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August 12, 2015

Shelmina Abji
5511 154th Avenue SE
Bellevue WA 98006

Order sent electronically to "shelmina2008@gmail.com"

Subject: PDC Case No. 16-001

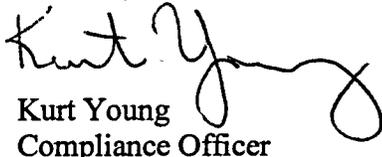
Dear Ms. Abji:

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case.

The Presiding Officer assessed a civil penalty of \$150 for the missing Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) in accordance with WAC 390-37-160, of which the entire \$150 penalty is suspended on the condition that if you are appointed as an official or become a candidate within five years from the date of the order, you timely file an F-1 report.

Thank you for your participation in the Brief Enforcement hearing, and if you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 664-8854; or by email at kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,


Kurt Young
Compliance Officer

Enclosure



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
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Shelmina Abji
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In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17A

Shelmina Abji

Respondent.

PDC Case No. 16-001

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

A brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) was held July 30, 2015, in Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) due April 15, 2015, disclosing financial information for calendar year 2014.

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 Shelmina Abji on July 1, 2015. Commission Chair Katrina Asay was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Kurt Young, Compliance Officer. The Respondent did not participate at the hearing, but she submitted written materials in the form of an email for the Presiding Officer to consider.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent was a Regent for Bellevue College in 2014.
2. As a Regent, the Respondent was required to file an F-1 report no later than April 15, 2015.
3. The Respondent did not file the missing F-1 report by the date of the hearing.
4. The Respondent has no prior violations.

5. The Respondent cited privacy concerns for her and her husband in her decision to not file an F-1 report. She stated that she and her husband have worked in the information technology sector for 30 years, and they were concerned about disclosing their personal financial information. She stated she was not aware she was required to file an F-1 report at the time of her appointment as a Regent for Bellevue College, and that she resigned her position when she became aware of the F-1 filing requirement.

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 file the F-1 report by April 15, 2015.

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 \$150 in accordance with the penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-160, of which the entire \$150 is suspended on the condition that if the Respondent is appointed as an official or becomes a candidate within five years from the date of the order, she timely files an F-1 report.

This is an Initial Order of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this 12 day of August, 2015.

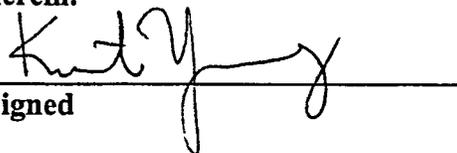
Public Disclosure Commission



Frederick C. Kiga
Executive Director

Enclosure: Information about Appeal Rights

I, Kurt Youngs, 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.



Signed

8/12/2015

Date