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May 25, 2021

Gerald George
PO Box 2102
La Conner WA 98257-2100

Subject: PDC Order, Case 80215

Dear Gerald George,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case. At the April 28, 2021, Brief Enforcement hearing, the Presiding Officer assessed a total civil penalty of \$500 in accordance with WAC 390-37-143. The \$500 penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order.

The \$500 penalty is payable no later than **June 24, 2021**. Please make the check or money order payable to the WA State Treasurer, and mail the payment to the following:

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

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please file the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2019.

Please note that the F-1 report for calendar year 2018 is still missing and was ordered to be filed in PDC case number 38870.

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

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Tabitha Townsend

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 80215

Gerald George,

Respondent

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

Pursuant to the brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) notice sent to Gerald George on April 28, 2021 a brief adjudicative proceeding was held on May 13, 2021 remotely from Olympia, WA by live audio and online transmission, to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Statement of Financial Affairs (F-1 report), as an elected or appointed official covering calendar year 2019, on or before April 15, 2020.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 RCW and 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commission Chair Fred Jarrett was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Coordinator. The Respondent did not participate in the hearing.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent was a Hospital Commissioner for Clallam Public Hospital District 01.
2. As an elected or appointed official, the Respondent was required to file their F-1 report covering calendar year 2019, on or before April 15, 2020
3. The Respondent did not file the missing F-1 report prior to the date of the hearing.
4. The Respondent has one prior violation of RCW 42.17A.700; PDC Case 38870.

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.700 by failing to file their F-1 report covering calendar year 2019, on or before April 15, 2020.

ORDER

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

1. **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a total civil penalty of \$500, in accordance with the F-1 report penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-143.**
2. **It is further ordered that the Respondent:**
 - a. **Pay the \$500 civil penalty within 30 days of the date of this Order. If the Respondent fails to pay the \$500 within 30 days, PDC staff is directed to refer the matter to collections with no further action by the commission.**
 - b. **File the missing F-1 report covering calendar year 2019 electronically within 30 days of the date of this order.**

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

Entered this 25th day of May 2021.

Public Disclosure Commission

Electronically Signed by Peter Frey Lavallee

Peter Frey Lavallee
Executive Director

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

<u>Electronically Signed by Tabitha Townsend</u>	<u>5/25/21</u>
Signed	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 pdcc@pdc.wa.gov
- **REQUESTS FOR REVIEW MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION WITHIN TWENTY-ONE (21) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DATE 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 34.05.542.