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Travis Meacham, AG Water and Power Users of Grant County  
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Subject: Commission Final Order, AG Water and Power Users of Grant County PDC Cases 42326 and 42398

Dear Mr. Meacham:

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Final Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case concerning AG Water and Power Users of Grant County. Also enclosed is a copy of the Stipulation as to Facts, Violations and Penalty that was accepted by the Commission.

At its April 25, 2019 meeting, the Commission found AG Water and Power Users of Grant County in violation of RCW 42.17A.205 and RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 and assessed a total civil penalty of \$10,000 of which \$7,500 is suspended on the following conditions: (1) The Respondent 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; (2) The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC reporting requirements and; (3) The non-suspended portion of the penalty (\$2,500) is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order

Please make your \$2,500 check or money order payable to the WA State Treasurer, and mail the payment to the address listed below:

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

In the event AG Water and Power Users of Grant County fails to meet any of the above terms of this order, the entire \$10,000 penalty will become immediately due without any further intervention of the Commission.

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If you have questions, please contact Alice Fiman at (360) 584-4746; toll free at (877) 601-2828  
or by email at [alice.fiman@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:alice.fiman@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Lavalley", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Lavalley  
Executive Director

Enclosure: Final Order and Stipulation as to Facts, Violations and Penalty

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

In re the Matter of Enforcement Action  
Against:

AG. WATER AND POWER USERS OF  
GRANT COUNTY,

Respondent.

PDC CASE NOS. 42326 and  
42398

FINAL ORDER

**I. INTRODUCTION**

This matter was heard by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (Commission) on April 25, 2019, at the Public Disclosure Commission Office, 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Olympia, Washington 98504. The hearing was held pursuant to Chapter 34.05 RCW, Chapter 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37 WAC.

Commissioners present were Anne Levinson, Commission Chair (presiding); David Ammons, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners William Downing, Russell Lehman, and Fred Jarrett. Also present were Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission; Assistant Attorney General Chad Standifer representing PDC staff; and Kurt Young and Alice Fiman, Compliance Officers, on behalf of PDC Staff. Travis Meacham, President of Ag. Water and Power Users of Grant County, appeared telephonically. The proceeding was open to the public and recorded.

1 The hearing concerned allegations that Ag. Water and Power Users of Grant County  
2 (Respondent) violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to timely register as a political committee  
3 and RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3  
4 reports) and Campaign Summary Receipts and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports) disclosing  
5 contribution and expenditure activities totaling \$54,804.

6 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- 7 • Report of Investigation prepared by PDC Compliance Officer Alice Fiman, dated April 16,  
8 2019, which included:
  - 9 ○ Complaint filed by Emry Dinman against the Respondent on October 16,  
10 2018;
  - 11 ○ Complaint filed by Don Long against the Respondent on October 19,  
12 2018;
  - 13 ○ Response from Travis Meacham on behalf of the Respondent dated  
14 November 8, 2018;
  - 15 ○ Committee Registration (C-1pc report) filed by the Respondent on  
16 December 21, 2018;
  - 17 ○ C-4 reports filed by the Respondent on December 21, 2018, covering the  
18 period June 12 through September 30, 2018;
  - 19 ○ C-3 report filed by the Respondent on February 6, 2019, disclosing a  
20 \$55,804 monetary contribution to the Respondent;
  - 21 ○ Amended C-4 reports filed by the Respondent on February 26, 2019,  
22 covering the period October 1, through October 30, 2018; and
  - 23 ○ Original C-4 reports filed by the Respondent on February 26, 2019,  
24 covering the period October 1, through October 30, 2018.
- 25 • Proposed Stipulation as to Facts, Violations, and Penalty submitted by the parties, signed on  
26 April 19, 2019, and April 22, 2019.

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**II. STIPULATION**

The parties jointly submitted a signed Stipulation as to Facts, Violations, and Penalty (Stipulation). Mr. Standifer presented the Stipulation, reviewed the aggravating and mitigating factors, summarized the proposed penalties, and asked the Commission to accept the Stipulation. In response to Commission questions, the Staff provided testimony that the Respondent had been responsive in addressing the complaint; was now in compliance with all reporting obligations; that the violations were inadvertent and that the Respondent had limited experience with PDC reporting requirements; and articulated the rationale for the proportion of the penalty to be suspended. Travis Meacham provided testimony on behalf of the Respondent, explained the factors that led to the late filings, took responsibility, and also asked the Commission to accept the Stipulation. The Commission voted 5-0 to accept the Stipulation.

