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October 13, 2022

Pamela Martin
12429 SE 95th Way
Renton WA 98056

And delivered electronically to pamemartin@comcast.net

Subject: PDC Order, Case 109820

Dear Pamela Martin,

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

At the September 22, 2022 Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$1,000, of which \$500 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The \$500 non-suspended penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is **November 14, 2022**.

Please make the check or money order payable to "WA State Treasurer" and mail the payment to the following address:

Public Disclosure Commission
PO Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

It is also ordered that you file the missing F-1 reports covering calendar years 2020 and 2021 within 30 days of this order.

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

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Tabitha Townsend
PDC Staff

Enclosure: Final Order

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8 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

9 In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action
10 Against:

PDC CASE NO. 109820

FINAL ORDER

11 PAMELA MARTIN,
12 Respondent.
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15 This matter was heard in person by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
16 (Commission) on September 22, 2022, and by telephonic and online streaming access.
17 Respondent Pamela Martin was provided notice on September 8, and 12, 2022, of the hearing
18 date. The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter
19 390-37 WAC.

20 Commissioners present in person were Fred Jarrett, Commission Chair (presiding);
21 Nancy Isserlis, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners William Downing, Allen Hayward,
22 and Jocelyn Cooney. Also present in person, telephonically, or online were Assistant Attorney
23 General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney General Chad
24 Standifer representing PDC Staff, and Tabitha Townsend, PDC Compliance Coordinator. Notice
25 was provided to the Respondent and she did not appear on her own behalf. The proceeding was
26 open to the public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-25 *et seq.* and recorded.

1 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

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- 3 1. Case memorandum dated September 14, 2022, prepared by Tabitha Townsend, PDC
- 4 Compliance Coordinator;
- 5 2. Hearing Notices, mailed and dated September 8, and 12, 2022;
- 6 3. Respondent F-1 filing history as of September 14, 2022;
- 7 4. Final Order for prior violation, PDC Case 94129, entered August 16, 2021;
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9 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

10 The matter involves Respondent Pamela Martin, a current Water and Sewer
11 Commissioner for Coal Creek Utility District since January 1, 2010. Respondent is alleged to
12 have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement
13 (F-1 Report) with the Public Disclosure Commission no later than April 15, 2022, disclosing
14 financial information for the calendar year 2021. The Respondent has an outstanding penalty
15 balance from one prior violation with the PDC of \$250 plus costs.
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- 17 1. In March and April of 2022, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected and
18 appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2021.
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- 20 2. On May 11, 2022, PDC staff emailed the Respondent a warning notice regarding
21 the missing F-1 reports.
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- 23 3. On September 8, and 12, 2022, PDC Staff served the Respondent by email and
24 mail with a hearing notice for a September 22, 2022, Enforcement Hearing, along
25 with instructions on how to participate in the hearing remotely, before the full
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Public Disclosure Commission concerning her failure to file the F-1 report.

4. As of the date of the hearing the Respondent has not filed the missing F-1 report covering calendar year 2021 that was due no later than April 15, 2022.

5. The past due F-1 Report for 2020, has not been filed as of the date of this hearing.

6. There is one prior case for violation of RCW 42.17A.700:

- PDC Case 94129. At a July 15, 2021, Brief Enforcement Hearing, Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file the F-1 report for calendar year 2020, which was due not later than April 15, 2021. A total civil penalty of \$250 was assessed in accordance with the penalty schedule adopted by the Commission that was in effect at that time. As of September 22, 2022, the Respondent has not filed the required F-1 report but has paid the civil penalty.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office in 2021 was required to file an F-1 Report, disclosing financial information for calendar year 2021 no later than April 15, 2022.

III. ORDER

This Order will be the Final Order. After consideration of the mitigating and aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law, the Commission assesses a civil penalty of \$1,000 for the late filed calendar year 2021 F-1 Report with \$500 suspended on the following conditions:

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 - a. The non-suspended portion (\$500) of the \$1,000 civil penalty for failure to file the F-1 report for calendar year 2021 in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
 - b. The missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2020 and 2021 are filed within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
 - c. The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC reporting requirements and is not found to have committed any further violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years of the date of this Final Order. The suspended penalty shall not be assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a technical correction.

1 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

2 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
3 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon
4 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.
5 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,
6 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

6 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

7 You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for
8 Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final
9 Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of
10 the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.
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