020 - 9/9/2020

**Issuance Date:** 

9/28/2020

CSHO ID:

09916

Optional Report No.: 2339-20

#### Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: That Tree Feller LLC

Inspection Site: 2407 East 8th Street, Anderson, IN 46012

#### Safety Order 01 Item 001

Type of Violation: Serious

IC 22-8-1.1 Section 2: The employer did not establish and maintain conditions of work which were reasonably safe and healthful for employees, and free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees in that employees were exposed to struckby hazards from falling tree limbs:

Facility - On or about 6/1/2020 an employee was struck by a tree branch when they walked into the drop zone clearing area.

AMONG OTHER METHODS, FEASIBLE MEANS OF ABATEMENT MAY INCLUDE: follow the recommendations listed in the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) titled American National Standard for Arboricultural Operations - Safety Requirements (ANSI Z133.1-2006) including: Workers not directly involved in the removal operation shall be clear of the work area, where practicable, beyond the length of the tree, unless a team of workers is necessary to remove a particular tree (8.5.3).

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated:

10/30/2020

**Proposed Penalty:** 

\$7,000.00

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#### Safety Order 02 Item 001

Type of Violation: NonSerious

29 CFR 1904.39(a)(1): Within eight (8) hours after the death of any employee as a result of a workrelated incident, you must report the fatality to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor:

Facility - A worker fatality which occurred on 6/1/2020 was not reported to IOSHA until 6/3/2020, outside of the 8-hour reporting requirement.

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated:

**Proposed Penalty:** 

**Corrected During Inspection** 

\$5,000.00

Julie C. Alexander, JD Director of General Industry

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#### INVOICE/DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

Company Name:

That Tree Feller LLC

and its successors

**Inspection Site:** 

2407 East 8th Street, Anderson, IN 46012

**Issuance Date:** 

9/28/2020

Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 318122843

Safety Order 1, Serious

= \$7,000.00

Safety Order 2, NonSerious

=\$5,000.00

TOTAL PENALTIES

=\$12,000.00

Penalties are due within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Make your check or money order payable to: "Indiana DOL/IOSHA". Please indicate IOSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance. You may also make a payment online at <a href="https://payingov.com/dol/">https://payingov.com/dol/</a>. Your account number is your inspection number.

IOSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions, conditions, or endorsements do not exist.

Corrective action, taken by you for each alleged violation should be submitted to this office on or about the abatement dates indicated on the Safety Order and Notification of Penalty.

A work sheet has been provided to assist in providing the required abatement information. A completed copy of this work sheet should be posted at the worksite with the safety order(s).

Julie C. Alexander, J.D. Director of General Industry

9/28/2020

Date

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### **Safety Order and Notification of Penalty**

**Company Name:** That Tree Feller LLC

**Inspection Site:** 2407 East 8th Street, Anderson, IN 46012

### Safety Order 01 Item 001 Type of Violation: Serious

IC 22-8-1.1 Section 2: The employer did not establish and maintain conditions of work which were reasonably safe and healthful for employees, and free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees in that employees were exposed to struck-by hazards from falling tree limbs:

Facility - On or about 6/1/2020 an employee was struck by a tree branch when they walked into the drop zone clearing area.

AMONG OTHER METHODS, FEASIBLE MEANS OF ABATEMENT MAY INCLUDE: follow the recommendations listed in the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) titled American National Standard for Arboricultural Operations - Safety Requirements (ANSI Z133.1-2006) including: Workers not directly involved in the removal operation shall be clear of the work area, where practicable, beyond the length of the tree, unless a team of workers is necessary to remove a particular tree (8.5.3).

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated: 10/30/2020 Proposed Penalty: \$7,000.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

**Inspection Number:** 318122843

**Inspection Date(s):** 6/4/2020 - 9/9/2020

Issuance Date: 9/28/2020 CSHO ID: Q9916 Optional Report No.: 2339-20

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### Safety Order 02 Item 001 Type of Violation: NonSerious

29 CFR 1904.39(a)(1): Within eight (8) hours after the death of any employee as a result of a work-related incident, you must report the fatality to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor:

Facility - A worker fatality which occurred on 6/1/2020 was not reported to IOSHA until 6/3/2020, outside of the 8-hour reporting requirement.

Date By Which Violation Must Be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection \$5,000.00

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#### INVOICE/DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

**Company Name:** That Tree Feller LLC

and its successors

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**Issuance Date:** 9/28/2020

**Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 318122843** 

Safety Order 1, Serious = \$7,000.00 Safety Order 2, NonSerious = \$5,000.00 TOTAL PENALTIES = \$12,000.00

Penalties are due within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Make your check or money order payable to: "Indiana DOL/IOSHA". Please indicate IOSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance. You may also make a payment online at <a href="https://payingov.com/dol/">https://payingov.com/dol/</a>. Your account number is your inspection number.

IOSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions, conditions, or endorsements do not exist.

Corrective action, taken by you for each alleged violation should be submitted to this office on or about the abatement dates indicated on the Safety Order and Notification of Penalty.

A work sheet has been provided to assist in providing the required abatement information. A completed copy of this work sheet should be posted at the worksite with the safety order(s).

9/28/2020

Date

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