**III. FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Ag. Water and Power Users of Grant County is a non-profit, agricultural cooperative formed by farmers and agricultural businesses in Grant County, whose members pay dues to the organization based on their water and power usages. It then advocates for policies that benefit its members.

2. For calendar years 2010 through 2014, the Respondent made a total of \$5,900 in monetary contributions to candidates for public office, including six candidates for Grant County Public Utility District (PUD) Commissioner in 2010 and 2014; two statewide candidates in 2012; and a legislative candidate in 2014. Contributions were timely reported by the candidates and the amounts contributed did not exceed the threshold to require separate reporting by the Respondents. The Staff's investigation did not find that the Respondent made any contributions during the 2016 election.

3. On December 21, 2018, Ag. Water and Power Users of Grant County PAC (Committee) retroactively filed a Committee Registration (C-1pc report) as a continuing political

1 committee for the 2018 election cycle, selecting the Full Reporting Option and listing Travis  
2 Meacham as President and Campaign Manager and Ryan Van Dyke as Treasurer. The C-1pc  
3 report also disclosed Mr. Meacham, Mr. Van Dyke and David Stevens as Committee Officers.

4 4. On June 12, 2018, the Respondent made two \$15,000 monetary contributions to Judy  
5 Wilson and Nelson Cox, two candidates seeking election to the office of PUD Commissioner for  
6 Grant County Public Utility District No. 2. The \$30,000 in contributions represented a  
7 significant portion of the year-to-date total expenditures made by the Respondent.

8 5. The Respondent was required to register as a political committee and file a C-1pc  
9 report within two weeks of making those contributions, or not later than June 26, 2018. The  
10 Committee filed its initial C-1pc report on December 21, 2018, which was filed 178 days late,  
11 and 45 days after the November 6, 2018 general election date.

12 6. The Respondent made the following contributions in 2018, which were disclosed by  
13 candidates Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox on their respective C-3 reports:

- 14 ○ The 2018 Judy Wilson for PUD Commissioner #1 Campaign disclosed  
15 receiving \$27,902 in total contributions from the Respondent. The  
16 Campaign filed a C-3 report on the following dates: on June 18, 2018,  
17 disclosing that on June 12, 2018 the Campaign received a \$15,000  
18 monetary contribution; on September 7, 2018, disclosing that on August  
19 21, 2018, the Campaign received a \$500 monetary contribution; on  
20 September 24, 2018, disclosing that on September 17, 2018, the  
21 Campaign received a \$10,500 monetary contribution; and on October 16,  
22 2018, disclosing that on October 10, 2018, the Campaign received two  
23 monetary contributions totaling \$1,902.
- 24 ○ The 2018 Elect Nelson Cox Campaign disclosed receiving \$27,902 in  
25 total contributions from the Respondent. The Campaign filed a C-3 report  
26 on the following dates: on June 14, 2018, disclosing that on June 13, 2018,

1 the Campaign received a \$15,000 monetary contribution; on August 20,  
2 2018, disclosing that on August 17, 2018, the campaign received a \$500  
3 monetary contribution; on September 24, 2018, disclosing that on  
4 September 17, 2018, the Campaign received a \$10,500 monetary  
5 contribution; and on October 15, 23018, disclosing that on October 10,  
6 2018, the campaign received two monetary contributions totaling \$1,902.

7 7. On December 21, 2018, the Committee filed nineteen C-3 reports disclosing \$82,977  
8 in monetary contributions from the Respondent's members during the calendar year 2018. The  
9 Committee inadvertently disclosed every member that had contributed to the Committee when  
10 they made a dues payment in 2018 and included the Respondent's funds on hand as of December  
11 31, 2017. The C-3 reports should have disclosed the Respondent as the source of the funds and  
12 the sole contributor.

13 8. On February 6, 2019, the Committee filed a new C-3 report disclosing that a \$55,804  
14 monetary contribution was received from the Respondent on June 12, 2018. The C-3 report was  
15 filed 239 days late. Because the \$55,804 in contributions were previously disclosed on  
16 December 21, 2018 as part of the nineteen previously filed C-3 reports, Staff calculated the days  
17 late based on a filing date of December 21, 2018. Therefore, the C-3 reports were filed 178  
18 days late, and 45 days after the November 6, 2018 general election date.

