Utah Division of Consumer Protection 160 East 300 South, Second Floor PO Box 146704 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6704 PH. (801) 530-6601/FAX (801) 530-6001

BEFORE THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OF THE STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF:

ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

CASA BELLA GENERAL SERVICES LLC, a Utah limited liability company:

DCP Legal File No. CP-2023-053 DCP Case No. 144392

Respondent.

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY granted by Utah Code § 13-2-6, which empowers the Division of Consumer Protection (Division) to issue a citation upon reasonable cause to believe a person has violated or is violating any statute listed in Utah Code § 13-2-1, it appears, upon information and belief, that you are in violation of the *Utah Consumer Sales Practices Act* (CSPA), Utah Code § 13-11-1 *et seq.* The Division incorporates by reference all information in the Notice attached to this Citation. The Division alleges:

RESPONDENT

1. Casa Bella General Services LLC is a Utah limited liability company with a principal address of West Valley City, UT, 84120.

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- 2. The business identified above will be referred to as "Respondent."
- 3. Respondent operates a home cleaning business along the Wasatch Front.

BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION

- 4. On May 31, 2023, Respondent cleaned consumer AW's (see Appendix A) home for \$180.00.
- 5. Respondent's website represented that Respondent would re-clean areas of concern if the areas were reported to Respondent within 24 hours.
- 6. AW was unsatisfied with the quality of work and notified Respondent of areas of concern via text within 24 hours on May 31, 2023 and June 1, 2023.
- 7. Respondent did not return to re-clean areas of concern.

COUNT 1

- 8. Respondent knowingly or intentionally represented on its website that it would return to re-clean areas of concern if the area was reported to Respondent within 24 hours. Respondent did not return to re-clean areas of concern after AW reported the areas within 24 hours after the Respondent's initial cleaning.
- 9. The above actions violate the CSPA, Utah Code §§ 13-11-4(2)(j)(i), or in the alternative, 13-11-4(2)(j)(ii):

(2) Without limiting the scope of Subsection (1), a supplier commits a deceptive act or practice if the supplier knowingly or intentionally:

- (j)(i) indicates that a consumer transaction involves or does not involve a warranty, a disclaimer of warranties, particular warranty terms, or other rights, remedies, or obligations, if the representation is false; or
- (ii) fails to honor a warranty or particular warranty term.

The above actions are alleged as one violation of the above-referenced statute, with a maximum potential fine of up to \$2,500.00 per violation.

Total Alleged Counts: 1
Total Potential Fine: \$2,500.00

THIS CITATION ISSUED this // day of September, 2023.

Chandler Berrett – Investigator

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Appendix A

Consumer Name	Consumer Initials	City of Residence	State of Residence
	AW		UT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served the foregoing document on the parties of record in this proceeding set forth below by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed by first class mail and certified mail with postage prepaid, to:

CASA BELLA GENERAL SERVICES LLC

West Valley City, UT 84120

And by email to:

dcplegal@utah.gov

Dated this <u>//</u> day of September, 2023.

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Chandler Berrett – Investigator
UTAH DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

NOTICE - IMPORTANT - READ CAREFULLY

This citation may be contested by filing a request for review, in writing, within 20 days of issuance of this citation. Following receipt of a request for review, an informal hearing will be scheduled before the State of Utah. Department of Commerce, Division of Consumer Protection pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-4-203, Procedures for Informal Adjudicative Proceedings. The purpose for the hearing is a review of the citation for factual and legal sufficiency and other questions to be determined by the presiding officer.

A citation that is not contested becomes the final default order of the Division. A defaulted party may make a motion to the presiding officer to set aside a default. Utah Code § 63G-4-209(3). The defaulted party may seek agency review pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-4-301, or reconsideration pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-4-302, only of the presiding officer's decision on the motion to set aside the default. See Utah Code § 63G-4-209(3)(c).

In addition to any fines that may be levied, a cease and desist order may be entered against you. An intentional violation of a final cease and desist order is a third degree felony. Utah Code § 13-2-6(2).

