



**State of Washington**  
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**Memorandum**

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Coordinator

Date: September 14, 2022

Subject: PayQwick; PDC Case 64843; Reconsideration Hearing

**Matter for Reconsideration:**

During a Brief Enforcement Hearing held on February 28, 2020, PayQwick was found to have violated RCW 42.17A.630 for failure to file the annual Lobbying Expenses report (L-3 report) with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) no later than February 28, 2019. At the February 28, 2020 Brief Enforcement Hearing, an Order imposing a \$250 penalty was entered, which PayQwick now requests the Commission reconsider.

**Background:**

- PayQwick (the “Respondent”) had an active contract on file with Lobbyist, Thomas M Parker, valid through December 2018.
- The Respondent has no prior violations with the PDC.
- As a lobbyist employer, the Respondent was required to file the L-3 report by the last day of February in 2019 disclosing the annual amount of lobbying expenses in the prior calendar year, such as lobbyist compensation, contributions and independent expenditures made, lobbying expenditures made, and compensation for professional services to entities held by state officials, successful state candidates, or their immediate families.
- On February 13, 2020, PDC staff emailed the Respondent a hearing notice for a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) to be held on February 28, 2020.
- The hearing notice was sent to the Respondent’s mailing and email addresses-of-record.

- At the February 28, 2020, Brief Enforcement hearing, the Presiding Officer assessed a total civil penalty of \$250 in accordance with WAC 390-37-143. The \$250 penalty was payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, which was April 8, 2020.
- On March 9, 2020, PDC staff served the Initial Order memorializing the Commission's ruling, by mail and email, to the Respondent's addresses-of-record.
- As of September 14, 2020 the Respondent has not filed the missing Lobbying Expense report (L-3 report).

**Request for Reconsideration:**

- On August 29, 2022, Daniella Madrid, representative for the Respondent, emailed PDC requesting a reconsideration due to 1) Change in staffing and 2) Change in founder 3) Claims no valid contract.
- On September 12, 2022, PDC staff served the Respondent, by mail and email, with a hearing notice for a September 22, 2022 Reconsideration Hearing before the Public Disclosure Commission, along with instructions on how to participate in the hearing remotely.