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VIA E-MAIL

Office of the Attorney General
1125 Washington Street SE
PO Box 40100
Olympia, WA 98504-0100
E-mail: securitybreach@atg.wa.gov

Re: Notice of Data Event

Dear Sir or Madam:

We represent Spire Hospitality LLC (“Spire Hospitality”) located at 4600 Fuller Drive, Suite 100, Irving, TX 75038, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of some personal information relating to five hundred sixteen (516) Washington residents. This notice may be supplemented with new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Spire Hospitality does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Washington law, the applicability of the Washington data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

Nature of the Data Event

On April 21, 2020, Spire Hospitality became aware of unusual activity within an employee’s email account. In response, Spire Hospitality launched an investigation, with the assistance of third-party forensic specialists, which determined that an unauthorized actor gained accessed to one email account. Spire Hospitality then commenced an extensive review of the account to determine whether sensitive information may have been present in the account at the time of the incident. On July 10, 2020, the investigation confirmed that the email account contained sensitive information. Spire Hospitality then undertook additional review to determine if address information could be located for impacted individuals. The majority of individuals did not have address information available. Spire Hospitality utilized the services of a vendor to search for address information and the results were returned on September 16, 2020.

The information that may have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, address, Social Security number, date of birth, and digital signature.

Notice to Washington Residents

On or about September 29, 2020, Spire Hospitality began providing written notice of this incident to potentially affected individuals, which includes approximately five hundred sixteen (516) Washington residents. Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached here as *Exhibit A*.

Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

Upon discovering the event, Spire Hospitality took steps to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of Spire Hospitality systems, and notify potentially affected individuals. Spire Hospitality is also working to implement additional safeguards and training to its employees. Spire Hospitality is providing access to credit monitoring services for twelve (12) months, through Kroll, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, Spire Hospitality is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud, including advising individuals to report any suspected incidents of identity theft or fraud to their credit card company and/or bank. Spire Hospitality is providing individuals with information on how to place a fraud alert and security freeze on one's credit file, information on protecting against tax fraud, the contact details for the national consumer reporting agencies, information on how to obtain a free credit report, a reminder to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring free credit reports, and encouragement to contact the Federal Trade Commission, their state Attorney General, and law enforcement to report attempted or actual identity theft and fraud.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4776.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Finn', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Edward J. Finn of
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT A



<<Date>> (Format: Month Day, Year)

<<first_name>> <<middle_name>> <<last_name>> <<suffix>>
<<address_1>>
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<<city>>, <<state_province>> <<postal_code>>
<<country >>

<<b2b_text_1 (RE: Notice of Data Breach)>>

Dear <<first_name>> <<middle_name>> <<last_name>> <<suffix>>:

Spire Hospitality, LLC (“Spire Hospitality”) is writing to inform you of a recent data privacy event that may involve some of your personal information. We take this event seriously and are providing you with information about the event and steps you may take to help protect your personal information, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On April 21, 2020, Spire Hospitality became aware of unusual activity within an employee’s email account. In response, Spire Hospitality launched an investigation, with the assistance of third-party forensic specialists, which determined that an unauthorized actor gained access to one email account. Spire Hospitality then commenced an extensive review of the account to determine whether sensitive information may have been present in the account at the time of the incident. On July 10, 2020, the investigation confirmed that the email account contained sensitive information. Spire Hospitality then undertook additional review to determine if address information could be located for impacted individuals.

What Information Was Involved? The information involved includes your <<b2b_text_2 (Impacted Data)>>. To date, we are unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of this information as a result of this incident and are sending this notice out of an abundance of caution.

What We Are Doing in Response? The security of information in our care is among our highest priorities. In addition to launching an internal investigation into this incident, we are reviewing our existing policies and procedures and will implement additional safeguards, as needed. In an abundance of caution, we are notifying you, so that you may take further steps to best protect your personal information, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

Although we are unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of your personal information as a result of this incident, we are offering you access to complimentary credit monitoring, fraud consultation, and identity theft restoration services through Kroll. In addition, we have provided notice to appropriate regulatory authorities.

What Can You Do? We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity. You may also review the information contained in the attached “Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information.” There you will also find more information on the identity monitoring services we are making available to you. While Spire Hospitality will cover the cost of these services, you will need to complete the activation process.

For More Information. We recognize that you may have questions not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call our dedicated assistance line at 1-866-394-1546, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:30 pm Central Time. You may also write to us at 4600 Fuller Drive, Suite 100, Dallas, Texas 75038.

Sincerely,

Spire Hospitality

Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information

Activate Identity Monitoring Services

To help relieve concerns and restore confidence following this incident, we have secured the services of Kroll to provide identity monitoring at no cost to you for one year. Kroll is a global leader in risk mitigation and response, and their team has extensive experience helping people who have sustained an unintentional exposure of confidential data. Your identity monitoring services include Credit Monitoring, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration.

Visit <https://enroll.idheadquarters.com> to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

*You have until **December 24, 2020** to activate your identity monitoring services.*

Membership Number: <<**Member ID**>>

Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.

You have been provided with access to the following services from Kroll:

Single Bureau Credit Monitoring

You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you'll have the option to call a Kroll fraud specialist, who will be able to help you determine if it is an indicator of identity theft.

Fraud Consultation

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

Identity Theft Restoration

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge.

To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.

Monitor Your Accounts

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud and to review your account statements and credit reports for suspicious activity. Under U.S. law you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three major credit bureaus directly to request a free copy of your credit report.

You have the right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a security freeze on your credit report. Should you wish to place a security freeze, please contact the major consumer reporting agencies listed below:

Experian

P.O. Box 9554
 Allen, TX 75013
 1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com/freeze/center.html

TransUnion

P.O. Box 160
 Woodlyn, PA 19094
 1-888-909-8872

www.transunion.com/credi-freeze

Equifax

P.O. Box 105788
 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
 1-800-685-1111

www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.);
7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on your file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the agencies listed below:

Experian

P.O. Box 9554
 Allen, TX 75013
 1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com/fraud/center.html

TransUnion

P.O. Box 2000
 Chester, PA 19016
 1-800-680-7289

<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>

Equifax

P.O. Box 105069
 Atlanta, GA 30348
 1-888-766-0008

www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services

Additional Information

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General.

The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and, TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and your state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For Maryland residents, the Attorney General can be contacted at 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; toll-free at 1-888-743-0023; by phone at (410) 576-6300; consumer hotline (410) 528-8662; and online at www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov.

For New Mexico residents, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited;

you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from violators. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

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

For Washington, D.C. residents, the Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001; (202) 727-3400; and, <https://oag.dc.gov/>.

For North Carolina residents, the Attorney General can be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6400, www.ncdoj.gov. You can obtain information from the Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission about preventing identity theft.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General can be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, www.riag.ri.gov, 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There is one (1) Rhode Island resident impacted by this incident.