To request a review of the citation, please send your written request for review to:

DCPlegal@utah.gov

or by mail to:

Katherine Hass – Director Utah Division of Consumer Protection PO Box 146704 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6704

The presiding officer designated by the Director of the Division of Consumer Protection to conduct the hearing in your case is:

Nathaniel Gallegos, Administrative Law Judge Heber M. Wells Bldg., 2nd Floor 160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, UT 84114 Telephone: (801) 531-6706

A copy of Utah Admin. Code R477-101, Administrative Law Judge Conduct Committee, is available online at https://rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r477/r477-101.htm.

Please be advised that all inquiries, correspondence, or other contacts concerning this citation, with the exception of any written request for review as set out above, should be directed to the below-named Division employee, designated by the Director of the Division of Consumer Protection pursuant to Utah Code § 13-2-6(3):

Chandler Berrett – Investigator Utah Division of Consumer Protection PO Box 146704 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6704 Telephone: (801) 530-6601

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. How can I talk to someone at the Division about this citation? The name of the investigator assigned to your case appears at the end of your citation. If you call the Division, 801-530-6601 and press 0, the receptionist can help transfer you to the assigned investigator.
- 2. Can I resolve the citation without a hearing? Contact the investigator assigned to your case if you are interested in a settlement to see if a settlement is possible in your case.
- 3. How do I respond to the citation? You may challenge the citation by submitting a written Request for Review using the attached form or using your own form.
- 4. How long do I have to respond to the citation? You have 20 calendar days from issuance of the citation to submit a Request for Review.
- 5. What happens after I submit a Request for Review? The presiding officer will send you a Notice of Administrative Hearing specifying a time, date, and location of a hearing before the Division.
- 6. Who will preside over the case? The name of the presiding officer for the hearing will be on your Notice of Administrative Hearing. Please address the presiding officer by name (e.g., "Judge Smith"). You may contact the presiding officer with any technical or procedural questions, but the presiding officer may not discuss the merits of the case with you.
- 7. What if I have a scheduling conflict with the scheduled hearing time? Failure to attend a hearing may result in a default and entry of judgment against you. You may ask the presiding officer assigned to your case, in writing, to reschedule the hearing if you have a conflict or require more time to prepare. A request for additional time is within the discretion of the presiding officer and may not be granted, particularly if requested only shortly before the scheduled hearing.
- 8. What should I expect at a hearing? An administrative law judge will act as the presiding officer and direct the proceeding. The hearing room has two tables for the parties, with the presiding officer sitting at the front of the hearing room. Generally, you (and your counsel, if applicable) will sit at one of the tables and Division staff will sit at the other table. Beginning with the Division, both sides will have an opportunity to present witnesses, evidence, and argument in support of why the citation should or should not stand.
- 9. What kind of evidence can 1 present? All parties may testify, present evidence, and comment on the issues. In presenting evidence, any party may examine witnesses and submit exhibits. At the request of either party, or at his or her own initiative, the presiding officer may also choose to examine a witness. Any party may ask to present a witness by telephone. The presiding officer may exclude any evidence he or she deems irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious or improper.
- 10. How can I determine what evidence the Division has? Discovery is prohibited in informal hearings, but parties may request information contained in the agency's files to the extent permitted by law. You may contact the assigned investigator to request access to this information.
- 11. What is the burden of proof for the Division at a hearing? Generally, the Division is responsible to prove its case against you by substantial evidence.
- 12. Must I have an attorney? You may represent yourself or be represented through an attorney. You may also represent a business that you own or manage.

You should not rely on this letter alone for instructions regarding hearings. The hearing is governed by law (including the Administrative Procedures Act, see Utah Code § 63G-4 et al., Utah Division of Consumer Protection, see Utah Code § 13-2 et al., and Department of Commerce Administrative Procedures Act Rules, see Utah Admin. Code R151-4.) You may access these laws and rules at le.utah.gov and rules.utah.gov.



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REQUEST FOR REVIEW

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	I contest the occurrence of the violation(s) described in the citation and request a hearing to contest the citation. (If desired, attach a brief typewritten response to the allegations in the citation. The presiding officer may ask you to submit an additional response.)			
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