# BEFORE THE DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

BRIDGESTONE/FIRE. AMER. HOLD. INC.-MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE, JOHN T. LAMPE, PRESIDENT

715 La Playa Drive
Hayward, CA 94545
Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
222601

Smog Station License No. RC 222601

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER
BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC,
DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

9690 Reagan Road
San Diego, CA 92126
Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
222541

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. -MEMBER
BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC,
DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

1434 E. Foothill Blvd.
Upland, CA 91786
Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
222539

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER
BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC,
DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

4330 W. Shaw Ave. Fresno, CA 93722 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222633

#### **BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE AMERICAS**

Case No. 79/15-103

OAH No. 2015041159

#### HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

10407 Folsom Blvd.
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
222613

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DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

1895 Tully Road
San Jose, CA 95122
Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
222587

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER
BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC,
DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

4199 Market Street
Riverside, CA 92501
Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
222531

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER
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2180 South El Camino Real San Mateo, CA 94403 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222581

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER
BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC,
DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

1410 Highland Ave.
Hollywood, CA 90028
Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222564

## BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. -MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

10785 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Los Angeles, CA 90025
Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
222558

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER
BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC,
DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

1200 E. Monte Vista Ave.
Vacaville, CA 95688
Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
222629

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER
BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC,
DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

271 E. Highland
San Bernardino, CA 92404
Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
222537

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

40861 Fremont Blvd.
Fremont, CA 94538
Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
222594

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER
BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC,
DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

715 Contra Costa Blvd.
Concord, CA 94523
Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
222602

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER
BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC,
DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

4161 Convoy St.

San Diego, CA 92111

Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,

Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222530

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER
BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC,
DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
3230-36 Dale Rd.

Modesto, CA 95356

Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,

Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222619

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER
BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC,
DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTOCARE

6512 N. Blackstone Ave.

Fresno, CA 93710

Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,

Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222632

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER
BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC,
DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

1340 Travis Blvd.

Fairfield, CA 94533

Bridgestone Tax Dept;, 535 Marriott Drive,

Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222635

Smog Check Station License No. RC 222635

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER
BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC,
DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

790 Clovis Avenue

Clovis, CA 93612

Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER
BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC,
DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

720 East Hammer Lane, Unit 1 Stockton, CA 95210 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222620

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

951 Sterling Pkwy. Bldg. 16 Lincoln, CA 95648 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 252231

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
AMERICAS HOLDING, INC.-MEMBER
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DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE

1500 S. Baldwin Arcadia, CA 91007 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222621

Respondents.

#### DECISION

The attached Global Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby accepted and adopted as the Decision of the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs in the above-entitled matter

This Decision shall become effective

DATED.

KURT HEPPLER

Supervising Attorney Division of Legal Affairs

Department of Consumer Affairs

KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California FRANK H. PACOE 2 Supervising Deputy Attorney General CHAR SACHSON Deputy Attorney General State Bar No. 161032 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 11000 5 San Francisco, CA 94102-7004 Telephone: (415) 703-5558 Facsimile: (415) 703-5480 6 Attorneys for Complainant 7 BEFORE THE 8 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 79/15-103 BRIDGESTONE/FIRE. AMER. HOLD. OAH No. 2015041159 INC. - MEMBER BRIDGESTONE 13 RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA GLOBAL STIPULATED SETTLEMENT FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE, AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER 14 JOHN T. LAMPE, PRESIDENT 715 La Playa Drive 15 Hayward, CA 94545 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, 16 Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. 17 ARD 222601 Smog Station License No. RC 222601 18 19 BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER 20 BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE 21 AUTO CARE 9690 Reagan Road 22 San Diego, CA 92126 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive. 23 Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. 24 ARD 222541 25 26 27 28

1	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
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3	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
4	1434 E. Foothill Blvd. Upland, CA 91786
5	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
6	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222539
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9	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
10	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
11	4330 W. Shaw Ave. Fresno, CA 93722
12	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
13	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222633
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16	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
17	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
18	10407 Folsom Blvd. Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
19	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
20	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222613
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22	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
23	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
24	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
25	1895 Tully Road San Jose, CA 95122
26	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
27	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222587
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3	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
4	4199 Market Street Riverside, CA 92501
5	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
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10	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
11	2180 South El Camino Real San Mateo, CA 94403
12	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
13	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222581
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15	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
16	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
17	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
18	1410 Highland Ave. Hollywood, CA 90028
19	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
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22	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
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24	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
25	10785 Santa Monica Blvd. West Los Angeles, CA 90025
26	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
27	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222558
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3	AUTO CARE 1200 E. Monte Vista Ave.
4	Vacaville, CA 95688
5	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
6	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222629
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8	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER
9	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE
10	AUTO CARE 271 E. Highland
11	San Bernardino, CA 92404 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
12	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
13	ARD 222537
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15	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
16	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE
17	AUTO CARE 40861 Fremont Blvd.
18	Fremont, CA 94538
19	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
20	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222594
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24	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE 715 Contro Costs Plyd
25	715 Contra Costa Blvd. Concord, CA 94523  Bridgestone Tex Dept. 535 Magniett Drive
26	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
27	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222602
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3	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE	
4	4161 Convoy St. San Diego, CA 92111	
5	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)	
6	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222530	
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9	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE	
10	AUTO CARE 3230-36 Dale Rd.	
11	Modesto, CA 95356	
12	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)	
13	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222619	
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15	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE	
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17	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE	
18	6512 N. Blackstone Ave. Fresno, CA 93710	
19	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)	
20	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222632	
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22	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE	
23	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS	
24	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE	
25	1340 Travis Blvd. Fairfield, CA 94533	
26	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)	
27	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222635 Smog Check Station License No. RC 222635	
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2	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE
3	AUTO CARE 790 Clovis Avenue
4	Clovis, CA 93612
5	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
6	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222631
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8	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
9	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
10	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
11	720 East Hammer Lane, Unit 1 Stockton, CA 95210
12	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
13	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222620
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15	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER
16	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE
17	AUTO CARE 951 Sterling Pkwy. Bldg. 16
18	Lincoln, CA 95648 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
19	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
20	ARD 252231
21	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
22	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
23	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
24	1500 S. Baldwin Arcadia, CA 91007
25	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
26	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222621
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28	Respondents.

In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of this matter, consistent with the public interest and the responsibilities of the Director of Consumer Affairs and the Bureau of Automotive Repair the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order which will be submitted to the Director for the Director's approval and adoption as the final disposition of the Accusation.

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) is the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair. He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Char Sachson, Deputy Attorney General.
- 2. All 22 of Respondent Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations facilities listed in the caption above are represented in this proceeding by attorney Louis Anapolsky, Esq., whose address is: 300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1125 Sacramento, California 95814-3229.
- 3. On or about November 20, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222601 to Bridgestone/Fire. Amer. Hold. Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care, John T. Lampe, President (Respondent Firestone Hayward). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 4. On or about December 10, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Smog Station License Number RC 222601 to Respondent Firestone Hayward. The Smog Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 5. On or about October 9, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222541 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone San Diego, Reagan Road). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration

was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.

- 6. On or about October 2, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222539 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Upland). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 7. On or about November 8, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222633 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Fresno, Shaw Ave.). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 8. On or about November 7, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222613 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Rancho Cordova). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 9. On or about October 30, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222587 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone San Jose). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 10. On or about October 2, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222531 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding,

Inc. - Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Riverside). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.

- 11. On or about October 29, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222581 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone San Mateo). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 12. In or about 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222564 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Hollywood). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 13. In or about 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222558 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone West Los Angeles). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 14. On or about October 8, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222629 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Vacaville). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 15. On or about October 2, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222537 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding,

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- Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone San Bernardino). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 16. On or about October 30, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222594 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Fremont). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 17. On or about November 20, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222602 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Concord). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 18. On or about October 9, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222530 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone San Diego Convoy St.). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 19. On or about November 7, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222619 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Modesto). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.

- 20. On or about November 8, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222632 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Fresno Blackstone Ave.). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 21. On or about November 20, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222635 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Fairfield). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed. On or about October 9, 2003, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Smog Check Station License Number RC 222635 to Respondent Firestone Fairfield. The Smog Check Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016.
- 22. On or about October 8, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222631 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Clovis). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 23. On or about November 7, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222620 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Stockton). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.

24. On or about October 30, 2007, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 252231 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. - Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Lincoln). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on September 30, 2016, unless renewed.

25. On or about October 8, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222621 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. - Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Arcadia). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.

#### **JURISDICTION**

26. Accusation No. 79/15-103 against Firestone Hayward was filed before the Director of Consumer Affairs (Director), for the Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau). The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent Firestone Hayward on April 18, 2015. Respondent Firestone Hayward timely filed its Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. First Amended Accusation No. 79/15-103 filed against Respondent Firestone Hayward, Respondent Firestone San Diego, Reagan Road, Respondent Firestone Upland, Respondent Firestone Fresno, Shaw Ave., Respondent Firestone Rancho Cordova, Respondent Firestone San Jose, Respondent Firestone Riverside, Respondent Firestone San Mateo, Respondent Firestone Hollywood, Respondent Firestone West Los Angeles, Respondent Firestone Vacaville, Respondent Firestone San Bernardino, Respondent Firestone Fremont, Respondent Firestone Concord, Respondent Firestone San Diego – Convoy St., Respondent Firestone Modesto, Respondent Firestone Fresno Blackstone Ave., Respondent Firestone Fairfield, Respondent Firestone Clovis, Respondent Firestone Stockton, Respondent Firestone

Lincoln, and Respondent Firestone Arcadia (Respondents), was served on December 9, 2015 and is currently pending against Respondents.

