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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OF THE  
STATE OF OREGON

In the matter of an Insufficient Contribution and )  
Expenditure Report by Judge Virginia Linder for Supreme ) Final Order by Default  
Court Committee, Virginia Linder, Candidate, Mary )  
Schubotho, Treasurer, for the Second Pre-Election for the ) Case No. NT9228  
May 16, 2006, Primary Election )

August 23, 2007

Judge Virginia Linder for Supreme Court Committee (004714)  
Virginia Linder, Candidate / Mary Schubotho, Treasurer  
528 Cottage St NE, Ste 300 B  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Justice Linder:

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

On June 26, 2007, the secretary notified Judge Virginia Linder for Supreme Court Committee (committee) that it had failed to file a sufficient second pre-election contribution and expenditure 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 220), applicable during the reporting period, was filed with the secretary on November 2, 2005. The statement reported Mary Schubotho as the treasurer and 528 Cottage St NE, Ste 300 B, Salem, OR 97301 as the mailing address for both candidate and committee correspondence.
2. The committee filed a second pre-election report with the secretary on May 4, 2006.
3. On May 19, 2006, the secretary sent the committee an exam letter for the report. The exam letter stated that any amendment adding or deleting a contribution or expenditure or changing the amount of a previously reported contribution or expenditure must be submitted by June 1, 2006, to avoid penalties.

4. On June 15, 2006, an amendment to the committee's report was filed. The amendment increased the total amount of "Miscellaneous contribution \$100 and under" by \$100.23, added a contribution of \$400.00 from Robert E. Maloney, and added two expenditures to Blue Utopia On-line Funds for \$10.10 and \$17.00. This amendment was filed ten business days after the new transaction deadline.
5. On June 26, 2007, the secretary sent the committee a Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty. The notice was sent by both certified and first class mail to the candidate and was sent by first class mail to the treasurer at the above-referenced address. The notice proposed a civil penalty of \$52.70 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by Autumn H. Hover on June 29, 2007.
6. The committee did not request a public hearing or submit notarized testimony in lieu of a public hearing.

#### ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Virginia Linder, Candidate, Mary Schubothe, Treasurer, failed to file a sufficient second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 16, 2006, Primary Election.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate Virginia Linder's and Treasurer Mary Schubothe's failure to file a sufficient second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 16, 2006, Primary Election violated ORS 260.058, ORS 260.083 and OAR 165-012-0005.

A maximum \$10,000 civil penalty may be imposed for this violation. The *2006 Campaign Finance Manual*, which contains a penalty calculation matrix on page 110, is designated in OAR 165-012-0005 as the procedure manual for Oregon campaign finance regulations.

The maximum penalty of \$10,000 is reduced to 1% of the amount of the change of each transaction multiplied by the number of business days the amendment was filed late, up to 100 days.

#### ORDER

It is ordered that a penalty of \$52.72 ( $\$527.33 \times 1\% \times 10$  days) is assessed. If your payment is not received within 60 days from the date of service noted below, this Order will be sent to our accounting division for collection and may be subsequently sent to the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Please refer to case number NT9228 when mailing your payment.

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.

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Jan Flowers, Compliance Specialist

DATE of Service: August 23, 2007

c: Mary Schubothe, Treasurer  
528 Cottage St NE, Ste 300 B  
Salem, OR 97301