BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re BARBARA STROUSE,)	Financial Disclosure Appeal No. FD 20-040
Appellant.)))	Final Order No.

FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics (Commission), meeting in public session on July 22, 2022, on a timely appeal of the Appellant, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, which assesses an automatic fine of \$25 per day on a person who fails to timely file a required CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. The Commission may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown, based on "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file by the designated date. There are no matters in dispute. Appellant did not request a hearing before the Commission.

Findings of Fact

- 1. According to information provided to the Commission, the Appellant serves or served as the Deputy Right of Way Manager, Valuation, for the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, a position requiring the filing of a CE Form 1, "Statement of Financial Interests," for the year 2019. In 2020, the designated due date for submitting a 2019 CE Form 1 annual filing was July 1, 2020, with a grace period ending on September 1, 2020.
- 2. On May 19, 2020, the Commission sent to the Appellant a 2019 CE Form 1. The blank 2019 CE Form 1 was mailed to the Appellant at 207 Mclean Point, Winter Haven, FL 33884.
- 3. On July 31, 2020, the Commission sent to the Appellant a notice via certified mail intended to remind her of her obligation to file a 2019 CE Form 1. This notice was sent to the

Appellant at the same 207 Mclean Point address. Records from the United States Postal Service (USPS) show the mailing did not find the recipient and returned to sender.

- 4. On August 20, 2020, the Commission mailed to the Appellant a postcard intended to remind her of her obligation to file a 2019 CE Form 1. The Commission mailed the postcard to the same address as aforementioned.
- 5. On August 25, 2020, the Commission sent a courtesy email to the Appellant's personal email address to remind her of her obligation to file a 2019 CE Form 1.
- 6. On September 8, 2020, the Commission sent a courtesy notice to the Appellant indicating that fines were beginning to accrue. This notice was sent to the same address as aforementioned.
- 7. On September 11, 2020, eleven (11) days after the expiration of the grace period, the Commission received the Appellant's 2019 CE Form 1 through mail. Earlier that day, there was communication between the Commission and the Appellant through email concerning the Form.
 - 8. The total amount of the automatic fine levied against the Appellant was \$250.
- 9. On March 16, 2021, the Commission sent to the Appellant a Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine. The notice was sent to the aforementioned addressed. It indicated the total of the Appellant's accrued automatic fine, and included a notice of the right to appeal the fine, stating that the appeal had to be received by the Commission by April 15, 2021, to be considered timely.
- 10. On April 15, 2021, the Commission received the Appellant's timely appeal of the automatic fine. In part B of the appeal form, the Appellant checked "Other unusual circumstance" as the reasons for her appeal. In part C of the appeal form, where the Appellant is asked to provide a detailed explanation of her appeal including why the options they selected in part B of their form

are applicable to their situation, the Appellant stated that she knew that a law passed in 2019 removed her position from financial disclosure requirements, but she misunderstood that it would not take into effect until 2020.

Conclusions of Law

- 11. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes.
- 12. Financial disclosure is required of public officials and employees because it enables the public to evaluate potential conflicts of interest, deters corruption, and increases public confidence in government.
 - 13. Section 112.3145(8)(g)3., Florida Statutes, states:

Any reporting person may appeal or dispute a fine, based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and is entitled to a hearing before the commission, which may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown. Any such request must be in writing and received by the commission within 30 days after the notice of payment due is transmitted. In such a case, the reporting person must, within the 30-day period, notify the person designated to review the timeliness of reports in writing of his or her intention to bring the matter before the commission. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "unusual circumstances" does not include the failure to monitor an email account or failure to receive notice if the person has not notified the commission of a change in his or her e-mail address.

- 14. Based on the merits, the Appellant's basis for appealing the fine is that there were unusual circumstances regarding the filing obligation prior to the expiration of the grace period.
- 15. There is evidence to conclusively refute the Appellant's claim. While the Appellant has not stated what law changed, the Commission staff found that there was only one change to the financial disclosure eligibility during the time. A 2019 amendment to Section 112.3145(1)(a)3., Florida Statutes, increased the minimum purchasing power category subject to financial disclosure requirement, changing it from Category 1 (\$20,000) to Category 2 (\$35,000)

as provided in the relevant statute. Even though, at the time of disclosure, the Appellant's public position was below the Category 2 threshold, the change expunging her position from financial disclosure liability was not enacted until the year 2020.