19 9. On December 21, 2018, the Committee filed C-4 reports covering the period of January  
20 1, through September 30, 2018, disclosing \$58,300 in expenditures made, the majority of which  
21 were in the form of monetary contributions to Grant County PUD Commissioner candidates Judy  
22 Wilson and Nelson Cox. However, the Committee was only required to file C-4 reports  
23 disclosing political activities undertaken during the period of June 12, through September 30,  
24 2018 election cycle. The contributions during the required period for C-4 reports were:

- 25 ○ Two \$15,000 monetary contributions made by the Committee on June 12, 2018
- 26 to the Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox Campaigns that were listed on the 21-day

1 Pre-Primary Election C-4 report. The contribution information was disclosed  
2 157 days late and 45 days after the November 8, 2018 general election.

3 ○ Two \$500 monetary contributions made by the Committee on August 16, 2018  
4 to the Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox Campaigns that were listed on the Post-  
5 Primary Election C-4 report. The contribution information was disclosed 102  
6 days late and 45 days after the November 8, 2018 general election.

7 ○ Two \$10,500 monetary contributions made by the Committee on September 17,  
8 2018 to the Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox Campaigns that were listed on the  
9 September, 2018, C-4 report. The contribution information was disclosed 72  
10 days late and 45 days after the November 8, 2018 general election.

11 10. On February 26, 2019, the Committee filed a C-4 report disclosing two \$1,752  
12 monetary contributions made to Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox on October 3, 2018, and two \$150  
13 monetary contributions made to Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox on October 10, 2018. The  
14 Committee was required to disclose the information on a C-4 report due October 16, 2018, and  
15 the information was disclosed 133 days late.

#### 16 **IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

20 2. Ag. Water and Power Users of Grant County violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to  
21 timely register as a political committee within two weeks after making two \$15,000 contributions  
22 to candidates for Grant County PUD Commissioner on June 12, 2018

23 3. Ag. Water and Power Users of Grant County violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by  
24 failing to timely and accurately file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary  
25 Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Reports (C-4 reports) disclosing \$55,804 in  
26 contributions received and expenditures made in support of Grant County PUD Commissioner

1 candidates Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox.

2 **V. ORDER**

3 Based upon the stipulated Findings and Conclusions, the Commission accepts the  
4 Stipulation of the parties and orders that:

5 1. Respondent Ag. Water and Power Users of Grant County is assessed a total civil  
6 penalty of \$10,000, with \$7,500 suspended, on the following conditions:

7 a. The Respondent is not found to have committed any further violations of  
8 Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years of the date of  
9 this Final Order. The suspended penalty shall not be assessed based solely  
10 upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or error classified by the  
11 Commission as appropriate to address by a technical correction.

12 b. The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC reporting  
13 requirements.

14 c. The non-suspended portion of the penalty (\$2,500) is paid by the  
15 Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.

16 2. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the conditions of this Order, the  
17 suspended portion of the penalty shall immediately become due without further  
18 action by the Commission.

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20 So ORDERED this 3rd day of May, 2019.

21 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC  
22 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

23 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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25 Anne Levinson  
26 Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

1 Copy of this Order mailed and/or emailed to:

2 Travis Meachum, President, Ag. Water and Power Users of Grant County  
3 P.O. Box 698  
4 Moses Lake, WA 98837  
5 ([tmeacham999@gmail.com](mailto:tmeacham999@gmail.com))

6 Kurt Young and Alice Fiman, PDC Staff ([Kurt.Young@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:Kurt.Young@pdc.wa.gov);  
7 [Alice.Fiman@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:Alice.Fiman@pdc.wa.gov));

8 Chad Standifer, Assistant Attorney General, Counsel for PDC Staff ([ChadS@atg.wa.gov](mailto:ChadS@atg.wa.gov))

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I, Alice Fiman, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent/  
Applicant at his/her respective address postage pre-paid on the date stated herein.  
Alice J. Fiman 5/31/2019  
Signed Date

27 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

28 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for  
29 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon  
30 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.  
31 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,  
32 711 Capitols Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

33 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

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

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Case No. 42326 & 42398

**STIPULATION AS TO  
FACTS, VIOLATIONS AND  
PENALTY**

The parties to this Stipulation, namely, the Public Disclosure Commission Staff, through its Executive Director, Peter Lavalley, and Respondent, AG Water and Power Users of Grant County through Travis Meacham, President, submit this Stipulation as to Facts, Violations and Penalty in this matter. The parties agree that the Commission has the authority to accept, reject or modify the terms of this Stipulation. The parties further agree that in the event the Commission suggests modification to any term of this agreement, each party reserves the right to reject that modification. In the event either party rejects a modification, this matter will proceed to hearing before the Commission.

**JURISDICTION**

The Public Disclosure Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to RCW 42.17A, the state campaign finance and disclosure laws; RCW 34.05, the Administrative Procedure Act; and WAC 390.