27. A copy of First Amended Accusation No. 79/15-103 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

#### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 28. Respondents have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 79/15-103. Respondents have also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the effects of this Global Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 29. Respondents are fully aware of their legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the First Amended Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on their own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 30. Respondents voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waive and give up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

- 31. Respondents understand and agree that the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 79/15-103, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon their Automotive Repair Dealer Registrations as well as the Firestone Hayward Smog Station License.
- 32. For the purpose of resolving the First Amended Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondents agree that, at a hearing, Complainant could

establish a factual basis for the charges in the First Amended Accusation, and that Respondents hereby give up their right to contest those charges.

- 33. Respondents agree that their Automotive Repair Dealer Registrations and that Firestone Hayward's Smog Station License are subject to discipline and they agree to be bound by the Director's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.
- 34. The admissions made by Respondents herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Bureau of Automotive Repair, the Department of Consumer Affairs or any successor agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceedings.

#### CONTINGENCY

- 35. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director of Consumer Affairs or the Director's designee. Respondents understand and agree that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Bureau of Automotive Repair may communicate directly with the Director and staff of the Department of Consumer Affairs regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondents or their counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that they may not withdraw their agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Director considers and acts upon it. If the Director fails to adopt this stipulation as the Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Director shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 36. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 37. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,

negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary

Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a

writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

38. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Director may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

#### DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222601 and Smog Station License No. RC 222601 issued to Respondent Firestone Hayward are revoked. However, the revocations are stayed and Respondent Firestone Hayward is placed on probation for three (3) years on the terms and conditions stated below.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following Automotive Repair Dealer Registrations are revoked. However, the revocations are stayed and the following Respondents are placed on probation for two (2) years on the terms and conditions stated below.

- Respondent Firestone San Diego, Reagan Road, Automotive Repair Dealer
   Registration No. ARD 222541;
- Respondent Firestone Upland, Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
   222539;
- Respondent Firestone Fresno, Shaw Ave., Automotive Repair Dealer Registration
   No. ARD 222633;
- Respondent Firestone Rancho Cordova, Automotive Repair Dealer Registration
   No. ARD 222613;
- Respondent Firestone San Jose, Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
   222587;
- Respondent Firestone Riverside, Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
   222531;
- Respondent Firestone San Mateo, Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
   ARD 222581;

- 1. Actual Suspension as to Firestone Hayward ONLY. Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222601 and Smog Station License Number RC 222601 issued to Respondent Firestone Hayward are suspended for five (5) days, beginning on the effective date of this Decision and Order.
- 2. **Obey All Laws.** Comply with all statutes, regulations and rules governing automotive inspections, estimates and repairs.
- 3. Post Sign as to Firestone Hayward ONLY. Post a prominent sign, provided by the Bureau, indicating the beginning and ending dates of the suspension and indicating the reason for the suspension. The sign shall be conspicuously displayed in a location open to and frequented by customers and shall remain posted during the entire period of actual suspension.
- 4. **Reporting.** Respondents or Respondents' authorized representative must report in person or in writing as prescribed by the Bureau of Automotive Repair, on a schedule set by the Bureau, but no more frequently than each quarter, on the methods used and success achieved in maintaining compliance with the terms and conditions of probation.
- 5. Report Financial Interest. Within 30 days of the effective date of this action, report any financial interest which any partners, officers, or owners of the Respondents facility may have in any other business required to be registered pursuant to Section 9884.6 of the Business and Professions Code.
- 6. Random Inspections. Provide Bureau representatives unrestricted access to inspect all vehicles (including parts) undergoing repairs, up to and including the point of completion.
- 7. **Jurisdiction.** If an accusation is filed against Respondents during the term of probation, the Director of Consumer Affairs shall have continuing jurisdiction over this matter until the final decision on the accusation, and the period of probation shall be extended until such decision.
- 8. Violation of Probation. Should the Director of Consumer Affairs determine that Respondents have failed to comply with the terms and conditions of probation, the Department may, after giving notice and opportunity to be heard, temporarily or permanently invalidate the registration, and/or suspend or revoke the license.

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### **ENDORSEMENT** The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Director of Consumer Affairs. Dated: Respectfully submitted, KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California FRANK H. PACOE Supervising Deputy Attorney General CHAR SACHSON Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant SF2014410071 41515839.doc

Exhibit A

Accusation No. 79/15-103

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12	Against:	Case No. 79/15-103	
13	BRIDGESTONE/FIRE. AMER. HOLD. INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE	OAH No. 2015041159	
14	RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE,		
15	JOHN T. LAMPE, PRESIDENT 715 La Playa Drive	FIRST AMENDED ACC	USATION
16	Hayward, ČA 94545 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,	1	ğ.
17	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.		
18	ARD 222601 Smog Station License No. RC 222601		
19	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE	·	
20	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS		*
21	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE		
22	9690 Reagan Road San Diego, CA 92126		
23	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)		•
24	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222541		
25	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE		
26	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS		·:
27	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE		
28	1434 E. Foothill Blvd. Upland, CA 91786	:	

1	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
2	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
2	ARD 222539
3	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER
4	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
5	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
6	4330 W. Shaw Ave. Fresno, CA 93722
_	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
7	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
8	ARD 222633
9	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
10	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER
10	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE
11	AUTO CARE
12	10407 Folsom Blvd. Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
10	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
13	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
14	ARD 222613
15	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
16	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER
10	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE
17	AUTO CARE
18	1895 Tully Road San Jose, CA 95122
10	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
19	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
20	ARD 222587
21	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
22	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
23	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
24	4199 Market Street
۷4	Riverside, CA 92501 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
25	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
26	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222531
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1	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER
2	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE
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3	2180 South El Camino Real
	San Mateo, CA 94403
4	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
5	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222581
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	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
7	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER
8	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
0	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
9	1410 Highland Ave.
	Hollywood, CA 90028
10	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
11	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
• •	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222564
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[	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
13	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER
14	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE
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15	10785 Santa Monica Blvd.
16	West Los Angeles, CA 90025
	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
17	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
	ARD 222558
18	DDYDCECTONE/EIDECTONE
19	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER
	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
20	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE
21	AUTO CARE 1200 E. Monte Vista Ave.
- 1	Vacaville, CA 95688
22	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
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23	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222629
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1	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
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3	271 E. Highland
4	San Bernardino, CA 92404 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
5	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
6	ARD 222537
	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
7	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER
8	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
0	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
9	40861 Fremont Blvd.
	Fremont, CA 94538
10	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
11	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
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12	BDYD GEGTONY TYDEGTON
13	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER
	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
14	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE
15	AUTO CARE 715 Contra Costa Blvd,
	Concord, CA 94523
16	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
17	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
1/	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222602
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10	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
19	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
20	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE
	AUTO CARE
21	4161 Convoy St.
22	San Diego, CA 92111 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
i	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
23	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
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1	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
2	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
3	3230-36 Dale Rd.
4	Modesto, CA 95356 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
5	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222619
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7	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER
ł	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
8	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
9	6512 N. Blackstone Ave.
10	Fresno, CA 93710 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
]	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
11	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222632
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13	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER
14	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
)	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
15	1340 Travis Blvd.
16	Fairfield, CA 94533 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
17	ARD 222635 Smog Check Station License No. RC 222635
18	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER
19	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS
20	LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE
	790 Clovis Avenue
21	Clovis, CA 93612   Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive,
22	Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)
23	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222631
24	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
į	AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER
25	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE
26	AUTO CARE
27	720 East Hammer Lane, Unit 1 Stockton, CA 95210
	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
28	ARD 222620

1 2 3 4 5	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE 951 Sterling Pkwy. Bldg. 16 Lincoln, CA 95648 Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address) Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 252231	
7	BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE AMERICAS HOLDING, INC. – MEMBER	
8	BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS LLC, DBA FIRESTONE COMPLETE	
9	AUTO CARE 1500 S. Baldwin Arcadia, CA 91007	
11	Bridgestone Tax Dept., 535 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 (mailing address)	
12	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222621	
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#### **PARTIES**

- 1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) brings this First Amended Accusation solely in his official capacity as the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair, Department of Consumer Affairs.
- 2. On or about November 20, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222601 to Bridgestone/Fire. Amer. Hold. Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care, John T. Lampe, President (Respondent Firestone Hayward). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 3. On or about December 10, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Smog Station License Number RC 222601 to Respondent Firestone Hayward. The Smog Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 4. On or about October 9, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222541 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone San Diego, Reagan Road). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 5. On or about October 2, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222539 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Upland). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.

- 6. On or about November 8, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222633 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Fresno, Shaw Ave.). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 7. On or about November 7, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222613 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Rancho Cordova). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 8. On or about October 30, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222587 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone San Jose). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 9. On or about October 2, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222531 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Riverside). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 10. On or about October 29, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222581 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone San Mateo). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force

and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.

