

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD
CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Northwest Petroleum NPPAC (#40069);

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Robert Krogman, treasurer, Northwest Petroleum NPPAC, hereby agree as follows:

1. During calendar year 2003, the Northwest Petroleum NPPAC contributed \$200 to the Pete Nelson for State Representative Committee. This contribution facially exceeded the \$100 non-election year limit for a political committee contribution as set out in Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 1(a)(5), and resulted in a violation of Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 2. The amount of the excess contribution was not returned by the Pete Nelson for State Representative Committee within 60 days as required by Minn. Stat. §10A.15, subd. 3.

2. In a letter received on August 17, 2004, Robert Krogman, treasurer, stated "We have reviewed our records and found that we did inadvertently contribute \$200 to Mr. Nelson in 2003. We apologize for this oversight."

3. The Northwest Petroleum NPPAC registered with the Board on August 4, 1977. Prior to August 1, 2002, there was no penalty for a committee that made a contribution in excess of the applicable limits.

4. The parties agree that the Northwest Petroleum NPPAC made a facially excessive contribution to the Pete Nelson for State Representative Committee in calendar year 2003, resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 2.

5. Robert Krogman hereby agrees to forward to the Board a copy of the \$100 check and accompanying letter received from the Pete Nelson for State Representative Committee that returns the excess amount.

6. The Board imposes a civil fine totaling \$200 to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state. This civil fine represents two times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the applicable contribution limit.

7. Robert Krogman hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$200 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that forwarding a copy of the check and accompanying letter from Representative Nelson, payment of the civil fine of \$200, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subds. 3 and 4.

8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil fine of \$200 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then Robert Krogman will be personally liable to pay a fine, under Minn. Stat. § 10A.34, subd. 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$300, three times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(b) \$400, four times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 120 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

9. It is further understood that if the civil fine is not paid as agreed, within the times specified in paragraphs 7 and 8 above, the Board will proceed to enforce the provisions of Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 4.

10. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by Robert Krogman and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minn. Stat. §§10A.02, subd. 11 and 10A.28, subd. 3.

Robert Krogman

Dated: September 24, 2004

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By _____

Dated:

October 1, 2004

Wil Fluegel

Chair, Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board