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Sent: Saturday, May 19, 2018 1:41 PM

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Subject: New information to add to my PDC complaint Case Number/Ticket Number 33194 regarding Senator Douglas Ericksen

Dear Mr. Blackhorn,

I am writing your agency to request that the information introduced in this email be added to my PDC complaint Case Number/Ticket Number 33194, submitted on 3/6/18, regarding Senator Douglas Ericksen's potential multiple violations of Washington state campaign finance law and rules in 2016 and 2017.

I recently became aware of this new, relevant information contained in Environmental Protection Agency FOIA records released recently which provided further substantiation that during Senator Ericksen's January 2017 trip to Washington, D.C., he was conducting E.P.A. work-related activities.

As I had referenced in my PDC complaint submitted on March 6, 2018, Mr. Ericksen's appointment as Senior Advisor for the E.P.A. at Headquarters in Washington, D.C., was made effective 1/21/17, and that his 1/19/17 appointment letter stated he should report to EPA Headquarters in D.C. on 1/23/17 for orientation.

As I also referenced in my PDC complaint, according to Senator Ericksen's "Douglas J. Ericksen (Committee to Elect Doug Ericksen Surplus Account)" Schedule A to the C-4 report filed for report date 1/1/17 - 1/31/17 there was an expense of \$2,084.50 on 1/23/17 at Embassy Suites, and a \$27.20 expense on 1/19/17 at Finn & Porter (Restaurant); both of which are in Washington, D.C.

Recently released E.P.A. records reveal a 1/19/17 email from E.P.A. Transition Director Shannon Kenny, sent to ten E.P.A. Beach Head team appointees, one of whom was Douglas Ericksen, about their schedule for that weekend. Director Kenny informed those email recipients that they would need to be at E.P.A. Headquarters on Saturday, January 19, 2017 at 12:30 PM, where they would be greeted and provided temporary badges. The email went on to say there would then be the swearing-in of these appointees, and a meet and greet before setting up their workspaces. Director Kenny also informed email recipients there would be 1 to 3 meetings they would need to attend that afternoon (on Saturday, January 19, 2017).

I have attached two screenshot photos of the 1/19/17 email.

This 1/19/17 email indicates that Mr. Ericksen was already performing/conducting E.P.A. work-related activities for his E.P.A. Senior Advisor position at least as early as Saturday, 1/21/17. It is unclear whether or not Mr. Ericksen had attended any meetings related to his E.P.A. Senior Advisor job during the number of days he was in Washington, D.C. leading up to his 1/21/17 swearing-in.

Senator Ericksen claims in his 3/26/18 response to my PDC complaint: "In January of 2017 I traveled to Washington DC in my capacity as a State Senator for the inauguration of the 45th President of the United States. During that time I met with several members of

Congress, Members of the United States Senate, staff members, and individuals on policy issues related to my duties as a State Senator.”

However, Senator Ericksen, to my best knowledge, has not provided your agency any clear evidence that would substantiate his claim quoted in the above paragraph such as notes from the meetings he said he had with members of Congress, members of the U.S. Senate, and staff members on policy issues related to his state senatorial duties.

According to his “Douglas J. Ericksen (Committee to Elect Doug Ericksen Surplus Account)” Schedule A to the C-4 report filed for January 2017, Senator Ericksen used surplus campaign funds to pay some of his travel expenses such as hotel accommodations (\$2,084.50 on 1/23/17 at Embassy Suites) for him and, I believe, his family who accompanied him on the trip, and for a \$27.20 expense on 1/19/17 at Finn & Porter restaurant.

Using campaign surplus funds to pay for expenses related to Mr. Ericksen’s employment back at that time with the E.P.A. would not appear to be an appropriate or allowed use of those surplus funds. At the very least, since according to E.P.A. Transition Director Shannon Kenny’s 1/19/17 email, Mr. Ericksen was having to conduct work-related activities at least as early as Saturday, January 21, 2017, he should have had to pay some portion of the \$2,084.50 hotel bill expense using his personal funds, but he did not do so.

Please include this new information in your investigation relating to my PDC complaint Case Number/Ticket Number 33194 as I believe it is relevant to your agency’s investigation.

I would appreciate you replying to this email to confirm your receipt of this email containing this new information to be added to my complaint.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. If you should have any questions, my phone number is 360-746-8160.

Regards,

Sandy Robson