- 11. In or about 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222564 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Hollywood). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 12. In or about 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222558 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone West Los Angeles). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 13. On or about October 8, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222629 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Vacaville). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 14. On or about October 2, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222537 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone San Bernardino). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 15. On or about October 30, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222594 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Fremont). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force

and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.

- 16. On or about November 20, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222602 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Concord). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 17. On or about October 9, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222530 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone San Diego Convoy St.). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 18. On or about November 7, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222619 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Modesto). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 19. On or about November 8, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222632 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Fresno Blackstone Ave.). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 20. On or about November 20, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued

  Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222635 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas

Holding, Inc. - Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Fairfield). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed. On or about October 9, 2003, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Smog Check Station License Number RC 222635 to Respondent Firestone Fairfield. The Smog Check Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016.

- 21. On or about October 8, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222631 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Clovis). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 22. On or about November 7, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222620 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Stockton). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.
- 23. On or about October 30, 2007, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 252231 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care (Respondent Firestone Lincoln). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on September 30, 2016, unless renewed.
- 24. On or about October 8, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 222621 to Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care

(Respondent Firestone Arcadia). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2016, unless renewed.

#### JURISDICTION

25. This First Amended Accusation is brought before the Director of Consumer Affairs (Director) for the Bureau of Automotive Repair, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

#### STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 26. Section 9884.7 of the Code states:
- "(a) The director, where the automotive repair dealer cannot show there was a bona fide error, may deny, suspend, revoke, or place on probation the registration of an automotive repair dealer for any of the following acts or omissions related to the conduct of the business of the automotive repair dealer, which are done by the automotive repair dealer or any automotive technician, employee, partner, officer, or member of the automotive repair dealer.
- (1) Making or authorizing in any manner or by any means whatever any statement written or oral which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading.
- (2) Causing or allowing a customer to sign any work order that does not state the repairs requested by the customer or the automobile's odometer reading at the time of repair.
- (3) Failing or refusing to give to a customer a copy of any document requiring his or her signature, as soon as the customer signs the document.
  - (4) Any other conduct which constitutes fraud.
  - (5) Conduct constituting gross negligence.
- (6) Failure in any material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to it.
- (7) Any willful departure from or disregard of accepted trade standards for good and workmanlike repair in any material respect, which is prejudicial to another without consent of the owner or his or her duly authorized representative.

(8) Making false promises of a character likely to influence, persuade, or induce a customer to authorize the repair, service, or maintenance of automobiles.

- (9) Having repair work done by someone other than the dealer or his or her employees without the knowledge or consent of the customer unless the dealer can demonstrate that the customer could not reasonably have been notified.
  - (10) Conviction of a violation of Section 551 of the Penal Code.

Upon denial of registration, the director shall notify the applicant thereof, in writing, by personal service or mail addressed to the address of the applicant set forth in the application, and the applicant shall be given a hearing under Section 9884.12 if, within 30 days thereafter, he or she files with the bureau a written request for hearing, otherwise the denial is deemed affirmed.

- "(b) Except as provided for in subdivision (c), if an automotive repair dealer operates more than one place of business in this state, the director pursuant to subdivision (a) shall only suspend, revoke, or place on probation the registration of the specific place of business which has violated any of the provisions of this chapter. This violation, or action by the director, shall not affect in any manner the right of the automotive repair dealer to operate his or her other places of business.
- "(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the director may suspend, revoke, or place on probation the registration for all places of business operated in this state by an automotive repair dealer upon a finding that the automotive repair dealer has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of this chapter, or regulations adopted pursuant to it."

#### 27. Section 9884.8 of the Code states:

"All work done by an automotive repair dealer, including all warranty work, shall be recorded on an invoice and shall describe all service work done and parts supplied. Service work and parts shall be listed separately on the invoice, which shall also state separately the subtotal prices for service work and for parts, not including sales tax, and shall state separately the sales tax, if any, applicable to each. If any used, rebuilt, or reconditioned parts are supplied, the invoice shall clearly state that fact. If a part of a component system is composed of new and used, rebuilt or reconditioned parts, that invoice shall clearly state that fact. The invoice shall include a statement indicating whether any crash parts are original equipment manufacturer crash parts or

nonoriginal equipment manufacturer aftermarket crash parts. One copy of the invoice shall be given to the customer and one copy shall be retained by the automotive repair dealer."

## 28. Section 9884.9 of the Code states:

"(a) The automotive repair dealer shall give to the customer a written estimated price for labor and parts necessary for a specific job. No work shall be done and no charges shall accrue before authorization to proceed is obtained from the customer. No charge shall be made for work done or parts supplied in excess of the estimated price without the oral or written consent of the customer that shall be obtained at some time after it is determined that the estimated price is insufficient and before the work not estimated is done or the parts not estimated are supplied. Written consent or authorization for an increase in the original estimated price may be provided by electronic mail or facsimile transmission from the customer. The bureau may specify in regulation the procedures to be followed by an automotive repair dealer if an authorization or consent for an increase in the original estimated price is provided by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. If that consent is oral, the dealer shall make a notation on the work order of the date, time, name of person authorizing the additional repairs and telephone number called, if any, together with a specification of the additional parts and labor and the total additional cost, and shall do either of the following:

- "(1) Make a notation on the invoice of the same facts set forth in the notation on the work order.
- "(2) Upon completion of the repairs, obtain the customer's signature or initials to an acknowledgment of notice and consent, if there is an oral consent of the customer to additional repairs, in the following language:

"I acknowledge notice and oral approval of an increase in the original estimated price.

(signature or initials)"

"Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring an automotive repair dealer to give a written estimated price if the dealer does not agree to perform the requested repair.

- "(b) The automotive repair dealer shall include with the written estimated price a statement of any automotive repair service that, if required to be done, will be done by someone other than the dealer or his or her employees. No service shall be done by other than the dealer or his or her employees without the consent of the customer, unless the customer cannot reasonably be notified. The dealer shall be responsible, in any case, for any service in the same manner as if the dealer or his or her employees had done the service.
- "(c) In addition to subdivisions (a) and (b), an automotive repair dealer, when doing auto body or collision repairs, shall provide an itemized written estimate for all parts and labor to the customer. The estimate shall describe labor and parts separately and shall identify each part, indicating whether the replacement part is new, used, rebuilt, or reconditioned. Each crash part shall be identified on the written estimate and the written estimate shall indicate whether the crash part is an original equipment manufacturer crash part or a nonoriginal equipment manufacturer aftermarket crash part.
- "(d) A customer may designate another person to authorize work or parts supplied in excess of the estimated price, if the designation is made in writing at the time that the initial authorization to proceed is signed by the customer. The bureau may specify in regulation the form and content of a designation and the procedures to be followed by the automotive repair dealer in recording the designation. For the purposes of this section, a designee shall not be the automotive repair dealer providing repair services or an insurer involved in a claim that includes the motor vehicle being repaired, or an employee or agent or a person acting on behalf of the dealer or insurer."
  - 29. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3353, states:
- "No work for compensation shall be commenced and no charges shall accrue without specific authorization from the customer in accordance with the following requirements:
- "(a) Estimate for Parts and Labor. Every dealer shall give to each customer a written estimated price for labor and parts for a specific job.
- "(b) Estimate for Auto Body or Collision Repairs. Every dealer, when doing auto body or collision repairs, shall give to each customer a written estimated price for parts and labor for a

specific job. Parts and labor shall be described separately and each part shall be identified, indicating whether the replacement part is new, used, rebuilt or reconditioned. The estimate shall also describe replacement crash parts as original equipment manufacturer (OEM) crash parts or non-OEM aftermarket crash parts.

- "(c) Additional Authorization. The dealer shall obtain the customer's authorization before any additional work not estimated is done or parts not estimated are supplied. This authorization shall be in written, oral, or electronic form, and shall describe additional repairs, parts, labor and the total additional cost.
- "(1) If the authorization from the customer for additional repairs, parts, or labor in excess of the written estimated price is obtained orally, the dealer shall also make a notation on the work order and on the invoice of the date, time, name of the person authorizing the additional repairs, and the telephone number called, if any, together with the specification of the additional repairs, parts, labor and the total additional costs.
- "(2) If the authorization from the customer for additional repairs, parts, or labor in excess of the written estimated price is obtained by facsimile transmission (fax), the dealer shall also attach to the work order and the invoice, a faxed document that is signed and dated by the customer and shows the date and time of transmission and describes the additional repairs, parts, labor and the total additional cost.
- "(3) If the authorization from the customer for additional repairs, parts, or labor in excess of the written estimated price is obtained by electronic mail (e-mail), the dealer shall print and attach to the work order and invoice, the e-mail authorization which shows the date and time of transmission and describes the additional repairs, parts, labor, and the total additional costs.
- "(4) The additional repairs, parts, labor, total additional cost, and a statement that the additional repairs were authorized either orally, or by fax, or by e-mail shall be recorded on the final invoice to Section 9884.9 of the Business and Professions Code. All documentation must be retained pursuant to Section 9884.11 of the Business and Professions Code.
- "(d) Estimated Price to Tear Down, Inspect, Report and Reassemble. For purposes of this article, to "tear down" shall mean to disassemble, and "teardown" shall mean the act of

 disassembly. If it is necessary to tear down a vehicle component in order to prepare a written estimated price for required repair, the dealer shall first give the customer a written estimated price for the teardown. This price shall include the cost of reassembly of the component. The estimated price shall also include the cost of parts and necessary labor to replace items such as gaskets, seals and O rings that are normally destroyed by teardown of the component. If the act of teardown might prevent the restoration of the component to its former condition, the dealer shall write that information on the work order containing the teardown estimate before the work order is signed by the customer.