**FACTS**

1. AG Water and Power Users of Grant County is a non-profit, agricultural cooperative formed by farmers and agricultural business in Grant County, whose members pay dues to the organization based on their water and power usages. It then advocates policies to benefit its members.
2. For calendar years 2010 through 2014, AG Water and Power Users of Grant County made a total of \$5,900 in monetary contributions to candidates for public office that included six candidates for Grant County Public Utility District (PUD) Commissioner in 2010 and 2014; two Statewide candidates in 2012, and a Legislative candidate in 2014. Staff's review did not find that AG Water and Power Users of Grant County made any contributions during the 2016 election.

**Failure to timely register as a political committee**

3. On December 21, 2018, AG Water and Power Users of Grant County PAC (Committee) retroactively filed a Committee Registration (C-1pc report) as a continuing political committee for the 2018 election cycle, selecting the Full Reporting Option and listing Travis Meacham as President and Campaign Manager and Ryan Van Dyke as Treasurer. The C-1pc report also disclosed Mr. Meacham, Mr. Van Dyke and David Stevens as Committee Officers.
4. On June 12, 2018, AG Water and Power Users of Grant County made two \$15,000 monetary contributions to Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox, two candidates seeking election to the office of PUD Commissioner for Grant County Public Utility District No. 2. The \$30,000 in contributions represented a significant portion of the year-to-date total expenditures made by AG Water and Power Users of Grant County.
5. Based on that information, the AG Water and Power Users of Grant County was required to register as a political committee and file a C-1pc report within two weeks of making those contributions, or not later than June 26, 2018. The Committee filed its initial C-1pc report on December 21, 2018, which was filed 178 days late, and 45 days after the November 6, 2018 general election date.

**Failure to timely file C-3 and C-4 reports**

6. Candidates for PUD Commissioner in 2018 were not subject to contribution limits in accordance with RCW 42.17A.405. AG Water and Power Users of Grant County made the following contributions in 2018, which were disclosed by candidates Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox on the respective C-3 reports:
  - The 2018 Judy Wilson for PUD Commissioner #1 Campaign disclosed receiving \$27,902 in total contributions from AG Water and Power Users of Grant County. The Campaign filed a C-3 report: (1) On June 18, 2018, disclosing that on June 12, 2018, the campaign received a \$15,000 monetary contribution; (2) On September 7, 2018, disclosing that on August 21, 2018, the campaign received a \$500 monetary contribution; (3) On September 24, 2018, disclosing that on September 17, 2018, the campaign received a \$10,500 monetary contribution; and (4) On October 16, 2018, disclosing that on October 10, 2018, the campaign received two monetary contributions totaling \$1,902.

- The 2018 Elect Nelson Cox Campaign disclosed receiving \$27,902 in total contributions from AG Water and Power Users of Grant County. The Campaign filed a C-3 report: (1) On June 14, 2018, disclosing that on June 13, 2018, the campaign received a \$15,000 monetary contribution; (2) On August 20, 2018, disclosing that on August 17, 2018, the campaign received a \$500 monetary contribution; (3) On September 24, 2018, disclosing that on September 17, 2018, the campaign received a \$10,500 monetary contribution; and (4) On October 15, 2018, disclosing that on October 10, 2018, the campaign received two monetary contributions totaling \$1,902.
7. On December 21, 2018, the Committee filed 19 C-3 reports disclosing \$82,977 in monetary contributions received from AG Water and Power Users of Grant County members during calendar year 2018. The Committee inadvertently disclosed every member that had contributed to the Committee when they made a dues payment in 2018 and included the AG Water and Power Users of Grant County funds on hand as of December 31, 2017. The C-3 reports should have disclosed the AG Water and Power Users of Grant County as the source of the funds and the sole contributor.
  8. On February 6, 2019 the Committee filed a new C-3 report disclosing that a \$55,804 monetary contribution was received from the AG Water and Power Users of Grant County on June 12, 2018. The C-3 report was filed 239 days late. Because \$55,804 in contributions were previously disclosed on December 21, 2018 as part of the 19 previously filed C-3 reports, staff calculated the days late based on a filing date of December 21, 2018. Therefore, the C-3 reports were filed 178 days late, and 45 days after the November 6, 2018 general election date.
  9. On December 21, 2018, the Committee filed C-4 reports covering the period January through September 30, 2018, disclosing \$58,300 in expenditures made, the majority of which were in the form of monetary contributions to Grant County PUD Commissioner candidates Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox. However, the Committee was only required to file C-4 reports disclosing political activities undertaken during the period June 12 through September 30, 2018 election cycle, below:
    - Two \$15,000 monetary contributions made by the Committee on June 12, 2018 to the Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox Campaigns were listed on the 21-day Pre-Primary Election C-4 report. The contribution information was disclosed 157 days late and 45 days after the November 8, 2018 general election.

