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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Mary Rourke
29 Ruby
Republic, WA 99166

In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17A

Mary Rourke

Respondent.

PDC Case No. 12-227

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 timely 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 participated in the hearing by telephone conference call.

Brief enforcement hearing notices were sent to Mary Rourke 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 School Director for the Republic School District. She was appointed in October 2009 and was elected to the position of School Director in 2011.
2. As an incumbent School Director, 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 filed the missing F-1 report on June 26, 2012.

5. The Respondent said she was ill for three weeks during the month of May and did not see the May 15, 2012 staff warning letter until the two hearing notices were received in early June. She said she was not aware of the annual filing requirement. The Respondent said she considers herself a volunteer working for the benefit of the children, and said she believed the penalty was high for someone in a volunteer position.
6. 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 timely 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 \$100¹ in accordance with WAC 390-37-160, 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 four years of the date of the order.

If 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 17th day of July, 2012.

Public Disclosure Commission


Andrea McNamara Doyle
Executive Director

Enclosure: Information about Appeal Rights

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.

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.