

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**
2 **OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

3 IN RE THE MATTER OF ENFORCEMENT
4 ACTION AGAINST

PDC CASE NO. 15-026

FINAL ORDER

5 Robert Jesse Hill

6 Respondent.

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8 This matter came before the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC)
9 on September 25, 2014, at the PDC Office, 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Olympia,
10 Washington. Those present included Grant Degginger, Commission Chair; Kathy Turner and
11 Amit Ranade, Members. Also present were Kurt Young, PDC Compliance Officer on behalf
12 of the PDC Staff; PDC Executive Director Andrea McNamara Doyle; PDC Acting Assistant
13 Director Tony Perkins; and PDC staff member Jennifer Hansen as recorder/reporter of the
14 proceedings. The Respondent, Robert Jesse Hill, was provided notice of the hearing but did
15 not attend or participate. The proceedings were open to the public and recorded.

16 **I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

17 The Respondent is a candidate for State Representative in the 27th Legislative District
18 in 2014. This matter resulted from allegations that the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700
19 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report), due within two weeks of
20 becoming a candidate in the 2014 election, or not later than May 31, 2014.

21 On September 15, 2014, PDC staff sent a hearing notice to Respondent at the address
22 he provided on his 2014 declaration of candidacy, scheduling the September 25, 2014
23 enforcement hearing before the Commission.

24 At the hearing, Mr. Young testified on behalf of PDC staff. Mr. Young also presented
25 to the Commission and summarized his memo dated September 17, 2014, with exhibits.
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1 The exhibits included information concerning the Respondent's prior case before the
2 Full Commission in which he was found in violation of RCW 42.17A and assessed a \$500
3 penalty.

4 Having considered the testimony and record, the Commission enters the following
5 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

6 II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 7 1. Candidate filing week was May 12-16, 2014 for candidates seeking election in 2014.
- 8 2. The Respondent filed as a candidate for State Representative in the 27th Legislative
9 District during filing week in May 2014.
- 10 3. The Commission did not receive a C-1 (Candidate Registration Form) or F-1 report
11 from the Respondent as of May 31, 2014, the date the reports were due.
- 12 4. The Respondent is not eligible for a brief enforcement hearing under the provisions of
13 WAC 390-37-165 because: (1) he has three prior PDC violations; (2) he owes a total of
14 \$800 in outstanding penalties; and (3) he has not filed the F-1 report that was the
15 subject of the prior violation found in PDC Case No. 13-126.
- 16 5. The Respondent filed a C-1 report on July 24, 2014.
- 17 6. The Respondent did not file an F-1 report as of September 25, 2014, the date of the
18 hearing.
- 19 7. The F-1 enforcement hearing notice was mailed to the Respondent at the address he
20 provided on his 2014 Declaration of Candidacy.
- 21 8. The Respondent has two prior outstanding penalties totaling \$800, of which \$300 was
22 sent to collection for PDC Case No. 12-044.

23 III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

24 Based upon the record herein, the Commission unanimously concludes:
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- 1 1. The Commission has jurisdiction to hear this matter under RCW 42.17A and Title
2 390 WAC.
3 2. RCW 42.17A.700 and WAC 390-24-010 required Respondent to file an F-1 within
4 two weeks of becoming a candidate in 2014, or no later than May 31, 2014.
5 3. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file an F-1 for his 2014
6 candidacy.

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

9 **IV. ORDER**

10 The Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$900.

11 The Executive Director is authorized to enter this order on behalf of the Commission.

12 So ORDERED this 3rd day of October, 2014

13 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
14 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
15 FOR THE COMMISSION:

16 *Andrea M. Doyle*
17 ANDREA MCNAMARA DOYLE
18 Executive Director

19 **ATTACHMENT:** Appeals and Enforcement of Final Orders

20 *Copy of this Final Order to:*

21 Robert Jesse Hill
22 PO Box 5006
23 Tacoma, WA 98415

24 I, Jacob Berkey, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the
25 Respondent/Applicant at his/her respective address postage pre-paid on the date
26 stated herein.

27 Jacob Berkey / 10/3/14
28 Signed Date