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July 17, 2012

Michael Williams  
39388 Cape Horn Road  
Concrete, WA 98237

Subject: PDC Case No. 12-245

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case.

The Presiding Officer assessed a civil penalty of \$300 in accordance with WAC 390-37-160, of which \$100 is suspended on the following conditions:

- (1) You are not found to have committed any further violations of RCW 42.17A within four years of the date of the order;
- (2) You file the missing F-1 report within 30 days of the date of the order; and
- (3) You pay the \$200 non-suspended portion of the penalty within 30 days of the date of the order.

If you fail 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. Please make your \$200 check payable to the **WA State Treasurer** and send it along with the missing F-1 report to the address listed above. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 664-8854; toll free at (877) 601-2828 or by email at [kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Kurt Young  
Compliance Officer

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Michael Williams  
39388 Cape Horn Road  
Concrete, WA 98237

In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17A

Michael Williams

Respondent.

PDC Case No. 12-245

Findings of Fact,  
Conclusions of Law, and  
**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 Michael Williams 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 Fire Commissioner for Skagit County Fire District #10. He was elected to that position in 2007.
2. As an incumbent Fire Commissioner, the Respondent was required to file an annual F-1 report by April 16, 2012, disclosing his financial activities for calendar year 2011.
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 previously been found in violation of RCW 42.17.240 and issued a civil penalty for failing to file an F-1 report as a candidate in 2007 in PDC Case No. 08-059.

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 \$300<sup>1</sup> in accordance with WAC 390-37-160, of which \$100 is suspended on the following conditions:**

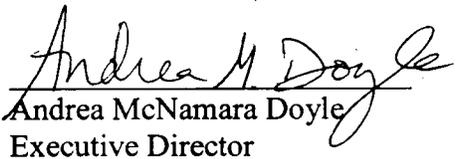
- (1) Respondent is not found to have committed any further violations of RCW 42.17A within four years of the date of the order;**
- (2) The missing F-1 report is filed within 30 days of the date of the order; and**
- (3) The \$200 non-suspended portion of the penalty is paid within 30 days of the date 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

Public Disclosure Commission

  
Andrea McNamara Doyle  
Executive Director

Enclosure: Information about Appeal Rights

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

**INFORMATION ABOUT APPEALS OF INITIAL ORDERS,  
FURTHER APPEAL RIGHTS,  
AND ENFORCEMENT OF FINAL ORDERS**

**APPEALS**

**REVIEW OF INITIAL ORDER - BY THE COMMISSION**

The presiding officer will issue an initial order following a brief enforcement hearing. Any party may request the Commission **review** an initial order. Parties seeking the review must:

- Make the request orally or in writing, stating the reason for review. *WAC 390-37-144.*
- Deliver the request so it is received at the Commission office within **TWENTY-ONE (21) BUSINESS DAYS** after the postmark date of the initial order.

A Respondent does not need to pay a penalty until after the Commission rules on the request.

If the Commission is unable to schedule a meeting to consider the request within twenty (20) business days, the initial order becomes a **final order** and the request will automatically be treated as a **request for reconsideration** of a final order (unless the party advises the Commission otherwise, such as by withdrawing the request). See more information on reconsideration below. If the request for review was an oral request, it must now be confirmed in writing. The matter will be scheduled before the full Commission as soon as practicable.

If the Commission does not receive a request for review within twenty-one (21) business days, the initial order will automatically become a **final order**. At that point, the Respondent is legally obligated to pay the penalty unless reconsideration has been sought or the matter has been timely appealed to Superior Court. *RCW 42.17A.755; RCW 34.05.470; RCW 34.05.570.*

**RECONSIDERATION OF FINAL ORDER – BY THE COMMISSION**

Any party may ask the Commission to **reconsider** a final order. Parties seeking reconsideration must:

- Make the request in writing;
- Include the specific grounds or reasons for the request; and
- Deliver the request to the PDC office so it is received within **TWENTY-ONE (21) BUSINESS DAYS** of the date that the Commission serves this order upon the party. *WAC 390-37-150.* (Note that the date of service by the Commission on a party is considered the

date of mailing by U.S. mail if the order is mailed, or the date received if the order is personally served. RCW 34.05.010(19). The Commission orders are generally mailed via U.S. mail.)

Within twenty (20) business days after the petition for reconsideration is filed, the Commission may either act on the petition or notify the parties in writing of the date by which it will act. If neither of these events happens within twenty business days, the Commission is deemed to have denied the petition for reconsideration. *WAC 390-37-150*.

A Respondent is not required to ask the Commission to reconsider a final order before seeking judicial review by a superior court. *RCW 34.05.470(5)*.

### **FURTHER APPEAL RIGHTS – SUPERIOR COURT**

A **final order** issued by the Public Disclosure Commission is subject to **judicial review** under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), chapter 34.05 RCW. *RCW 42.17A.755*. The procedures are provided in the APA at RCW 34.05.510 - .574.

### **ENFORCEMENT OF FINAL ORDERS**

If **enforcement** of a final order is required, the Commission may seek to enforce a final order in superior court under RCW 42.17A.755 - .760, and recover legal costs and attorney's fees if a penalty remains unpaid and no petition for judicial review has been filed. This action will be taken without further order by the Commission.