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March 9, 2020

Alma Gottlieb-McHale
4211 South Juneau St.
Seattle, WA 98118

And delivered electronically to “almagottliebmcchale@gmail.com”

Subject: PDC Order, Case 65098

Dear Alma Gottlieb-McHale,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission’s Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case. At the February 28, 2020, Brief Enforcement hearing, the Presiding Officer assessed a total civil penalty of \$150 in accordance with WAC 390-37-143, of which \$150 is suspended.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

If you have questions, please contact us by email at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____
Tabitha Townsend
Compliance Coordinator

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 65098

ALMA GOTTLIEB-MCHALE,
Respondent.

Findings of Fact,
Conclusions of Law, and
Order Imposing Fine

Pursuant to the brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) notice sent to Alma Gottlieb-McHale on February 14, 2020, a brief adjudicative proceeding was held on February 28, 2020, in Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington, to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.615 by failing to file Monthly Lobbyist Expense Reports (L-2 reports) as a lobbyist for the 2019 calendar year. The L-2 reports were due to be filed by the 15th of each month, disclosing lobbying activities in the previous calendar month.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 RCW and 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commission Chair Dave Ammons was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Coordinator. The Respondent participated in the hearing telephonically and by written statement.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent was a registered lobbyist in the State of Washington during calendar year 2019.
2. As a registered lobbyist, the Respondent was required to file the L-2 reports by the 15th of each month, disclosing compensation and lobbying expenses in the prior calendar month, such as travel, entertainment, contributions, advertising, and other lobbying expenses.
3. The Respondent filed the missing L-2 reports for August through November of 2019 prior to the date of the hearing.
4. The Respondent did not lobby during December 2019.
5. The Respondent has no prior violations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concludes as follows:

1. This matter was duly and properly convened and all jurisdictional, substantive, and procedural requirements have been satisfied.
2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.615 by failing to file the L-2 reports by the 15th of the month as required.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

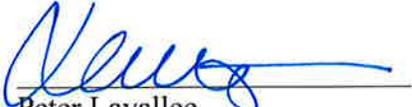
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$150, with \$150 suspended, in accordance with the L-2 penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-143. The suspended portion of the penalty is upon condition that the Respondent:

- 1. Commits no further violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC for a period of four years following the date of this Order.**

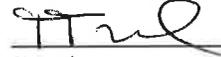
This is an **Initial Order** of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this 9th day of March.

Public Disclosure Commission


Peter Lavalley
Executive Director

I, Tabitha Townsend, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their respective address postage pre-paid on the date stated herein.


Signed

March 9, 2020
Date

APPEALS OF INITIAL ORDER

REVIEW OF INITIAL ORDER - BY THE COMMISSION

You may request that the full Commission review this initial order. To seek review, you must:

- Make the request by email, stating the reason for review, and identifying what alleged errors are contained in the initial order. *See* WAC 390-37-144(1).
- All requests for review must be submitted electronically to pdc@pdc.wa.gov.
REQUESTS FOR REVIEW MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION WITHIN TWENTY-ONE (21) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE THIS INITIAL ORDER WAS ELECTRONICALLY DISTRIBUTED TO YOU.

If review of this initial order is timely requested, the full Commission will hear the matter. If the Commission is unable to schedule a meeting to consider the request within twenty (20) calendar days, this initial order becomes a final order, and any request for Review will automatically be considered a request for reconsideration of a final order. *See* WAC 390-37-144(4). The matter would then be scheduled for consideration and disposition at the next Commission meeting at which it is practicable to do so.

A Respondent does not need to pay a penalty until after the Commission rules on a request for review of an initial order.

FURTHER APPEAL RIGHTS – SUPERIOR COURT

If the Commission does not receive a request for review of this initial order within twenty-one (21) calendar days, the initial order shall be the FINAL ORDER. *See* WAC 390-37-142(7).

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL A FINAL ORDER TO SUPERIOR COURT, PURSUANT TO THE PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW PROVISIONS OF RCW 34.05.514 *et seq.*

