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**Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,**

v.

**Vicki Hass, as treasurer for Florida
GMO Labeling Campaign,
Respondent.**

Agency Case No.: FEC 13-214

F.O. No.: FOFEC 15-019W

FINAL ORDER

THIS MATTER was heard at an informal hearing held before the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") on February 24, 2015.

APPEARANCES

For Commission Eric M Lipman
 General Counsel
 107 West Gaines Street
 Collins Building, Suite 224
 Tallahassee, FL 32399

For Respondent No Appearance

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

Whether Respondent violated Section 106.07(2)(b)1 , Florida Statutes, Florida Statutes, as alleged in the Commission's Order of Probable Cause

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

On July 16, 2013, the Commission received a referral from the Florida Division of Elections ("Division") alleging violations of Florida's election laws

On June 16, 2014, staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. On November 21, 2014, the Commission entered an Order of Probable Cause finding that there was probable cause to charge Respondent with the following violation:

Count 1:

Respondent violated Section 106 07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, when she failed to file an addendum to Florida GMO Labeling Campaign's 2013 Q1 Report within 7 days after receiving notice from the Department of State, Division of Elections, that the report was incomplete

Respondent did not timely elect to have a formal administrative hearing before an administrative law judge from the Division of Administrative Hearings and, therefore, the matter was set for an informal hearing before the Commission. At the informal hearing, the Commission adopted the undisputed facts set forth in the Staff's Recommendation as its findings of fact

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is treasurer for Florida GMO Labeling Campaign ("FGLC PAC").
2. FGLC PAC timely filed its 2013 Q1 Report on April 10, 2013, however the report was incomplete.
3. The Division sent Respondent letters on April 17, 2013, May 8, 2013, and June 21, 2013, notifying her that FGLC PAC's 2013 Q1 Report was incomplete and she needed to file an addendum fixing certain errors that were attached to the letter.
4. On June 10, 2013, and June 12, 2013, David Beach from the Division attempted to call Respondent about her 2013 Q1 Report, but was unsuccessful on both occasions. He left voice mails requesting Respondent to return his calls, but she did not.
5. Respondent's actions were willful. After receiving three reminder notifications

and two phone calls from the Division, Respondent knew or should have known that she needed to file an addendum to FGLC PAC's 2013 Q1 Report.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6 The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this cause, pursuant to Section 106.26, Florida Statutes

7 Respondent committed 1 count of violating Section 106.07(2)(b)1, Florida Statutes, when she failed to file an addendum to FGLC PAC's 2013 Q1 Report within 7 days of receiving notice from the Division that FLAG PAC's report was incomplete

8 In determining the amount of the civil penalty, the Commission considered the mitigating and aggravating circumstances set forth in Section 106 265, Florida Statutes.

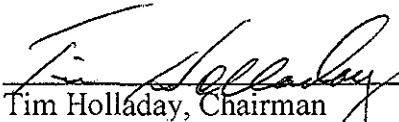
ORDER

The Commission finds that Respondent has violated Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, on one occasion and imposes a fine of \$500 for the violation.

Therefore it is

ORDERED that Respondent shall remit a civil penalty in the amount of \$500, inclusive of fees and costs. The civil penalty shall be paid to the Florida Elections Commission, Collins Building, Suite 224, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, within 30 days of the date this Final Order is filed with the Commission and must be paid by money order, cashier's check or attorney trust account check

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on February 24, 2015.



Tim Holladay, Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel
Vicki Hass, Respondent
Division of Elections, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

This order is final agency action. Any party who is adversely affected by this order has the right to seek judicial review pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by filing a notice of administrative appeal pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Clerk of the Florida Elections Commission at 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Collins Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal with the appropriate district court of appeal. The party must attach to the notice of appeal a copy of this order and include with the notice of appeal filed with the district court of appeal the applicable filing fees. **The notice of administrative appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date this order is filed with the Commission.** The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.