"The repair dealer shall notify the customer orally and conspicuously in writing on the teardown estimate the maximum time it will take the repair dealer to reassemble the vehicle or the vehicle component in the event the customer elects not to proceed with the repair or maintenance of the vehicle and shall reassemble the vehicle within that time period if the customer elects not to proceed with the repair or maintenance. The maximum time shall be counted from the date of authorization of teardown.

"After the teardown has been performed, the dealer shall prepare a written estimated price for labor and parts necessary for the required repair. All parts required for such repair shall be listed on the estimate. The dealer shall then obtain the customer's authorization for either repair or reassembly before any further work is done.

- "(e) Revising an Itemized Work Order. If the customer has authorized repairs according to a work order on which parts and labor are itemized, the dealer shall not change the method of repair or parts supplied without the written, oral, electronic authorization of the customer. The authorization shall be obtained from the customer as provided in subsection (c) and Section 9884.9 of the Business and Professions Code.
- "(f) Unusual Circumstances; Authorization Required. When the customer is unable to deliver the motor vehicle to the dealer during business hours or if the motor vehicle is towed to the dealer without the customer during business hours, and the customer has requested the dealer to take possession of the motor vehicle for the purpose of repairing or estimating the cost of repairing the motor vehicle, the dealer shall not undertake the diagnosing or repairing of any

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malfunction of the motor vehicle for compensation unless such dealer has complied with all of the following conditions:

- "(1) The dealer has prepared a work order stating the written estimated price for labor and parts as specified in subsection (a) or (b), necessary to repair the motor vehicle; and
- "(2) By telephone, fax or e-mail, the customer has been given all of the information on the work order and the customer has approved the work order; and
- "(3) The customer has given oral, written, or electronic authorization to the dealer to make the repairs and the dealer has documented the authorization as provided in subsection (c) and Section 9884.9 of the Business and Professions Code.

"Any charge for parts or labor in excess of the original written estimated price must be separately authorized by the customer and documented by the dealer, as provided in Section 9884.9 of the Business and Professions Code.

- "(g) Definitions. As used in this section, "written " shall mean the communication of information or information in writing, other than by electronic means; "oral" shall mean the oral communication of information either in person or telephonically; "electronic" shall mean the communication of information by facsimile transmission (fax) or electronic mail (e-mail)."
  - 30. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3356, states:
- "(a) All invoices for service and repair work performed, and parts supplied, as provided for in Section 9884.8 of the Business and Professions Code, shall comply with the following:
- (1) The invoice shall show the automotive repair dealer's registration number and the corresponding business name and address as shown in the Bureau's records. If the automotive repair dealer's telephone number is shown, it shall comply with the requirements of subsection (b) of Section 3371 of this chapter.
  - (2) The invoice shall separately list, describe and identify all of the following:
- (A) All service and repair work performed, including all diagnostic and warranty work, and the price for each described service and repair.
- (B) Each part supplied, in such a manner that the customer can understand what was purchased, and the price for each described part. The description of each part shall state whether

the part was new, used, reconditioned, rebuilt, or an OEM crash part, or a non-OEM aftermarket crash part.

- (C) The subtotal price for all service and repair work performed.
- (D) The subtotal price for all parts supplied, not including sales tax.
- (E) The applicable sales tax, if any.
- "(b) If a customer is to be charged for a part, that part shall be specifically listed as an item in the invoice, as provided in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) above. If thatitem is not listed in the invoice, it shall not be regarded as a part, and a separate charge may not be made for it.
- "(c) Separate billing in an invoice for items generically noted as shop supplies, miscellaneous parts, or the like, is prohibited.
- "(d) The automotive repair dealer shall give the customer a legible copy of the invoice and shall retain a legible copy as part of the automotive repair dealer's records pursuant to Section 9884.11 of the Business and Professions Code and Section 3358 of this article."
  - 31. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3371, states:

"No dealer shall publish, utter, or make or cause to be published, uttered, or made any false or misleading statement or advertisement which is known to be false or misleading, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known to be false or misleading. Advertisements and advertising signs shall clearly show the following:

- "(a) Firm Name and Address. The dealer's firm name and address as they appear on the State registration certificate as an automotive repair dealer; and
- "(b) Telephone Number. If a telephone number appears in an advertisement or on an advertising sign, this number shall be the same number as that listed for the dealer's firm name and address in the telephone directory, or in the telephone company records if such number is assigned to the dealer subsequent to the publication of such telephone directory."
  - 32. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3373, states:

"No automotive repair dealer or individual in charge shall, in filling out an estimate, invoice, or work order, or record required to be maintained by section 3340.15(f) of this chapter,

withhold therefrom or insert therein any statement or information which will cause any such document to be false or misleading, or where the tendency or effect thereby would be to mislead or deceive customers, prospective customers, or the public."

33. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.

## COST RECOVERY

34. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

#### RESPONDENT FIRESTONE HAYWARD

#### AUDIT RUN #1: 1994 TOYOTA

35. On September 13, 2013, an undercover operator of the Bureau (operator) took the Bureau's 1994 Toyota to Respondent's facility. The vehicle was missing the Pulse Air injection system. The operator requested a smog check inspection, and was provided with an estimate in the amount of \$68.24. The operator authorized the smog check inspection and was provided with a copy of work order. After approximately 45 minutes, a service advisor notified the operator that the vehicle required a Low Pressure Fuel Evaporative Test (LPFET – a test that should have been included in a smog check inspection). The service advisor informed the operator that there would be an additional charge of \$70.00. The operator declined the additional test and left the facility.

## FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

36. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent made or authorized statements which it knew or in the

exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it advised the Bureau's operator that the 1994 Toyota required an LPFET for an additional \$70.00.

#### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Violation of Regulations)

37. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with Regulation section 3371 when it made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that the 1994 Toyota required an LPFET for an additional \$70.00.

### AUDIT RUN #2: 1996 HONDA

38. On October 9, 2013, an undercover operator of the Bureau took the Bureau's 1996
Honda to Respondent Firestone Hayward's facility. The vehicle was in need of an engine oil change. The operator requested an engine oil change. Respondent Firestone Hayward's employee recommended a complete vehicle inspection at a cost of \$10.00, which the operator authorized. The operator signed and received a copy of work order Several hours later, Respondent Firestone Hayward's employee advised the operator that the vehicle needed a Prime Well tire package, a lifetime wheel alignment, fuel system cleaning, cooling system service with new antifreeze and a transmission fluid exchange. In fact, none of those items were necessary. Respondent Firestone Hayward provided the operator with a work order in the amount of \$856.23 for the recommended services. The operator declined the recommended services and paid Respondent Firestone Hayward \$45.60 for the engine oil change and vehicle inspection.

#### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

39. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it advised the Bureau's operator that the 1996 Honda needed a Prime Well tire package, a lifetime wheel alignment, fuel system cleaning, cooling system service with new antifreeze and a transmission fluid exchange.

#### FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Violation of Regulations)

- 40. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone Hayward made false or misleading statements when it advised the Bureau's operator that the 1996 Honda needed a Prime Well tire package, a lifetime wheel alignment, fuel system cleaning, cooling system service with new antifreeze and a transmission fluid exchange.
- b. 3373: Respondent Firestone Hayward provided the Bureau's operator with a work order that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that the 1996 Honda needed a Prime Well tire package, a lifetime wheel alignment, fuel system cleaning, cooling system service with new antifreeze and a transmission fluid exchange.

#### FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Fraud)

41. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that the 1996 Honda needed a Prime Well tire package, a lifetime wheel alignment, fuel system cleaning, cooling system service with new antifreeze and a transmission fluid exchange.

## SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

42. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

## DOCUMENTED UNDERCOVER RUN #1: 2004 TOYOTA

43. On December 17, 2013, an undercover Bureau operator took a 2004 Toyota to Respondent Firestone Hayward's facility, and reported that she heard a noise when driving the vehicle. The vehicle's front disc brake pads had been machined down by a Bureau employee to

below .039 of an inch, and were in need of replacement. No other repairs were indicated. The operator and Respondent Firestone Hayward's employee road tested the vehicle and the noise was audible. The operator left the vehicle at the facility. Later that afternoon, an employee from Respondent Firestone Hayward's facility called the operator and informed her that the front brake pads were completely gone and needed to be replaced, and that the front brake calipers needed to be replaced, at a cost of \$582.94 (with a \$50.00 discount which reduced the estimate to \$532.94). The employee also informed the operator that the left front axle shaft was leaking and needed to be replaced for \$579.00, and that the rack & pinion was leaking and needed to be replaced for \$1,300.00 (labor only). Lastly, the employee advised the operator that the vehicle needed a general preventative maintenance measure, which included a front end alignment at a cost of \$90.00 for standard alignment, or \$150.00 for a lifetime alignment. The operator advised Respondent Firestone Hayward's employee that she would have to check with her husband regarding the recommended repairs and call back. Another Bureau employee called Respondent Firestone Hayward's facility on the evening of December 17, 2013, and represented himself as the operator's husband. Respondent Firestone Hayward's employee advised that the vehicle needed front brake pads and calipers, the left front drive axle, the rack & pinion assembly, air filter, cabin filter and front end alignment. The estimate for all of the repairs was \$2,780.00. The Bureau representative declined the extra repairs and requested that only the front brakes be repaired. Respondent Firestone Hayward's employee advised that work would cost \$534.00. On December 18, 2013, the operator returned to Respondent Firestone Hayward's facility to pick up the vehicle. She paid \$565.00 and was provided with invoice which reflected that amount. The operator was also provided with an additional work order "Recommended Services Not Authorized by Customer" in the amount of \$2,246.85.