- Two \$500 monetary contributions made by the Committee on August 16, 2018 to the Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox Campaigns were listed on the Post-Primary Election C-4 report. The contribution information was disclosed 102 days late and 45 days after the November 8, 2018 general election.
  - Two \$10,500 monetary contributions made by the Committee on September 17, 2018 to the Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox Campaigns were listed on the September 2018 C-4 report. The contribution information was disclosed 72 days late and 45 days after the November 8, 2018 general election.
10. On February 26, 2019, the Committee filed a C-4 report disclosing two \$1,752 monetary contributions made to Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox on October 3, 2018, and two \$150 monetary contributions made to Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox on October 10, 2018. The Committee was required to disclose the information on a C-4 report due October 16, 2018, and the information was disclosed 133 days late.

#### **Factors in Mitigation**

11. The Committee was a first-time political committee. AG Water and Power Users of Grant County were inexperienced and had no prior knowledge or involvement with the PDC reporting requirements as a political committee.
12. Prior to 2018, the Committee had only made a small number of contributions totaling \$5,900 to candidates in even numbered election years 2010, 2012, and 2014.
13. PUD Commissioner candidates Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox timely disclosed the receipt of the \$55,804 in monetary contributions received from the Committee on their respective C-3 reports. Public Utility District Commissioner candidates were not subject to contribution limits in 2018.

#### **Factors in Aggravation**

14. The complaints in this matter were filed on October 16 and 19, 2018, respectively, and the Committee failed to register and file any C-3 or C-4 reports until December 21, 2018, 45 days after the November 6, 2018 general election.

15. The public was deprived of Committee expenditure information for the entire 2018 election cycle, concerning the disclosure of \$54,804 in Committee expenditures made in the form of monetary contributions to Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox.

### STATUTORY AND RULE AUTHORITY

**RCW 42.17A.205** requires every political committee to file a statement of organization with the commission. The statement must be filed within two weeks after organization or within two weeks after the date the committee first has the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in any election campaign, whichever is earlier.

**RCW 42.17A.235** and **RCW 42.17A.240** requires continuing political committees to file timely, accurate reports of contributions and expenditures under the full reporting option. C-4 reports are required monthly when contributions or expenditures exceed \$200 since the last report was filed and C-4 reports are also required 21 and 7 days before each election, and in the month following the election. The C-4 reports are required to accurately disclose contribution and expenditure information, including the name and address of each person to whom an expenditure was made in the aggregate amount of more than fifty dollars during the period covered by this report, the amount, date, and the detailed description or purpose of each expenditure, and the total sum of all expenditures.

### VIOLATIONS

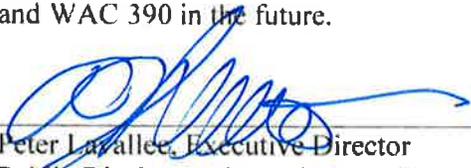
Based on the Stipulation of Facts set forth above, the Committee stipulates to the following:

- 1 The Committee violated RCW 42.17A.205 by failing to timely register as a political committee within two weeks after making two \$15,000 contributions to candidates for Grant County PUD Commissioner on June 12, 2018.
- 2 The Committee violated RCW 42.17A 235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Reports (C-4 reports) disclosing \$55,804 in contributions received and expenditures made in support of Grant County PUD Commissioner candidates Judy Wilson and Nelson Cox.

**PENALTY**

1. Based upon the Stipulation of Facts and Violations set forth above, the Committee agrees to pay a total civil penalty of \$10,000 with \$7,500 suspended on the following conditions:
  - a. The Committee is not found to have committed any further violations of RCW 42.17A or WAC 390 within four years of the date of the final order in this matter. The suspended penalty shall not be assessed based upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or error classified by the commission as appropriate to address by a technical correction.
  - b. The Committee is in compliance with the PDC reporting requirements.
  - c. The non-suspended portion of the penalty (\$2,500) is paid by the Committee within 30 days of the date of the final order in this matter.

The Committee affirms its intention to comply in good faith with the provisions of RCW 42.17A and WAC 390 in the future.

  
Peter Lavalley, Executive Director  
Public Disclosure Commission

4/22/2019  
Date Signed

  
Travis Meacham, President  
AG Power and Water Users of Grant County

4-19-2019  
Date Signed