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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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| In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17A | PDC Case No. 12-233 |
| Richard Siefert<br><br>Respondent. | Findings of Fact,<br>Conclusions of Law, and<br>**Order Imposing Fine** |

A brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) was held July 2, 2012, in Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) covering calendar year 2011, which was due to be filed by April 16, 2012.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commission Chair Jennifer Joly was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Kurt Young, Compliance Officer. The Respondent was not present and did not submit any written material to be considered by the Presiding Officer.

Brief enforcement hearing notices were sent to Richard Siefert on June 7, and June 11, 2012. Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is a Port Commissioner for the Port of Ilwaco. He was appointed to that position in 2005, elected in 2006, and re-elected in 2010.

2. As an incumbent Port Commissioner, the Respondent was required to file an annual F-1 report by April 16, 2012, disclosing his financial activities for the previous calendar year.

3. The Respondent did not file the required F-1 report by April 16, 2012.

4. The Respondent did not file the missing F-1 report as of the date of the hearing.

5. The Respondent has no prior violations.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concluded as follows:

1. This matter was duly and properly convened and all jurisdictional, substantive and procedural requirements have been satisfied.

2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file the F-1 report by April 16, 2012.

## ORDER

ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

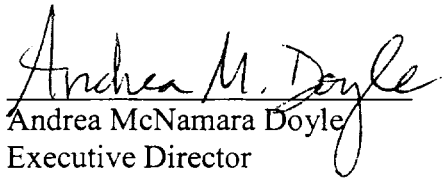
**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of $150[1] in accordance with WAC 390-37-160, of which $50 is suspended on the following conditions:**
**(1) Respondent is not found to have committed any further violations of RCW 42.17A within four years of the date of the order;**
**(2) The missing F-1 report is filed within 30 days of the date of the order; and**
**(3) The $100 non-suspended portion of the penalty is paid within 30 days of the date of the order.**

If Respondent fails to comply with any of these conditions, the suspended portion of the penalty will become immediately due and payable without further action by the Commission.

This is an **Initial Order** of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this 17th day of July, 2012.

Public Disclosure Commission



Andrea McNamara Doyle
Executive Director

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[1] The assessed penalty is based on the F-1 penalty schedule previously adopted by the Commission that takes into consideration prior violations and whether the F-1 report was filed before the date of the hearing.