16. As such, the Appellant needed to file 2019 CE Form 1, notwithstanding the forthcoming change to Section 112.3145(1)(a)3., Florida Statutes. Appellant's misunderstanding or ignorance of the law is neither an excuse not an "unusual circumstance" absolving her from the obligation of timely filing the 2019 CE Form 1.

Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby affirms the assessed fine of \$250 and dismisses the appeal. The fine shall be paid to the Commission on Ethics, P.O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709, within 30 days of the date this order is rendered, unless other payment arrangements are made by contacting Kimberly Holmes, Financial Disclosure Coordinator, at the address above or by telephone at (850) 488-7864.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on Friday, July 22, 2022.

Date Rendered	d	

THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION. ANY PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW UNDER SECTION 120.68, AND SECTION 112.3241, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY FILING A NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL PURSUANT TO RULE 9.110 FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE

PROCEDURE, WITH THE CLERK OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS, AT EITHER 325 JOHN KNOX ROAD, BUILDING E, SUITE 200, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32303 OR P.O. DRAWER 15709, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32317-5709; AND BY FILING A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ATTACHED TO WHICH IS A CONFORMED COPY OF THE ORDER DESIGNATED IN THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPLICABLE FILING FEES WITH THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. THE NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE THIS ORDER IS RENDERED.

JG: sc

Ms. Barbara Strouse 1900 Purdy Ave., Apt 1909 Miami Beach, FL 33139.



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325 John Knox Road Building E, Suite 200 Tallahassee, FL 32303 Telephone: (850) 488-7864 Fax: (850) 488-3077

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APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2019

DIRECTIONS: The information you provide in this form is critical for processing your appeal in a timely manner.

In Part A, please provide current contact information. If your contact information changes while your appeal is being processed, please notify us.

In Part B, please check any boxes that specify the general reason(s) for your appeal.

In Part C, please explain in detail the reason(s) for your appeal. In addition to your written explanation in Part C, you may attach any documents that support your appeal.

IMPORTANT: TO PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL, THIS FORM OR OTHER WRITTEN APPEAL (AND ANY ATTACHMENTS) MUST BE FILED WITH (RECEIVED BY) THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE WAS MAILED TO YOU.

PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mailing Address: Commission on Ethics

P.O. Drawer 15709

Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

Physical Address: Commission on Ethics

325 John Knox Road Building E, Suite 200 Tallahassee, FL 32303

Fax:

(850) 488-3077

Email:

disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

PART A: YOUR INFORMATION
Name: Barbara Strouse (PID# 258954)
Address: 207 McLean Pt City: Willfer Haven State: FL Zip: 33884
Daytime Tel.: 863-412-7983 Cell: 863-412-7983
Email: Filer ID# (if known): 258954
Public Employer: Florida Turnpike Enterprise
Public Position: Deputy Right of Way Manager - Valvation

CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

a. [] Sickness or injury (Explain in Part C and attach a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of illness or injury)
b. [] Lack of notification – Failure to receive notice (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports your assertion that you never received certified mail delinquency notice: for example, incorrect address; misdelivered mail; change in employment; extended absence from home, etc.)
c. [] Claim of timely filing of financial disclosure (Explain in Part C and provide copy of certified mail receipt and/or copy of completed form which had been previously filed, along with a sworn notarized statement that you filed prior to the deadline)
d. [] Left public position prior to December 31, 2019 (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from agency that your office-holding/employment ended before 12/31/2019)
e. Other unusual circumstance (Explain in Part C and provide documentation explaining uncommon, rare, or sudden occurrence that prevented timely filing prior to deadline) MISUNDELSYANDING OF DATE OF NEW LAW f. [] Not required to file (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports reason for not required to file)
PART C: DETAILED EXPLANATION OF YOUR APPEAL
Please provide a detailed explanation of your appeal, including why each option you selected in Part B is applicable to you. You may use the space provided and/or attach additional pages.
The law had changed that my position was not
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OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR HEARING
[] In addition to this written appeal, I specifically request to appear before the Commission in a hearing pursuant to Section 112.3144(8)(f)3 or Section 112.3145(8)(g)3, Florida Statutes. Commission meetings occur in Tallahassee.
SIGNATURE
I have received and read the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine and its instructions on How to Appeal and I understand my options. I am requesting disposition of this matter as indicated.
4/15/21 Barbara 5 to 05
DATE SIGNATURE

