



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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January 3, 2019

John Martindale, Candidate
for Board of Public Utilities
1889 S 32nd St A
Kansas City, Kansas 66106

Re: **\$300 civil penalty**

Dear Mr. Martindale:

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

On March 29, 2018, an administrative order issued by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (Commission) was mailed to you by certified mail, signed return receipt requested. The order assessed a \$300 civil penalty for failure to timely file your January 10, 2018, Receipts and Expenditures Report.

A July 13, 2018, letter from Executive Director Mark Skoglund reminding you to pay the penalty was mailed to you at the above address. However, as of the date of this letter, the Commission has not received payment.

Please be advised that the Commission takes failure to pay assessed civil penalties seriously. In the absence of payment **in full by January 18, 2019**, the Commission intends to exercise any legal remedies available—including the State of Kansas Debt Setoff Program. If the Commission refers your debt to this program, the Kansas Department of Revenue will divert \$300 to the Commission from any money due you from the State of Kansas. Additionally, if you fail to pay by that date, your name will be posted prominently on the Commission's website for failure to meet this financial responsibility. The Kansas Debt Setoff Program may also retain additional funds due to you from the state as payment for collection costs.

Further action to collect the civil penalty may be avoided by mailing a check or money order in the amount of **\$300.00** made payable to the Governmental Ethics Commission so that receipt occurs **by January 18, 2019**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett Berry".

Brett Berry
General Counsel