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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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STATE OF OREGON

In the matter of a Late Contribution and Expenditure Report)
by the Oregon Taxpayers in Washington,) Final Order by Default
Eric Ohlsen, Treasurer, for the Post Election for the)
May 16, 2006, Primary Election) Case No. L8846
)

March 9, 2007

Oregon Taxpayers in Washington (005211)
Eric Ohlsen, Treasurer
c/o Melody Dean
7101 NE 74th Ave
Vancouver, WA 98662

Dear Mr. Ohlsen:

This is a Final Order by Default issued by the Secretary of State (secretary) for your failure to file a timely post election contribution and expenditure report for the May 16, 2006, Primary Election.

On December 6, 2006, the secretary notified the Oregon Taxpayers in Washington (committee), pursuant to ORS 260.232(2), that it had failed to file the report and that the secretary may impose a civil penalty. An opportunity for a hearing was provided in that notice; however, no request for a hearing was received by the secretary within the time permitted in the notice. Accordingly, after consideration of the records and files of the secretary regarding this matter, the secretary is entering the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The committee's Statement of Organization (SEL 221), applicable during the reporting period, was filed with the secretary on December 12, 2005. The statement reported Eric Ohlsen as the treasurer and c/o Melody Dean 7101 NE 74th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98662 as the address to which all committee correspondence was to be sent.
2. The committee was required to file a post election report with the secretary on June 15, 2006.
3. The secretary sent the committee a notice that it had failed to file a timely report on June 16, 2006. The notice was sent by first class mail to the treasurer at the above-referenced address.

4. On June 30, 2006, the secretary sent a letter to the committee informing them that their report had still not been received.
5. The secretary received the report on July 3, 2006, which is 12 business days after the date on which the report was due.
6. The committee reported no contributions or expenditures during the accounting period for the report.
7. On December 6, 2006, the secretary sent the committee a Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty. The notice was sent by both certified and first class mail to the treasurer at the above-referenced address. The notice proposed a civil penalty of \$50.00 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by Robert Dean on December 26, 2006.
8. The committee did not request a public hearing or submit notarized testimony in lieu of a public hearing.
9. The secretary has record of one previous late filing during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2005.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Eric Ohlsen, Treasurer, failed to file a timely post election contribution and expenditure report for the May 16, 2006, Primary Election.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Treasurer Eric Ohlsen's failure to file a timely post election contribution and expenditure report for the May 16, 2006, Primary Election violated ORS 260.063.

By statute, a maximum \$10,000 civil penalty may be imposed for this violation. The *2006 Campaign Finance Manual*, which contains a penalty calculation matrix on pages 104–106, is designated in OAR 165-012-0005 as the procedure manual for Oregon campaign finance regulations.

Under the penalty matrix, the maximum statutory penalty of \$10,000 is reduced to 3% of the total contributions or total expenditures—whichever is greater—for each business day the report was late as this is the second late violation by the treasurer.

Although the committee reported no activity during the accounting period for the late report, the penalty matrix sets a minimum penalty of \$50.00 for a candidate's or treasurer's second late violation.

ORDER

Payment of the proposed civil penalty of \$50.00 was received in the office of the Secretary of State on March 6, 2007. This Order will serve as your receipt and this matter is now considered closed.

RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

You have the right to appeal this Order to the Oregon Court of Appeals pursuant to ORS 183.482. To appeal you must file a petition for judicial review with the Court of Appeals within 60 days from the day this Order was served to you. Because this Order was mailed to you, the date of service is the day it was *mailed*, not the day you received it. If you do not file a petition for judicial review within the 60-day time period, you will lose your right to appeal.

Jan Flowers, Compliance Specialist

DATE of Service: _____