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December 22, 2021

Karen Hattman 18 Robin Ln Lopez Island WA 98261

And delivered electronically to karenquacks@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Order, Case 95267

Dear Karen Hattman,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order Vacating the original order dated September 13, 2021 that was entered in the above-referenced case.

At the August 12, 2021, Brief Enforcement hearing, the Presiding Officer assessed a total civil penalty of \$250, of which \$150 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-143.

The attached order dated December 22, 2021 supersedes and vacates the order issued September 13, 2021 as a result of the August 12, 2021 Brief Enforcement hearing.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact us by email at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

<u>Electronically Signed by Tabitha Townsend</u> PDC Staff

Enclosure: Initial Order



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re: Compliance with RCW 42.17A

PDC Case 95267

Karen Hattman.

Findings of Fact,

Respondent.

Conclusions of Law, and **Order Imposing Fine**

Pursuant to the brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) notice sent to Karen Hattman dated July 14, 2021, a brief adjudicative proceeding was held on August 12, 2021, remotely from Olympia, WA by live audio and online transmission, to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report), which was due to be filed within two weeks of candidacy or no later than June 4, 2021, disclosing personal financial information for the preceding twelve months.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 RCW, 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commissioners Fred Jarrett and Nancy Isserlis were the Presiding Officers. The Commission staff was represented by Compliance Coordinators Tabitha Townsend and Tabatha Blacksmith, and Jennifer Hansen, Political Finance Officer. The Respondent did not participate in the hearing or submit any written materials.

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

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The matter involved PDC Staff's request that the Commission vacate a Final Order issued on September 13, 2021, resulting from an Initial Hearing on August 12, 2021, regarding Karen Hattman, a Hospital Commissioner for San Juan Co Public Hospital District 2. The Presiding Officer at the Brief Adjudicative Proceeding found Ms. Hattman in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report), within two weeks of becoming a candidate or no later than June 4, 2021 and imposed a civil penalty of \$250. The basis of the PDC Staffs Request for Reconsideration is due to a Termination of Campaign being submitted on July 26, 2021.

1. The PDC received and processed a Termination Statement as of July 26, 2021.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 42.17 A RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.

III. ORDER

This Amended Order will be the Final Order. The Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and the civil penalty assessed at the August 12, 2021 hearing are VACATED.

This is an **Initial Order** of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this 22nd day of December 2021.

Public Disclosure Commission

Fred Jarrett

Public Disclosure Commission, Chair

I, Tabitha Townsend, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their respective physical and email addresses on the date stated herein.

<u>Electronically Signed Tabitha Townsend</u> <u>December 22, 2021</u>

Signed Date