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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Robert Pontius

In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17A

Robert Pontius

Respondent.

PDC Case No. 14-087

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

A brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) was held July 8, 2014, in Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) due April 15, 2014, disclosing financial information for calendar year 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 Robert Pontius on June 10, 2014. Commission Member Amit Ranade was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Jacob Berkey, Compliance Coordinator. The Respondent participated at the hearing in person and provided testimony to the Presiding Officer.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is an incumbent Fire Commissioner for Jefferson County Fire Protection District No. 3 in 2013.
2. As a Fire Commissioner, the Respondent was required to file an F-1 report no later than April 15, 2014.
3. The Respondent filed the missing F-1 report on June 24, 2014, prior to the date of the hearing.
4. The Respondent has no prior violations.

5. The Respondent said he thought he filed the missing F-1 report after he received staff's warning letter in May 2014. He acknowledged that had the earlier filing been received, it would have been late.

#### 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.700 by failing to timely file the F-1 report, which was due to be filed no later than April 15, 2014.

#### 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 WAC 390-37-160, of which \$50 is suspended on the following conditions:**

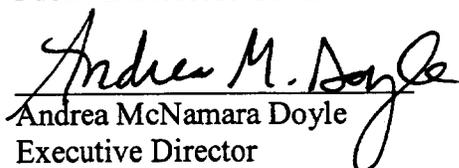
1. **The \$50 non-suspended portion of the penalty is paid within 30 days of the date of the order; and**
2. **Respondent commits no violations of RCW 42.17A for the next two years from the date of the order.**

If the 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 23 day of July, 2014.

Public Disclosure Commission

  
Andrea McNamara Doyle  
Executive Director

Enclosure: Information about Appeal Rights

I, Jacob Berkeley, 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.

Jacob Berkeley  
Signed

7/23/2014  
Date