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**Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding
Office & Professional Employees International Union Local 8 PAC
PDC Case 175381**

I, Rhonda Griffus, in my capacity as Treasurer of the Office & Professional Employees International Union Local 8 PAC (the Committee), hereby acknowledge that during election years 2024 and 2025, the Committee violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures.

The facts are as follows:

- A complaint received on July 10, 2025, identified that in 2024 the Committee's final *Receipts & Expenditure Summary* (C-4) report had an ending balance of \$6,304 and the first C-4 report for 2025 had an opening balance of \$5,576.54. This carryforward difference indicated something was either missing or in error in the reporting. The Committee audited their 2024 and 2025 reports and made amendments to the C-4s from both years. The corrections were completed by August 11, 2025, and are as follows:
 - The Committee received contributions in February 2024 that were not reported to the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC). A *Cash Receipts, Monetary Contributions* (C-3) report was filed on July 30, 2025, showing a deposit of \$175. The Committee reported contributions totaling \$56.46 received in October 2024 that were amended on August 1, 2025, that removed the previously reported \$56.46 in contributions. Additionally, there was an expenditure of \$1,000.00 to John Traynor on June 28, 2024, for travel costs that was not reported until July 30, 2025. Subsequently, to ensure accurate carryforward balances, multiple C-4s were amended, starting with February 2024 and continuing through July 2025.

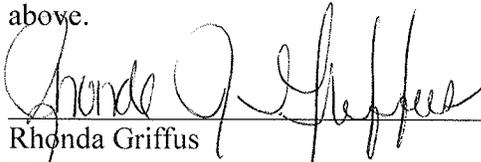
- A C-3 report submitted timely on February 4, 2025, reported \$849.48 in contributions received on January 24, 2025. This report was amended on August 1, 2025, to change the contributions received to \$813.48. A C-3 submitted five months late on August 6, 2025, for a deposit made on February 4, 2025, showed \$625 in contributions received. The C-4 submitted on June 26, 2025, for the period of January 1, 2025, to May 31, 2025, originally showed receipts of \$4,423.75 and expenditures of \$600, and was amended on August 11, 2025, to reflect a change in receipts to \$5,012.75 and expenditures of \$1,821.55.
- The carryforward issue alleged in the complaint, between the 2024 and 2025 elections, was addressed by the audit and subsequent filing and amending of multiple reports as described above.
- In January 2025, the Committee exceeded the financial activity threshold of \$750 in a period at which time a monthly report was due. The Committee did not submit C-4 reports for the January, February, March, or April reporting periods until June 26, 2025. The corresponding C-3 reports were filed timely.
- The Committee participated in the 2024 election and is participating in the 2025 election.
- The Committee continued a monthly reporting schedule through August 2025 resulting in the 21-day and 7-day pre-primary reports required for committees participating in an election not being submitted.
- The Committee has no prior violations of related PDC rules or regulations.

The Committee would like to avoid the time and expense of a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, the Committee acknowledges that it violated Washington state law as described above and agrees to enter this *Statement of Understanding* (SOU) to resolve the above matter with the PDC.

In accordance with the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in WAC 390-37-143, the Committee agrees to pay a penalty of \$150 for an acknowledged violation for a first occurrence of late and inaccurate reporting on the *Cash*

Receipts, Monetary Contributions (C-3) reports and Receipts & Expenditure Summary (C-4) reports in 2024 and a \$150 penalty for an acknowledged violation for a second occurrence of late and inaccurate filed C-3 reports and late filed C-4 reports during election year 2025.

The Committee understands that, by signing this SOU, it acknowledges the violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW and Title 390 WAC set forth above and waives its right to a hearing in this matter. The Committee further understands that signing this SOU and returning it to the PDC with a payment for the combined \$300 civil penalty will resolve the issue of failing to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures in election years 2024 and 2025 described above.


Rhonda Griffus
Treasurer

9-11-25

Date Signed