

In the Matter of

Lisa Poremski,

Respondent

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Before the

State Ethics Commission

Complaint No. C-5-08

ORDER

At its meeting on March 6, 2008, the State Ethics Commission reviewed the above captioned complaint to determine whether further proceedings were necessary. The State Ethics Commission determined that Respondent has settled the matter complained of herein by submission of the required Lobbying Activity Report and execution of a Stipulation of Settlement, attached hereto and made a part hereof. Pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Stipulation, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Respondent is reprimanded, and that this reprimand and Order be transmitted to Respondent's employer, IBM, and placed in the Commission's public order files.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON
ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

By:

Robert F. Scholz

Date: March 26, 2008

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 26th day of March, 2008, a copy of the foregoing Order in State Ethics Commission proceeding C-5-08, was forwarded via regular mail, postage prepaid, to the Respondent, Lisa Poremski c/o Kelvin Reese, Skadden, Arps, Meagher & Flom, LLP, 1440 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005-2111, and was hand delivered to Staff Counsel to the State Ethics Commission, 45 Calvert Street, 3rd Floor, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

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Jennifer K. Allgair,
General Counsel

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Complaint No.: C-05-08

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

MARCH

On the 3rd day of ~~February~~, 2008, between Lisa Poremski, Respondent and William J Colquhoun, Staff Counsel, agreed as follows:

STIPULATIONS

The State Ethics Commission ("Commission") is an executive agency of the State of Maryland established for the purpose of enforcing the Maryland Public Ethics Law (Title 15, State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, hereinafter the Ethics Law);

The Respondent is an individual whose lobbying activities on behalf of International Business Machines Corporation ("the employer") during the period of May 1, 2007 through October 31, 2007, required registration as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission,

The Respondent registered on June 25, 2007, as a lobbyist with the Commission as required by the State Government Article, Section 15-703(d)(1) of the Ethics Law on behalf of the employer;

The Respondent was required to submit a Lobbying Activity Report by November 30, 2007, for the period May 1, 2007 through October 31 2007, as required by the State Government Article, Section 15-704(a)(i) of the Ethics Law and failed to submit the required report;

On February 1, 2008, the Commission issued a complaint against the Respondent alleging the failure to file a Lobbying Activity Report for the period of May 1, 2007 through October 31 2007;

On March 3, 2008, the Respondent submitted the delinquent Lobbying Activity Report for the period May 1, 2007 through October 31, 2007; and

The Respondent is voluntarily entering into this Stipulation of Settlement Agreement to admit her failure to timely file the Lobbying Activity Report for the period May 1, 2007 through October 31, 2007, with the Commission and to pay a sum of money in lieu of potential late filing fees pursuant to State Government Article, Section 14-405 of the Public Ethics Law;

IN CONSIDERATION of the submission of the required Lobbying Activity Report by the

Respondent, and the stipulations recited above, the Respondent and Staff Counsel agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits that she did not timely file her Lobbying Activity Report on behalf of the employer for the period May 1, 2007 through October 31, 2007, as required by State Government Article, Section 15-704(a)(ii) of the Ethics Law.
2. Respondent subsequently filed the required Lobbying Activity Report with the Commission on March 3, 2008 (a copy of which has been attached hereto and made a part hereof).
3. Respondent understands that failure to comply with the lobbying disclosure provisions of the Public Ethics Law can subject her to a formal complaint by the Commission and upon a finding of a violation the possibility of late fees, civil fines, reprimand or a suspension of her ability to lobby for compensation.
4. Based on the facts stated in this Stipulation of Settlement, the Respondent agrees to pay as settlement of the complaint, the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) at the time of the execution of this agreement in lieu of a potential late fees and in lieu of civil fines for the above admitted late activity report (paragraph 1).
5. Respondent waives a formal hearing on this matter and agrees that acceptance of the Stipulation of Settlement by the Commission would constitute, based on his admission of violations of the Public Ethics Law, a final action and finding of violation by the Commission, and, pursuant to § 15-407 of the Public Ethics Law, this Agreement and materials relating to this matter are not subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Public Ethics Law and will be public information unless otherwise protected.
6. Staff Counsel will upon execution of this Agreement by the Respondent, recommend that the Commission suspend further complaint proceedings against the Respondent and recommend further that the Commission issue a Final Order in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
7. Respondent accepts that the Commission, pursuant to Section 15-405(c)(2) of the Ethics Law, will issue a reprimand to her effective the date of the Final Order. The reprimand, this agreement, including any documents incorporated herein, and the Final Order will be transmitted to his employer.
8. Respondent and Staff Counsel have entered into this Agreement for the sole purpose of resolving the late submission of the Lobbying Activity Report, for the payment in lieu of late fees, and to resolve the complaint now pending, and for no other purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, Lisa Poremski, Respondent and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel for the State Ethics Commission, have signed below.

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel
State Ethics Commission
45 Calvert Street, 3rd Floor
Annapolis, MD 21401
(410) 260-7770

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Lisa Poremski
Lobbyist
International Business Machines Corporation

State of Maryland
County of: Anne Arundel, to wit:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Lisa Poremski, who made oath on this 4 day of March 2008, 2008, in due form of law that the matters and facts hereinabove set forth are true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief, and are her voluntary act and that she executed this document for the purpose set forth herein.

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My Commission Expires: 9-16-2009

State of Maryland,
County of: ANNE ARUNDEL, to wit:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel to the State Ethics Commission, who made oath on this 2nd day of MARCH, 2008, in due form of law that he executed this agreement for the purposes set forth herein.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: DONALD M. STREET
Notary Public-Maryland
Anne Arundel County
My Commission Expires
November 09, 2010

Accepted by the Commission

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Robert F. Scholz, Chairman
for the Commission

Date: 3/06, 2008