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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Caleb Backholm  
46 Ashley Drive  
Montesano WA 98563

In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17A

Caleb Backholm

Respondent.

PDC Case No. 13-163

Findings of Fact,  
Conclusions of Law, and  
**Order Imposing Fine**

A brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) was held August 1, 2013, in Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to timely file the Candidate Registration (C-1 report), which was due to be filed within two weeks of the date the Respondent became a candidate for election in 2013.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. A brief enforcement hearing notice was sent to Caleb Backholm on July 18, 2013. Commission Chair Amit Ranade was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Kurt Young, Compliance Officer. The Respondent participated by telephone and provided sworn testimony to the Presiding Officer at the hearing.

Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is a candidate for School Director in Montesano School District No. 066 in 2013.
2. As a candidate, the Respondent was required to file a C-1 report within two weeks of the date the Respondent filed a declaration of candidacy, or no later than May 31, 2013.
3. The Respondent filed the missing C-1 report on July 26, 2013, prior to the date of the hearing.
4. The Respondent has no prior violations.

5. The Respondent stated that he attempted to file the C-1 report electronically sometime after candidate filing week, but the PDC's system kept rejecting it.
6. The Respondent stated that he completed a C-1 report on paper and attached it to an email, but PDC staff rejected it because reports sent by email are not accepted. He stated he then mailed the C-1 report to the PDC. He asked why it was so difficult to file a report electronically.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concludes 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.205 by failing to timely file the C-1 report, which was due no later than May 31, 2013.

ORDER

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

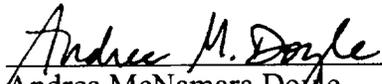
**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$100 in accordance with the penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-165, of which the entire \$100 is suspended on the condition the Respondent is not found to have committed any further violations of RCW 42.17A within two years of the date of this order.

If the Respondent fails to comply with this condition, 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 15 day of August, 2013.

Public Disclosure Commission

  
Andrea McNamara Doyle  
Executive Director

Enclosure: Information about Appeal Rights

I, Josh Berkley, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent(s) at his/her/its respective address, postage pre-paid, on the date stated herein.

Signed 

Date 8/15/13