PART B: GENERAL REASON(S) FOR YOUR APPEAL

I hereby appeal the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine on the following basis:

Please choose any/all reasons that apply to your appeal.

Holmes, Kim

From:

Strouse, Barbara <Barbara.Strouse@dot.state.fl.us>

Sent:

Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:11 PM

To:

disclosure

Subject:

Appeal for Barbara Strouse

Attachments:

StrouseAppeal.pdf

Importance:

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Please find a copy of my appeal, and call if you have any questions.

Barbara Strouse, CPM

Deputy Right of Way Manager, Valuation Cert Gen RZ796

407.264.3032 direct

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Bldg 5315 Turnpike HQ Building MP 263 P.O. Box 613069 Ocoee, FL 34761-3069



BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re Barbara Wilson Strouse
Deputy Right of Way Mgr/Valuation
Employees
Department Of Transportation

PID#: 258954

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE

The Commission on Ethics hereby gives notice of an assessment of a fine against you pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, due to your failure to timely file your 2019 CE Form 1, Statement Of Financial Interests. Under the law, your 2019 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, was due by July 1, 2020. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 1, 2020. After that date, you accrued fines of \$25.00 per day for each day your financial disclosure was late, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes.

Inasmuch as your 2019 CE Form 1 was filed September 11, 2020 with the Commission on Ethics, you are fined the amount of \$250.00 (\$25.00 per day for 10 day(s) late). This fine must be paid to the Commission on Ethics within 30 days of the date of this notice unless you appeal the fine to the Commission. The Commission has the authority to consider the appeal and waive the fine in whole or in part if your failure to file on time was due to "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file.

HOW TO APPEAL

- 1. Read these instructions carefully before submitting your appeal.
- 2. **LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Appeals are governed by Section 112.3145(8)(g)3., Florida Statutes, and Commission Rule 34-8.215, Florida Administrative Code.
- 3. **FORMAT:** Your appeal must be in writing and mailed to <u>Florida Commission on Ethics</u>, <u>P. O. Drawer 15709</u>, <u>Tallahassee</u>, <u>FL 32317-5709</u>, or delivered to <u>Florida Commission on Ethics</u>, <u>325 John Knox Road</u>, <u>Building E, Suite 200, Tallahassee</u>, <u>FL 32303</u>. The appeal may take the form of a letter or you may use the appeal form included in this mailing. The appeal form also is available at the Commission's website: <u>www.ethics.state.fl.us</u>. Click on "Financial Disclosure" and then the link to the sample appeal form.
- 4. **DUE DATE:** Your appeal must be <u>received</u> by the Commission on Ethics on or before <u>April 15, 2021.</u> <u>NOTE</u>: Failure to timely file an appeal will constitute a waiver of your right to appeal and will result in the entry of a default order against you.
- 5. UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES: An appeal must demonstrate that you submitted your CE Form 1 after the extended due date because of "unusual circumstances." "Unusual circumstances" is defined in Commission Rule 34-8.215(4), Florida Administrative Code, as "uncommon, rare, or sudden events over which the reporting individual had no control and which directly result in the failure to act in accordance with the filing requirements." Therefore, circumstances that allowed for time to take steps necessary to file on time do not constitute "unusual circumstances" that will allow the Commission to waive the fine. You have the burden to establish "unusual circumstances." Your appeal must specifically state the circumstances that led to your not filing by September 1, 2020, and must include any documentation or evidence supporting your appeal, such as:
 - a. **SICKNESS/INJURY:** a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of the illness or injury;
 - b. LACK OF NOTICE (WRONG ADDRESS): documentation that you did not reside at the address to which notice was sent;
 - c. LACK OF NOTICE (ABSENCE FROM HOME): documentation establishing the period of time of your absence covering the notification period:

