



New York State
Department of Economic Development
Division of Minority and Women's
Business Development

In the matter of the appeal of

World Wide Plumbing Supply, Inc.

FINAL ORDER 17-22

From a denial of certification as a Women-owned Business Enterprise pursuant to Executive Law Article 15-A.

This order arises from an administrative appeal brought on behalf of World Wide Plumbing Supply, Inc. ("World Wide") pursuant to section 144.4 of title 5 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations. Appellant, Ms. Surie Lefkowitz, seeks reversal of the decision of the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development (the "Division"), dated February 17, 2016, to deny World Wide certification as a Women-owned Business Enterprise ("WBE").

This appeal was assigned to Administrative Law Judge P. Nicholas Garlick. Appellant submitted a written appeal on June 29, 2016. Mr. Phillip Harmonick, Esq. submitted a response on behalf of the Division on February 27, 2017. The respective submissions of the parties are contained in the appeal record.


The issues on appeal were whether Appellant: contributed money, property, equipment, or expertise to World Wide in proportion to her ownership interest therein; and shared in the risks and profits of World Wide in proportion to her ownership interest therein.

On March 17, 2017, the Division received from Administrative Law Judge Garlick a Recommended Order that recommended affirmation of the Division's February 17, 2016 denial on each of the denial grounds identified in the denial letter.

After considering the appeal record, I accept the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge as it pertains to the facts of this case. Incorporation by reference is hereby made with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Recommended Order.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the decision to deny certification, dated February 17, 2016 is affirmed. Accordingly, World Wide will not be listed in the Division's directory of certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises.

March 27, 2017



Lourdes Zapata
Executive Director
Division of Minority and Women's
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