44. Although the only work that was necessary was replacement of the front brake pads, Respondent Firestone Hayward also needlessly replaced the front brake calipers and flushed the brake system. Respondent Firestone Hayward performed and charged the operator \$425.11 for parts and labor that were not necessary.

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## SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

45. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it advised the Bureau's operator and other Bureau employee that the 2004 Toyota needed work on the left front drive axle, the rack & pinion assembly, air filter, cabin filter and front end alignment.

## EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Violation of Regulations)

- 46. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone Hayward made false or misleading statements when it advised the Bureau's operator that the 2004 Toyota needed work on the left front drive axle, the rack & pinion assembly, air filter, cabin filter and front end alignment.
- b. 3373: Respondent Firestone Hayward provided the Bureau's operator with a work order that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that the 2004 Toyota needed work on the left front drive axle, the rack & pinion assembly, air filter, cabin filter and front end alignment.

#### NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Fraud)

47. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented the necessity for replacement of the front brake calipers and flushing the brake system, and when it performed and charged the Bureau's operator \$425.11 for unnecessary parts and labor.

#### TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

48. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as

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alleged above.

### DOCUMENTED UNDERCOVER RUN #2: 2001 CHEVROLET

- 49. On January 6, 2014, an undercover Bureau operator took a 2001 Chevrolet to Respondent Firestone Hayward's facility, and reported that the check engine light was on and that the vehicle seemed to lack power. The vehicle's throttle position sensor was in need of replacement. No other repairs were indicated; the Bureau had recently installed new spark plugs, spark plug wires and a fuel filter. Respondent Firestone Hayward's employee informed the operator that Respondent Firestone Hayward would have to perform a diagnostic test to determine the cause of the check engine light being on, at a cost of \$150.00. He asked the operator if she wanted a complete vehicle inspection at a cost of \$19.99. The operator declined the inspection and received a written estimate from Respondent Firestone Hayward. Later in the day on January 6, 2014, Respondent Firestone Hayward called the operator and informed her that the reason the check engine light was on was that the throttle position sensor was defective and in need of replacement, and that the vehicle also needed the fuel system cleaned, which included the throttle body and intake system, fuel lines and fuel injectors. Respondent Firestone Hayward also advised the operator that the fuel filter, spark plugs and spark plug wires needed to be replaced and that a cooling system service was recommended. The cost of these repairs was \$1,089.97. The operator informed Respondent Firestone Hayward that she would speak with her husband and call back. The operator called Respondent Firestone Hayward back and instructed it to perform the recommended repairs, with the exception of the cooling system service. On January 7, 2014, the operator returned to Respondent Firestone Hayward's facility to pick up the vehicle. She paid \$972.00, per Respondent Firestone Hayward's invoice. The operator was provided with that invoice, and a work order for "Recommended Services not Authorized by Customer" in the amount of \$115.55 and listing the cooling system service.
- 50. Although the only work that was necessary was replacement of the throttle position sensor, Respondent Firestone Hayward also needlessly replaced the throttle body, spark plugs, spark plug wires, and fuel filter, and performed a fuel system cleaning. Respondent performed and charged the operator \$655.92 for parts and labor that were not necessary.

### ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

51. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it advised the Bureau's operator that the 2001 Chevrolet needed replacement of the fuel filter, spark plugs and spark plug wires, the fuel system cleaned (including the throttle body and intake system, fuel lines and fuel injectors), and a cooling system service performed.

## TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Violation of Regulations)

- 52. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. <u>3371</u>: Respondent Firestone Hayward made false or misleading statements when it advised the Bureau's operator that the 2001 Chevrolet needed replacement of the fuel filter, spark plugs and spark plug wires, the fuel system cleaned (including the throttle body and intake system, fuel lines and fuel injectors), and a cooling system service performed.
- b. <u>3373:</u> Respondent Firestone Hayward provided the Bureau's operator with a work order that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that the 2001 Chevrolet needed replacement of the fuel filter, spark plugs and spark plug wires, the fuel system cleaned (including the throttle body and intake system, fuel lines and fuel injectors), and a cooling system service performed.

#### THIRTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Fraud)

53. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented the necessity for replacement of the fuel filter, spark plugs and spark plug wires, cleaning of the fuel system (including the throttle body and intake system, fuel lines and fuel injectors), and a cooling system service.

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#### FOURTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

## DOCUMENTED UNDERCOVER RUN #3: 2000 HONDA

On February 5, 2014, an undercover Bureau operator took a 2000 Honda to Respondent Firestone Hayward's facility, and reported that the check engine light was on and flashing. The vehicle's #3 cylinder fuel injector was in need of replacement. No other repairs were indicated; the Bureau had recently inspected the vehicle's fuel injectors, fuel filter, air filter, crankshaft speed sensor (CKF), timing cover seals, water pump, timing belt, timing belt adjusting pulley, positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) valve, PCV grommet, engine coolant temperature (ECT) sensor, ECT sending unit, ECT switch, thermostat, thermostat gasket, intake manifold gasket, throttle body, throttle body gasket, throttle position (TPS) sensor, manifold absolute pressure (MAP) sensor, fuel pressure regulator, idle air control (IAC) valve distributor cap. distributor ignition rotor, intake air temperature (IAT) sensor, valve cover gasket set, ignition coil, ignition wire set, primary oxygen sensor, secondary oxygen sensor, ignition control module, fuel pump, fuel pump base gasket, oil filter, distributor ignition housing assembly which includes top dead center (TDC), crankshaft position (CKP) and cylinder position (CYP) sensors. In addition to inspecting the vehicle, the Bureau also replaced the water pump, refilled the cooling system with a clean mixture of 50% antifreeze and water, installed and adjusted a new timing belt, and installed a new throttle body and gasket. Respondent Firestone Hayward's employee informed the operator that Respondent Firestone Hayward would have to perform a diagnostic test to determine the cause of the check engine light being on, at a cost of \$150.00. He asked the operator if she wanted a complete vehicle inspection at a cost of \$19.99 which would include rotating the tires, and checking the battery, belts and fluids. The operator declined the inspection. Respondent Firestone Hayward's employee offered to do the inspection at no charge. The operator agreed to this and received a written estimate from Respondent Firestone Hayward.

Later in the day on February 5, 2014, Respondent Firestone Hayward called the operator and informed her that the reason the check engine light was on was that one of the fuel injectors was defective and in need of replacement. He also told the operator that all of the fuel injectors should be replaced because they were going to fail, and then the operator would have to pay another \$150.00 inspection fee. Respondent's employee also told the operator that the brake, transmission, fuel and coolant systems were in need of service, and that the fuel system needed to be cleaned (which would include the throttle body and intake system, fuel lines and fuel injectors). Respondent Firestone Hayward's employee advised the operator that the cost for all repairs and services would be \$1,440.24. The operator authorized the repairs and services. On February 6, 2014, the operator returned to Respondent Firestone Hayward's facility to pick up the vehicle. She was informed by Respondent Firestone Hayward's employee that Respondent did not perform service on the brakes because it was not needed. The operator paid Respondent \$1,329.14.

56. Although the only work that was necessary was replacement of the #3 cylinder fuel injector, Respondent Firestone Hayward also needlessly replaced the other three fuel injectors, the fuel filter, and the air filter. Respondent Firestone Hayward also needlessly performed a fuel system cleaning and a cooling system service (in which Respondent Firestone Hayward refilled the cooling system with a 62% mixture of antifreeze and water which does not meet manufacturer's specification). Lastly, Respondent Firestone Hayward recommended a new cabin filter which the 2000 Honda is not equipped with, noted that Respondent Firestone Hayward had tightened the timing belt (which was not loose), and that the spark plugs were fouled, especially the #3 spark plug (however, the #3 spark plug could not have been fouled as the #3 fuel injector was not introducing fuel into the cylinder). Respondent Firestone Hayward performed and charged the operator \$691.39 for parts and labor that were not necessary.

### FIFTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

57. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized statements which it knew or in the

exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it advised the Bureau's operator that on the 2000 Honda all of the fuel injectors should be replaced, that the brake, transmission, fuel and coolant systems were in need of service, and that the fuel system needed to be cleaned.

### SIXTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Violation of Regulations)

- 58. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone Hayward made false or misleading statements when it advised the Bureau's operator that on the 2000 Honda all of the fuel injectors should be replaced, that the brake, transmission, fuel and coolant systems were in need of service, and that the fuel system needed to be cleaned.
- b. 3373: Respondent Firestone Hayward provided the Bureau's operator with a work order that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that on the 2000 Honda all of the fuel injectors should be replaced, that the brake, transmission, fuel and coolant systems were in need of service, and that the fuel system needed to be cleaned.

#### SEVENTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Fraud)

59. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented that on the 2000 Honda, all of the fuel injectors should be replaced, that the brake, transmission, fuel and coolant systems were in need of service, and that the fuel system needed to be cleaned.

## EIGHTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

60. Respondent Firestone Hayward is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

## RESPONDENT FIRESTONE SAN DIEGO, REAGAN ROAD

On July 31, 2015, an undercover operator of the Bureau took the Bureau's 2007

Dodge to Respondent Firestone San Diego, Reagan Road's facility. The vehicle's four tire pressure monitor system (TPMS) sensors¹ had been removed, inspected, and reinstalled by the Bureau. Each TPMS sensor consists of a sensor, a metal washer, a rubber grommet, a nut, a Schrader valve, and a valve cap. The Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent Firestone San Diego, Reagan Road's facility and requested an estimate for two front tires, size P225/60R18. Respondent Firestone San Diego, Reagan Road's employee gave the operator an estimate in the amount of \$311.78 and provided a copy to the operator. The tires were installed, and the operator paid \$311.78 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice Respondent Firestone San Diego, Reagan Road charged for replacement of two rubber valve stems, but failed to replace and install them. The operator was charged \$6.48 for the two rubber valve stems.

#### NINETEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

62. Respondent Firestone San Diego, Reagan Road is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that two rubber valve stems had been replaced, when in fact, they were not.

#### TWENTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

63. Respondent Firestone San Diego, Reagan Road is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two rubber valve stems on the Bureau's 2007 Dodge, when in fact, it had not.

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Tire pressure monitoring systems provide information about tire pressure to the vehicle operator with a warning indicator on the dash if a tire's pressure drops or rises significantly.

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# TWENTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

64. Respondent Firestone San Diego, Reagan Road is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

## TWENTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 65. Respondent Firestone San Diego, Reagan Road is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone San Diego, Reagan Road made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two rubber valve stems in the Bureau's 2007 Dodge, when it fact, it had not.
- b. <u>3373:</u> Respondent Firestone San Dicgo, Reagan Road provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced two rubber valve stems on the Bureau's 2007 Dodge, when in fact, it had not.

# RESPONDENT FIRESTONE UPLAND

66. On May 12, 2015, an undercover operator of the Bureau took the Bureau's 2007 Chevrolet to Respondent Firestone Upland's facility. The vehicle's four TPMS sensors, seals, nuts, Schrader valves, and service caps had been replaced by the Bureau. The Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent Firestone Upland's facility and requested an estimate for two front tires, size P225/60R16. Respondent Firestone Upland's employee gave the operator an estimate in the amount of \$215.17 and provided a copy to the operator. The tires were installed, and the operator paid \$215.17 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice Respondent Firestone Upland charged for replacement of two TPMS kits, but failed to replace and install them. The operator was charged \$21.10 for the two TPMS kits.

## TWENTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

67. Respondent Firestone Upland is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that two TPMS kits had been replaced when, in fact, they were not.

### TWENTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

68. Respondent Firestone Upland is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two TPMS kits on the Bureau's 2007 Chevrolet, when in fact, it had not.

#### TWENTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

69. Respondent Firestone Upland is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

#### TWENTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 70. Respondent Firestone Upland is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone Upland made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two TPMS kits in the Bureau's 2007 Chevrolet, when it fact, it had not.
- b. 3373: Respondent Firestone Upland provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced two TPMS kits on the Bureau's 2007 Chevrolet, when in fact, it had not.

# RESPONDENT FIRESTONE FRESNO, SHAW AVE.

71. On June 9, 2015, an undercover operator of the Bureau took the Bureau's 2007

Nissan to Respondent Firestone Fresno, Shaw Ave.'s facility. The vehicle's four TPMS sensors,

TPMS seals, nuts, Schrader valves, and service caps had been replaced by the Bureau. The

Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent Firestone Fresno, Shaw Ave.'s facility and
requested an estimate for two front tires, size 245/45R18. Respondent Firestone Fresno, Shaw

Ave.'s employee gave the operator an estimate in the amount of \$405.33 and provided a copy to
the operator. The tires were installed, and the operator paid \$405.33 and received Firestone

Complete Auto Care invoice

Respondent Firestone Fresno, Shaw Ave. charged for
replacement of two TPMS kits, but replaced only one of them. The operator was charged \$10.57
for the TPMS kit that was not replaced.

### TWENTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

72. Respondent Firestone Fresno, Shaw Ave. is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that two TPMS kits had been replaced when, in fact, only one was replaced.

### TWENTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

73. Respondent Firestone Fresno, Shaw Ave. is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two TPMS kits on the Bureau's 2007 Nissan, when in fact, it had only replaced one.

### TWENTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

74. Respondent Firestone Fresno, Shaw Ave. is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair

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Act as alleged above.

#### THIRTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 75. Respondent Firestone Fresno, Shaw Ave. is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. <u>3371</u>: Respondent Firestone Fresno, Shaw Ave. made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two TPMS kits in the Bureau's 2007 Nissan, when it fact, it had only replaced one.
- b. <u>3373:</u> Respondent Firestone Fresno, Shaw Ave. provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced two TPMS kits on the Bureau's 2007 Nissan, when in fact, it had only replaced one.

### RESPONDENT FIRESTONE RANCHO CORDOVA

76. On March 5, 2015, an undercover operator of the Bureau took the Bureau's 2008
Chrysler to Respondent Firestone Rancho Cordova's facility. The vehicle's four TPMS seals, valve cores, valve stem nuts and service caps had been replaced by the Bureau. The Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent Firestone Rancho Cordova's facility and requested an estimate for two front tires. Respondent Firestone Rancho Cordova's employee gave the operator an estimate in the amount of \$228.79 and provided a copy to the operator. The tires were installed, and the operator paid \$228.79 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice

Respondent Firestone Rancho Cordova charged for replacement of two lifetime rubber valves, but failed to replace and install them. The operator was charged \$6.48 for the two lifetime rubber valves.

## THIRTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

77. Respondent Firestone Rancho Cordova is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it

indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that two lifetime rubber valves had been replaced, when in fact, they were not.

### THIRTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Fraud)

78. Respondent Firestone Rancho Cordova is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two lifetime rubber valves on the Bureau's 2008 Chrysler, when in fact, it had not.

### THIRTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

79. Respondent Firestone Rancho Cordova is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

#### THIRTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 80. Respondent Firestone Rancho Cordova is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone Rancho Cordova made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two lifetime rubber valves in the Bureau's 2008 Chrysler, when it fact, it had not.
- b. <u>3373:</u> Respondent Firestone Rancho Cordova provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced two lifetime rubber valves on the Bureau's 2008 Chrysler, when in fact, it had not.

# RESPONDENT FIRESTONE SAN JOSE

81. On July 27, 2015, an undercover operator of the Bureau took the Bureau's 2008 Chrysler to Respondent Firestone San Jose's facility. The vehicle's four TPMS sensors, seals, nuts, Schrader valves, and service caps had been replaced by the Bureau. The Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent Firestone San Jose's facility and requested an estimate for two

front tires, size 205/55R16. Respondent Firestone San Jose's employee gave the operator an estimate in the amount of \$196.78 and provided a copy to the operator. The tires were installed, and the operator paid \$196.78 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice Respondent Firestone San Jose charged for replacement of two TPMS kits, but failed to replace and install the hardware/seal kits. The operator was charged \$21.20 for the two TPMS kits.

### THIRTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

82. Respondent Firestone San Jose is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that two TPMS kits had been replaced when, in fact, they were not.

### THIRTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

83. Respondent Firestone San Jose is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two TPMS kits on the Bureau's 2008 Chrysler, when in fact, it had not.

## THIRTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

84. Respondent Firestone San Jose is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

#### THIRTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

85. Respondent Firestone San Jose is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:

- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone San Jose made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two TPMS kits in the Bureau's 2008 Chrysler, when it fact, it had not.
- b. 3373: Respondent Firestone San Jose provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced two TPMS kits on the Bureau's 2008 Chrysler, when in fact, it had not.

# RESPONDENT FIRESTONE RIVERSIDE

Nissan to Respondent Firestone Riverside's facility. The vehicle's four TPMS sensors, nuts, Schrader valves, and service caps had been inspected by the Bureau, and new TPMS seals were installed. The Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent Firestone Riverside's facility and requested an estimate for two front tires, size 245/45R18. Respondent Firestone Riverside's employee gave the operator an estimate in the amount of \$231.10 and provided a copy to the operator. The tires were installed, and the operator paid \$235.10 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice Respondent Firestone Riverside charged for replacement of one TPMS kit, but failed to replace and install the kit. The operator was charged \$10.55 for the kit.

#### THIRTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

87. Respondent Firestone Riverside is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that a TPMS kit had been replaced when, in fact, it was not.

#### FORTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

88. Respondent Firestone Riverside is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's

operator that it had replaced a TPMS kit on the Bureau's 2007 Nissan, when in fact, it had not.

## FORTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

89. Respondent Firestone Riverside is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

## FORTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 90. Respondent Firestone Riverside is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. <u>3371</u>: Respondent Firestone Riverside made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced a TPMS kit in the Bureau's 2007 Nissan, when it fact, it had not.
- b. 3373: Respondent Firestone Riverside provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced a TPMS kit on the Bureau's 2007 Nissan, when in fact, it had not.

