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TO: File of Ronald Morehouse
FROM: Phil Stutzman, Director of Compliance 
DATE: December 16, 2010
SUBJECT: Ronald Morehouse, Order in Case No. 10-111

Initial Order - On June 23, 2010, a Brief Enforcement Hearing was held for Ronald Morehouse in PDC Case No. 10-111. He was found in violation of RCW 42.17.240 and was assessed a penalty of \$500 with \$300 suspended on the condition that he file the missing F-1 report and pay the \$200 non-suspended portion of the penalty within 30 days of the date of the order. The order was sent on July 1, 2010.

The initial order stated:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$500. The \$500 penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of the order along with filing the missing F-1 report.

The initial order should have stated:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$500, of which \$300 is suspended on the condition the Respondent files the missing F-1 report and pays the \$200 non-suspended portion of the penalty within 30 days of the date of the order.

As noted, the initial order sent to the Respondent mistakenly failed to state that \$300 of the \$500 penalty would be suspended if the \$200 non-suspended portion of the penalty was paid, and the missing F-1 was filed, within 30 days of the date of the order.

Request for Review – Mr. Morehouse asked the full Commission to review the results of the Brief Enforcement Hearing. On August 26, 2010, the Commission denied his request for a review, and a final order was issued September 20, 2010. However, the error in the initial order was repeated in the final order in that the Respondent was not informed that \$300 of the \$500 penalty would be suspended if the \$200 non-suspended portion of the penalty was paid, and the missing F-1 was filed, within 30 days of the date of the order.

The F-1 was filed September 24, 2010, but no penalty payment has been received.