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7 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF**  
8 **WASHINGTON**

9 In The Matter Of Enforcement Action  
10 Against:

NO. 13-002

11 WILLIAM NEAL, General Manager,  
12 North Beach Water District,

FINAL ORDER

13 Respondent.

14 This matter came before the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission ("PDC")  
15 on January 23, 2014 at the PDC Office, 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Olympia, Washington.  
16 Those present included Commissioner Amit Ranade, Commission Chair; Commissioner Grant  
17 Degginger, Vice Chair; and Commissioner Kathy Turner, Member. Assistant Attorney  
18 General Callie A. Castillo represented the PDC Staff. Suzanne Michael, counsel for  
19 Respondent William Neal, was scheduled to participate by telephone, but did not appear. The  
20 proceeding was open to the public and recorded.

21 On July 9, 2013, Commission staff issued a Notice of Administrative Charges alleging  
22 that Respondent Neal, as General Manager of the North Beach Water District in Ocean Park,  
23 WA, violated RCW 42.17A.555 by directly or indirectly authorizing a former employee to use  
24 the public facilities in support of the employee's husband's campaign. The Commission was  
25 provided with the Notice of Administrative Charges, dated July 9, 2013; a Report of  
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1 Investigation with accompanying exhibits, dated July 9, 2013; and a proposed Stipulation as to  
2 Facts, Violations, and Penalty ("Stipulation"), dated January 15, 2014.

3 During the proceedings, Ms. Castillo summarized the procedural facts, requested that  
4 the Commission accept the proposed Stipulation, and asked that they enter a Final Order  
5 accordingly. The Commission unanimously voted to accept the Stipulation.

6 The Commission hereby enters the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law,  
7 and Order.

8 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

9 Based upon the Stipulation, which is hereby attached and incorporated by reference, the  
10 Commission finds and concludes:

11 1. The Jurisdiction, Facts, and Legal Authority are established as provided in the  
12 Stipulation.

13 In addition, the Commission further finds and concludes:

14 2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.555.

15 3. A civil penalty of \$750, with \$500 suspended on the conditions provided below,  
16 is an appropriate resolution of this matter.

17 **II. ORDER**

18 Based upon the findings and conclusions, the Commission orders that:

19 1. The Stipulation is accepted.

20 2. The Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$750. Of the total penalty  
21 amount, \$500 is suspended based on Respondent's compliance with the following conditions:

22 a. Respondent is not found to have committed any violations of RCW 42.17A  
23 within four years of the date of the Final Order in this matter.

24 b. Respondent pays the non-suspended portion of the penalty (\$250) within 30  
25 days of the date of entry of the Commission's Final Order in this matter.  
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