## RESPONDENT FIRESTONE SAN MATEO

91. On July 22, 2015, an undercover operator of the Bureau took the Bureau's 2007
Nissan to Respondent Firestone San Mateo's facility. The vehicle's four TPMS sensors, seals, nuts, Schrader valves, and service caps had been replaced by the Bureau. The Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent Firestone San Mateo's facility and requested an estimate for one front tire. Respondent Firestone San Mateo's employee gave the operator an estimate in the amount of \$205.00 and provided a copy to the operator. The tire was installed, and the operator paid \$205 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice. Respondent Firestone San Mateo charged for replacement of one rubber valve stem, but failed to replace and install it. The operator was charged \$3.28 for the rubber valve stem.

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#### FORTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

92. Respondent Firestone San Mateo is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that a rubber valve stem had been replaced when, in fact, it was not.

## FORTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Fraud)

93. Respondent Firestone San Mateo is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that it had replaced a rubber valve stem on the Bureau's 2007 Nissan, when in fact, it had not.

#### FORTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

94. Respondent Firestone San Mateo is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

#### FORTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 95. Respondent Firestone San Mateo is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone San Mateo made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced a rubber valve stem in the Bureau's 2007 Nissan, when it fact, it had not.
- b. <u>3373:</u> Respondent Firestone San Mateo provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced a rubber valve stem on the Bureau's 2007 Nissan, when in fact, it had not.

## RESPONDENT FIRESTONE HOLLYWOOD

96. On July 23, 2015, an undercover operator of the Bureau took the Bureau's 2007
Chevrolet to Respondent Firestone Hollywood's facility. The vehicle's four TPMS sensors and
seals had been inspected by the Bureau. The Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent
Firestone Hollywood's facility and requested an estimate for two rear tires. Respondent Firestone
Hollywood's employee honored a previous estimate in the amount of \$196.60. <sup>2</sup> The tires were
installed, and the operator paid \$196.60 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice
. Respondent Firestone Hollywood charged for replacement of two lifetime rubber
valves, but failed to replace and install them. The operator was charged \$6.54 for the two lifetime
rubber valves.

## FORTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

97. Respondent Firestone Hollywood is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that two lifetime rubber valves had been replaced, when in fact, they were not.

#### FORTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

98. Respondent Firestone Hollywood is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two lifetime rubber valves on the Bureau's 2007 Chevrolet, when in fact, it had not.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The operator had gone to Firestone Hollywood on June 30, 2015, but due to a power outage, the undercover operation was suspended until July 23, 2015.

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#### FORTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

99. Respondent Firestone Hollywood is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

## FIFTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 100. Respondent Firestone Hollywood is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. <u>3371</u>: Respondent Firestone Hollywood made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two lifetime rubber valves in the Bureau's 2007 Chevrolet, when it fact, it had not.
- b. <u>3373:</u> Respondent Firestone Hollywood provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced two lifetime rubber valves on the Bureau's 2007 Chevrolet, when in fact, it had not.

# RESPONDENT FIRESTONE WEST LOS ANGELES

101. On July 15, 2015, an undercover operator of the Bureau took the Bureau's 2008

Pontiac to Respondent Firestone West Los Angeles's facility. The vehicle's four valve stems,

Schrader valves, and service caps had been inspected by the Bureau. The Bureau operator drove
the vehicle to Respondent Firestone West Los Angeles's facility and requested an estimate for
two front tires, size 215/60R16. Respondent Firestone West Los Angeles's employee gave the
operator an estimate in the amount of \$183.68 and provided a copy to the operator. The estimate
included charges for "TPMS Valve Service Kit' and labor to install the kit. The tires were
installed, and the operator paid \$174.98 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice

Respondent Firestone West Los Angeles charged for labor for installation of the TPMS
kit, but failed to replace and install the kit. The operator was charged \$5.98 for labor to install the

## FIFTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

102. Respondent Firestone West Los Angeles is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that labor to install the TPMS kit had been performed, in fact, it was not.

### FIFTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

103. Respondent Firestone West Los Angeles is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that it had performed labor to replace a TPMS kit on the Bureau's 2008 Pontiac, when in fact, it had not.

#### FIFTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

104. Respondent Firestone West Los Angeles is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

#### FIFTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 105. Respondent Firestone West Los Angeles is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone West Los Angeles made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had performed labor to install a TPMS kit in the Bureau's 2008 Pontiac, when it fact, it had not.

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#### FIFTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

109. Respondent Firestone Vacaville is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

## FIFTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 110. Respondent Firestone Vacaville is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone Vacaville made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two rubber valves in the Bureau's 2007 Dodge, when it fact, it had not.
- b. 3373: Respondent Firestone Vacaville provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced two rubber valves on the Bureau's 2007 Dodge, when in fact, it had not.

## RESPONDENT FIRESTONE SAN BERNARDINO

Pontiac to Respondent Firestone San Bernardino's facility. The vehicle's four valve stems, Schrader valves, and service caps had been replaced by the Bureau. The Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent Firestone San Bernardino's facility and requested an estimate for two rear tires, size 215/60R16. Respondent Firestone San Bernardino's employee gave the operator an estimate in the amount of \$262.62 and provided a copy to the operator. The estimate included charges for "TPMS Valve Service Kit" and labor to install the kit. The tires were installed, and the operator paid \$253.99 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice.

Respondent Firestone San Bernardino charged for labor for installation of the TPMS kit, but failed to replace and install the kit. The operator was charged \$5.98 for labor to install the kit.

## FIFTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

112. Respondent Firestone San Bernardino is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that labor to install the TPMS kit had been performed, in fact, it was not.

# SIXTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

113. Respondent Firestone San Bernardino is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that it had performed labor to replace a TPMS kit on the Bureau's 2008 Pontiac, when in fact, it had not.

## SIXTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

114. Respondent Firestone San Bernardino is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

#### SIXTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 115. Respondent Firestone San Bernardino is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. <u>3371</u>: Respondent Firestone San Bernardino made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had performed labor to install a TPMS kit in the Bureau's 2008 Pontiac, when it fact, it had not.
- b. 3373: Respondent Firestone San Bernardino provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had performed labor to install a TPMS kit on the Bureau's 2008 Pontiac, when in fact, it had not.

# RESPONDENT FIRESTONE FREMONT

Chevrolet to Respondent Firestone Fremont's facility. The vehicle's four TPMS sensors, seals, nuts, Schrader valves, and service caps had been replaced by the Bureau. The Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent Firestone Fremont's facility and requested an estimate for two rear tires, size P255/70R17. Respondent Firestone Fremont's employee gave the operator an estimate in the amount of \$362.80 and provided a copy to the operator. The tires were installed, and the operator paid \$362.80 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice.

Respondent Firestone Fremont charged for replacement of two TPMS kits, but failed to replace and install the sensor grommets and valve stem caps. The operator was charged \$21.31 for the two TPMS kits.

#### SIXTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

117. Respondent Firestone Fremont is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that two TPMS kits had been replaced when, in fact, they were not.

#### SIXTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

118. Respondent Firestone Fremont is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two TPMS kits on the Bureau's 2007 Chevrolet, when in fact, it had not.

#### SIXTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

119. Respondent Firestone Fremont is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as

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alleged above.

### SIXTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 120. Respondent Firestone Fremont is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone Fremont made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two TPMS kits in the Bureau's 2007 Chevrolet, when it fact, it had not.
- b. 3373: Respondent Firestone Fremont provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced two TPMS kits on the Bureau's 2007 Chevrolet, when in fact, it had not.

# RESPONDENT FIRESTONE CONCORD

121. On December 29, 2014, an undercover operator of the Bureau took the Bureau's 2008 Chrysler to Respondent Firestone Concord's facility. The vehicle's sensor to wheel seals, valve stem nuts, valve stem caps, and valve stem cores had been replaced by the Bureau. The Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent Firestone Concord's facility and advised the facility that he had run over something on the freeway. Respondent Firestone Concord's employee gave the operator an estimate in the amount of \$110.74 and provided a copy to the operator. The estimate included charges for "TPMS Valve Service Kit" and labor to install the kit. The tire was installed, and the operator paid \$110.74 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice

Respondent Firestone Concord charged for installation of the TPMS kit, but failed to

## SIXTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

replace and install the kit. The operator was charged \$10.62 for labor to install the kit.

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

122. Respondent Firestone Concord is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated

facility and requested an estimate for two front tires, size 2P45/45R18. Respondent Firestone San

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- a. <u>3371</u>: Respondent Firestone San Diego, Convoy St. made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two TPMS kits in the Bureau's 2007 Nissan, when it fact, it had not.
- b. 3373: Respondent Firestone San Diego, Convoy St. provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced two TPMS kits on the Bureau's 2007 Nissan, when in fact, it had not.

# RESPONDENT FIRESTONE MODESTO

Nissan to Respondent Firestone Modesto's facility. The vehicle's four TPMS sensors, seals, nuts, Schrader valves, and service caps had been replaced by the Bureau. The Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent Firestone Modesto's facility and requested an estimate for two tires. Respondent Firestone Modesto's employee gave the operator an estimate in the amount of \$306.81 and provided a copy to the operator. The tires were installed, and the operator paid \$306.81 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice. Respondent Firestone Modesto charged for replacement of two TPMS kits, but failed to replace and install the kits. The operator was charged \$21.06 for the two TPMS kits.

### SEVENTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

132. Respondent Firestone Modesto is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that two TPMS kits had been replaced when, in fact, they were not.

## SEVENTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

133. Respondent Firestone Modesto is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two TPMS kits on the Bureau's 2007 Nissan, when in fact, it had not.

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#### SEVENTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

134. Respondent Firestone Modesto is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

## SEVENTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 135. Respondent Firestone Modesto is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone Modesto made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two TPMS kits in the Bureau's 2007 Nissan, when it fact, it had not.
- b. 3373: Respondent Firestone Modesto provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced two TPMS kits on the Bureau's 2007 Nissan, when in fact, it had not.

# RESPONDENT FIRESTONE FRESNO, BLACKSTONE AVE.

Toyota to Respondent Firestone Fresno, Blackstone Ave.'s facility. The vehicle's four TPMS seals, nuts, Schrader valves, and service caps had been replaced by the Bureau. The Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent Firestone Fresno, Blackstone Ave.'s facility and requested an estimate for two rear tires, size P195/65R15. Respondent Firestone Fresno, Blackstone Ave.'s employee gave the operator an estimate in the amount of \$221.36 and provided a copy to the operator. The tires were installed, and the operator paid \$221.36 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice. Respondent Firestone Fresno, Blackstone Ave. charged for replacement of two TPMS kits, but failed to replace and install the kits. The operator was charged \$21.15 for the two TPMS kits.

## SEVENTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

137. Respondent Firestone Fresno, Blackstone Ave. is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that two TPMS kits had been replaced when, in fact, they were not.

# SEVENTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

138. Respondent Firestone Fresno, Blackstone Ave. is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two TPMS kits on the Bureau's 2008 Toyota, when in fact, it had not.

#### EIGHTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

139. Respondent Firestone Fresno, Blackstone Ave. is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

### EIGHTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 140. Respondent Firestone Fresno, Blackstone Ave. is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone Fresno, Blackstone Ave. made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two TPMS kits in the Bureau's 2008 Toyota, when it fact, it had not.

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## EIGHTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

144. Respondent Firestone Fairfield is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

### EIGHTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 145. Respondent Firestone Fairfield is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. <u>3371</u>: Respondent Firestone Fairfield made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had installed a TPMS kit in the Bureau's 2008 Chrysler, when it fact, it had not.
- b. <u>3373:</u> Respondent Firestone Fairfield provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had installed a TPMS kit on the Bureau's 2008 Chrysler, when in fact, it had not.

# RESPONDENT FIRESTONE CLOVIS

146. On July 15, 2015, an undercover operator of the Bureau took the Bureau's 2007
Toyota to Respondent Firestone Clovis's facility. The vehicle's four TPMS sensors, seals, nuts,
Schrader valves, and service caps had been inspected by the Bureau. The Bureau operator drove
the vehicle to Respondent Firestone Clovis's facility and requested an estimate for two front tires,
size 215/55R17. Respondent Firestone Clovis's employee gave the operator an estimate in the
amount of \$185.73 and provided a copy to the operator. The tires were installed, and the operator
paid \$185.73 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice. Respondent
Firestone Clovis charged for replacement of two rubber valve stems, but failed to replace and
install them. The operator was charged \$6.49 for the two rubber valve stems.

### EIGHTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

147. Respondent Firestone Clovis is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that two rubber valve stems had been replaced, when in fact, they were not.

## EIGHTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

148. Respondent Firestone Clovis is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two rubber valve stems on the Bureau's 2007 Toyota, when in fact, it had not.

## EIGHTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

149. Respondent Firestone Clovis is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

#### EIGHTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 150. Respondent Firestone Clovis is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone Clovis made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two rubber valve stems in the Bureau's 2007 Toyota, when it fact, it had not.
- b. <u>3373:</u> Respondent Firestone Clovis provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced two rubber valve stems on the Bureau's 2007 Toyota, when in fact, it had not.

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## RESPONDENT FIRESTONE STOCKTON

Chrysler to Respondent Firestone Stockton's facility. TPMS sensors and seals were installed by the Bureau on all four tires and the spare. The Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent Firestone Stockton's facility and requested an estimate for two tires, size 245/45R18. Respondent Firestone Stockton's employee gave the operator an estimate in the amount of \$424.56 and provided a copy to the operator. The tires were installed, and the operator paid \$424.56 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice. Respondent Firestone Stockton charged for replacement of two lifetime rubber valves, but failed to replace and install them. The operator was charged \$6.54 for the two lifetime rubber valves.

## NINETIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

152. Respondent Firestone Stockton is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that two lifetime rubber valves had been replaced, when in fact, they were not.

# NINETY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

153. Respondent Firestone Stockton is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two lifetime rubber valves on the Bureau's 2002 Chrysler, when in fact, it had not.

# NINETY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

154. Respondent Firestone Stockton is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

### NINETY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 155. Respondent Firestone Stockton is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone Stockton made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two lifetime rubber valves in the Bureau's 2002 Chrysler, when it fact, it had not.
- b. 3373: Respondent Firestone Stockton provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced two lifetime rubber valves on the Bureau's 2002 Chrysler, when in fact, it had not.

# RESPONDENT FIRESTONE LINCOLN

Toyota to Respondent Firestone Lincoln's facility. The vehicle's four TPMS seals, nuts, Schrader valves, and service caps had been replaced by the Bureau. The Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent Firestone Lincoln's facility and requested an estimate for two rear tires, size P195/65R15. Respondent Firestone Lincoln's employee gave the operator an estimate in the amount of \$220.39 and provided a copy to the operator. The tires were installed, and the operator paid \$220.39 and received Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice. Respondent Firestone Lincoln charged for replacement of two TPMS kits, but failed to replace and install the kits. The operator was charged \$21.05 for the two TPMS kits.

# NINETY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

157. Respondent Firestone Lincoln is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made or authorized a statement which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, when it indicated on Firestone Complete Auto Care invoice that two TPMS kits had been replaced when, in fact, they were not.

#### NINETY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Fraud)

158. Respondent Firestone Lincoln is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed fraud when it represented to the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two TPMS kits on the Bureau's 2008 Toyota, when in fact, it had not.

## NINETY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

159. Respondent Firestone Lincoln is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the Automotive Repair Act as alleged above.

# NINETY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements or Records)

- 160. Respondent Firestone Lincoln is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed to comply with the following regulations:
- a. 3371: Respondent Firestone Lincoln made a false or misleading statement when it advised the Bureau's operator that it had replaced two TPMS kits in the Bureau's 2008 Toyota, when it fact, it had not.
- b. 3373: Respondent Firestone Lincoln provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced two TPMS kits on the Bureau's 2008 Toyota, when in fact, it had not.

# RESPONDENT FIRESTONE ARCADIA

161. On August 3, 2015, an undercover operator of the Bureau took the Bureau's 2007

Dodge to Respondent Firestone Arcadia's facility. TPMS sensors and seals were installed by the Bureau on all four tires. The Bureau operator drove the vehicle to Respondent Firestone

Arcadia's facility and requested an estimate for two rear tires. Respondent Firestone Arcadia's employee gave the operator an estimate in the amount of \$205.40 and provided a copy to the operator. The tires were installed, and the operator paid \$205.40 and received Firestone

b. 3373: Respondent Firestone Arcadia provided the Bureau's operator with an invoice that was false or misleading, in that it indicated that it had replaced two lifetime rubber valves on the Bureau's 2007 Dodge, when in fact, it had not.

#### PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Director of Consumer Affairs issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or Suspending Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Numbers:
- ARD 222601, Issued to Bridgestone/Fire. Amer. Hold. Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail
   Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care, John T. Lampe, President
   (Firestone Hayward);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222541, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone San Diego, Reagan Road);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222539, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone Upland);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222633, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone Fresno, Shaw Ave.);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222613, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone Rancho Cordova);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222587, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone San Jose);

- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222531, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
  Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
  Auto Care (Firestone Riverside);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222581, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone San Mateo);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222564, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone Hollywood);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222558, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone West Los Angeles);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222629, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone Vacaville);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222537, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
  Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
  Auto Care (Firestone San Bernardino);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222594, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care Firestone Fremont);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222602, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone Concord);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222530, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone San Diego, Convoy St.);

- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222619, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone Modesto);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222632, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone Fresno, Blackstone Ave.);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222635, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone Fairfield);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222631, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone Clovis);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222620, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
  Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
  Auto Care (Firestone Stockton);
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 222621, Bridgestone/Firestone Americas
   Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete
   Auto Care (Firestone Arcadia);
- 2. Revoking or suspending Station License Number RC 222601, issued to Firestone Tire & Service Center, John T. Lampe, owner;
- 3. Ordering Bridgestone/Fire. Amer. Hold. Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail
  Operations LLC, DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care, Firestone Tire & Service Center,
  Bridgestone/Firestone Americas Holding, Inc. Member Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC,
  DBA Firestone Complete Auto Care, and John T. Lampe to pay the Bureau of Automotive Repair
  the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and
  Professions Code section 125.3;

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1	4. Taking such other and furth	her action as deemed necessary and proper.
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3	DATED: December 7, 2015	PATRICK DORAIS
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