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November 10, 2005

CATHERINE WOOD
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Subject: Final Order - PDC Case No. 06-014

Dear Ms. Wood:

Enclosed is the Public Disclosure Commission's Final Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case. The Commission found that you committed a single violation of RCW 42.17.240, and assessed a penalty of $750 with $250 suspended on the condition you commit no further violations of RCW 42.17.240 for two years from the date of the enclosed order. The Commission also ordered that the $500 non suspended portion of the penalty be paid within 30 days from the date of the order.

Unless you seek reconsideration of the final order, or exercise your appeal rights as outlined in the order, the $500 non-suspended portion of the penalty is due within 30 days from November 10, 2005.

If you have questions, please contact me at (360) 664-8853 or toll free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pstutzman@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Philip E. Stutzman
Director of Compliance

Enclosure

BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN RE COMPLIANCE WITH RCW 42.17 CATHERINE WOOD Respondent.	)))))))	PDC CASE NO.: 06-014 **FINAL ORDER IMPOSING FINE**

INTRODUCTION

The Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (Commission) conducted an enforcement hearing under chapters 34.05 and 42.17 RCW and chapter 390-37 WAC on October 27, 2005 with respect to the above-captioned matter. The Commission held the hearing at Evergreen Plaza Building, Room 206, 711 Capitol Way South, in Olympia, Washington. The Commission held the hearing to determine whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17.240 by failing to file a Statement of Financial Affairs by April 15, 2005. The Staff appeared through Philip E. Stutzman, Director of Compliance. The Respondent was not present at the hearing but provided written evidence for Commission review.

During the hearing, the Staff presented, for the Commission's consideration, the Notice of Administrative Charges issued August 31, 2005, which alleged a violation of RCW 42.17.240, and its exhibits, which included: 1) List of Officials received from the

Respondent's jurisdiction demonstrating that the Respondent was required to file the F-1 report in 2005; 2) May 6, 2005 Warning Letter reminding the Respondent to file the missing F-1 report; and 3) August 31, 2005 Affidavit of PDC staff member Jennifer Hansen stating that the F-1 report had not been received. Staff also presented a letter addressed to the Commission from Ms. Wood.

The Commission considered the Notice of Administrative Charges and its incorporated exhibits and the letter written by Ms. Wood. The Notice of Administrative Charges and exhibits, and the letter from Ms. Wood, are incorporated by reference into this Order. The Commission heard oral argument by Staff.

Based on this record, the Commission finds that:

1. RCW 42.17.240 requires elected and appointed officials, after January 1st and before April 15th of each year, to file with the commission a Statement of Financial Affairs for the preceding calendar year.
2. The Respondent is a Fire Commissioner in Snohomish County Fire Protection District 216 who held office during 2004 and was required to file a Statement of Financial Affairs (PDC form F-1) by April 15, 2005.
3. The Respondent was reminded by letter on May 6, 2005 to file the missing F-1 report. The Respondent was sent a Notice of Administrative Charges on August 31, 2005 and was notified that she was scheduled for an enforcement hearing before the full Commission on September 15, 2005. The hearing was continued, and on October 12, 2005, Ms. Wood was notified that she was scheduled for an enforcement hearing before the full Commission on October 27, 2005.

4. The F-1 report was received August 31, 2005.

ORDER

Based on the record submitted in this matter, the Commission orders as follows:

1. That the Respondent committed a single violation of RCW 42.17.240;
2. That a total civil penalty of $750 is assessed against the Respondent;
3. That $250 of the penalty is suspended on the condition that the Respondent commits no further violations of RCW 42.17.240 for two years from the date of this order, as determined by the Full Commission.
4. That the penalty shall be paid within 30 days from the date of this order.

RECONSIDERATION OF FINAL ORDER - COMMISSION

Any party may ask the Commission to reconsider this final order. Parties must place their requests for reconsideration in writing, include the specific grounds or reasons for the request, and deliver the request to the Public Disclosure Commission Office within **Twenty-One (21) business days** of the date that the Commission serves this order upon the party. Grounds for reconsideration shall be limited to:

a) New facts or legal authorities that could not have been brought to the commission's attention with reasonable diligence. If errors of fact are alleged, the requester must identify the specific evidence in the prior proceeding on which the requester is relying. If errors of law are alleged, the requester must identify the specific citation; or

b) Significant typographical or ministerial errors in the order. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, the Public Disclosure Commission is deemed to have denied the petition

for reconsideration if, within twenty (20) business days from the date the petition is filed, the Commission does not either dispose of the petition or serve the parties with written notice specifying the date by which it will act on the petition. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, the Respondent is not required to ask the Public Disclosure Commission to reconsider the final order before seeking judicial review by a superior court.

FURTHER APPEAL RIGHTS – SUPERIOR COURT

Pursuant to RCW 42.17.395(5), a **final order** issued by the Public Disclosure Commission is subject to judicial review under the Administrative Procedures Act, chapter 34.05 RCW. The procedures are provided in RCW 34.05.510 - .598. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.542(2), a petition for judicial review must be filed with the superior court in Thurston County or the petitioner's county of residence or principal place of business. The petition for judicial review must be served on the Public Disclosure Commission and any other parties within **30 days** of the date that the Public Disclosure Commission serves this final order on the parties.

If reconsideration is properly sought, the petition for judicial review must be served on the Public Disclosure Commission and any other parties within thirty (30) days after the Commission acts on the petition for reconsideration.

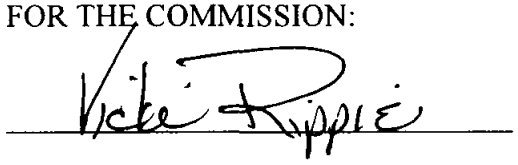
ENFORCEMENT OF FINAL ORDERS

The Commission will seek to enforce this final order in superior court under RCW 42.17.395-.397, and recover legal costs and attorney's fees, if the penalty remains unpaid

and no petition for judicial review has been filed under chapter 34.05 RCW. This action will be taken without further order by the Commission.

DATED THIS 10th day of November, 2005.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



VICKI RIPPIE, Executive Director

MAILING DATE OF THIS ORDER:

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