- d. CLAIM OF TIMELY FILING OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE: (1) an affidavit from you attesting under oath or affirmation that you filed your financial disclosure and your recollection of when and how you filed and (2) a copy of a certified mail receipt and/or a copy of the completed form which was filed. If you have witnesses to your filing, we also will need an affidavit from each witness. NOTE: A claim of having filed the CE Form 1F for the current year does not satisfy the CE Form 1 filing requirement or excuse a late filing;
- e. LEFT PUBLIC POSITION BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2019: confirmation of your last date of office or employment by your former agency, showing the last date to be before December 31, 2019;
- f. UNCLAIMED CERTIFIED MAIL: if deliquency notice was addressed correctly but not received, you must explain why.
- 6. YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING: You have the right to have your appeal heard by the Commission and to appear before the Commission at the hearing, but, to exercise this right, you must specifically request a hearing in your appeal. If you do not request a hearing, you will waive your right to a hearing, the Commission will determine the outcome of your appeal based upon the written record (including the documentation you provide and any documentation in your case file), and you will receive no further notice until after the Commission decides your appeal.

FAILURE TO PAY FINE OR FILE APPEAL WITHIN 30 DAYS

If you do not timely file an appeal or pay the assessed fine within 30 days of this Notice, a default order will be entered against you and the Commission will take the steps provided by law to collect the fine, including:

- Referral to the CFO of the Department of Financial Services, if you are a salaried state officer or employee, for withholding of a portion of you salary until the fine is satisfied; or
- Referral to your agency's governing body for withholding of a portion of your salary until the fine is satisfied:
- Referral to a collection agency, which can seek garnishment of your wages; and/or
- An additional civil penalty, not limited by this automatic fine, may be imposed if your disclosure statement is filed more than 60 days late and a complaint is filed against you pursuant to Section 112.324, Florida Statutes.

Please contact our office if you have any questions about this matter.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine was furnished to:

Barbara Wilson Strouse 207 Mclean Pt Winter Haven, FL 33884 -4136

by Certified Mail on this Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

KIMBERLY R. HOLMES Program Administrator

-or-

Florida Commission on Ethics

P. O. Drawer 15709

Florida Commission on Ethics

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FORM 1 2019 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS Please print or type your name, mailing FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: address, agency name, and position below: LAST NAME - FIRST NAME -- MIDDLE NAME : Wilson Strouse Barbara 258954 MAILING ADDRESS : 207 McLean Point Processed CITY: ZIP: COUNTY: Winter Haven FL Polk 9-11-20 NAME OF AGENCY: Florida Turnpike Enterprise NAME OF OFFICE OR POSITION HELD OR SOUGHT: Deputy Right of Way Manager, Valuation OR ☐ NEW EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE **** THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED **** **DISCLOSURE PERIOD:** THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019. MANNER OF CALCULATING REPORTABLE INTERESTS: FILERS HAVE THE OPTION OF USING REPORTING THRESHOLDS THAT ARE ABSOLUTE DOLLAR VALUES, WHICH REQUIRES FEWER CALCULATIONS, OR USING COMPARATIVE THRESHOLDS, WHICH ARE USUALLY BASED ON PERCENTAGE VALUES (see instructions for further details). CHECK THE ONE YOU ARE USING (must check one): 1 COMPARATIVE (PERCENTAGE) THRESHOLDS OR **DOLLAR VALUE THRESHOLDS** PART A -- PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME [Major sources of income to the reporting person - See instructions] (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a") NAME OF SOURCE SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF THE SOURCE'S OF INCOME **ADDRESS** PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY Florida Department of Transpora 600 Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL Wells Fargo Distribution 2801Marketstreet, St Louis, Missouri Regulated Investment PART B -- SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME [Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person - See instructions] (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a") NAME OF NAME OF MAJOR SOURCES **ADDRESS** PRINCIPAL BUSINESS **BUSINESS ENTITY** OF BUSINESS' INCOME OF SOURCE ACTIVITY OF SOURCE PART C -- REAL PROPERTY [Land, buildings owned by the reporting person - See instructions] You are not limited to the space on the (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a") lines on this form. Attach additional sheets, if necessary. **FILING INSTRUCTIONS for when** 600 Manatee Avenue, Holmes Beach, Fl. and where to file this form are located at the bottom of page 2. Three vacant Parcels see attached INSTRUCTIONS on who must file this form and how to fill it out

