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September 19, 2024

Delivered electronically to Jeffery Scott McHargue at mchargue171@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Conner Edwards, PDC Case 156266

Dear Jeffery Scott McHargue:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Connor Edwards concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Mr. Edwards, the PDC has dismissed this matter following RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

However, per WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this serves as a formal written warning concerning the requirement under RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately file Cash Receipts, Monetary Contributions (C-3) and Receipts & Expenditure Summary (C-4) reports. Staff expects you, moving forward, to follow all statutes and rules about filing accurate and timely campaign reports. If violations of PDC statutes or rules occur in the future, the Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action.

If you have questions, you may contact Tanya Mercier by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

/s/ Electronically signed

Tanya Mercier

Compliance Officer

/s/ Electronically signed

Peter Frey Lavalley

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Subject: Complaint against Jeffery Scott McHargue, PDC Case 156266

Dear Conner Edwards:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review and assessment of the complaint you filed on June 30, 2024. The complaint alleged that Jeffrey Scott McHargue, a candidate for Mason County Public Utility District 3 Commissioner, may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to file timely and accurate Cash Receipts, Monetary Contributions (C-3) and Receipts & Expenditure Summary (C-4) reports in the 2024 election.

PDC staff reviewed the allegation(s); the applicable statutes and rules, and reporting requirements; the response(s) provided by the Respondent; the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent; and other relevant information, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- The Respondent filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) with the PDC on February 14, 2024, for the Full Reporting option.
- Upon review of the campaign reporting, PDC staff found that C-3 110218021, for a 2/13/24 deposit, was filed 4 months late. C-4 110211450 reflecting contributions deposited on 2/13/24 was also filed 4 months late. C-4 110217351 was filed timely but was missing required description information and was amended on 7/22/24, after the complaint.
- The candidate did not appear on the Primary Election ballot, so the 21-day and 7-day reports were not due for this campaign. The late and amended reports were all filed well in advance of the General Election.

- The Respondent is a first-time candidate and does not have other similar warnings or violations of PDC requirements.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failing to file timely and accurate Cash Receipts, Monetary Contributions (C-3) and Receipts & Expenditure Summary (C-4) reports in the 2024 election does not amount a violation that calls for further investigation.

Per WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, Jeffery Scott McHargue will receive a formal written warning concerning the requirement under RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately file Cash Receipts, Monetary Contributions (C-3) and Receipts & Expenditure Summary (C-4) reports. Staff expects Mr. McHargue, moving forward, to follow all statutes and rules about filing accurate and timely campaign reports. If violations of PDC statutes or rules occur in the future, the Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action necessary and has dismissed this matter per RCW 42.17A.755(1).

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cc: Jeffery Scott McHargue