begin on page 3.

PART D — INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY [Stocks , (If you have nothing to report, write "none" of	bonds, certificates of deposit, etc See instructions] r "n/a")			
TYPE OF INTANGIBLE	BUSINESS ENTITY TO WHICH THE PROPERTY RELATES			
PART E — LIABILITIES [Major debts - See instructions] (If you have nothing to report, write "none" o	r "n/a")			
NAME OF CREDITOR	ADDRESS OF CREDITOR			
PART F — INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES [Own (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or '	ership or positions in certain types of businesses - See instructions] in/a") BUSINESS ENTITY # 1 BUSINESS ENTITY # 2			
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PART G — TRAINING For elected municipal officers required to complete annual I CERTIFY THAT I HA	ethics training pursuant to section 112.3142, F.S. VE COMPLETED THE REQUIRED TRAINING.			
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SIGNATURE OF FILER:	CPA or ATTORNEY SIGNATURE ONLY			
Signature:	If a certified public accountant licensed under Chapter 473, or attorney in good standing with the Florida Bar prepared this form for you, he or she must complete the following statement:			
Barbara Street	I,, prepared the CE Form 1 in accordance with Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, and the instructions to the form. Upon my reasonable knowledge and belief, the disclosure herein is true and correct.			
Date Signed:	CPA/Attorney Signature:			
9/11/2020	Date Signed:			
FILING INSTRUCTIONS:				

If you were mailed the form by the Commission on Ethics or a County Supervisor of Elections for your annual disclosure filing, return the form to that location. To determine what category your position falls under, see page 3 of instructions.

Local officers/employees file with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which they permanently reside. (If you do not permanently reside in Florida, file with the Supervisor of the county where your agency has its headquarters.) Form 1 filers who file with the Supervisor of Elections may file by mail or email. Contact your Supervisor of Elections for the mailing address or email address to use. Do not email your form to the Commission on Ethics, it will be <u>returned</u>

State officers or specified state employees who file with the Commission on Ethics may file by mail or email. To file by mail, send the completed form to P.O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709; physical address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303. To file with the Commission by email, scan your completed form and any attachments as a pdf (do not use any other format), send it to CEForm1@leg.state.fl.us and retain a copy for your records. Do not file by both mail and email. Choose only one filing method. Form 6s will not be accepted via email.

Candidates file this form together with their filing papers.

MULTIPLE FILING UNNECESSARY: A candidate who files a Form 1 with a qualifying officer is not required to file with the Commission or Supervisor of Elections.

WHEN TO FILE: Initially, each local officer/employee, state officer, and specified state employee must file within 30 days of the date of his or her appointment or of the beginning of employment. Appointees who must be confirmed by the Senate must file prior to confirmation, even if that is less than 30 days from the date of their appointment.

Candidates must file at the same time they file their qualifying papers.

Thereafter, file by July 1 following each calendar year in which they hold their positions.

Finally, file a final disclosure form (Form 1F) within 60 days of leaving office or employment. Filing a CE Form 1F (Final Statement of Financial Interests) does not relieve the filer of filing a CE Form 1 if the filer was in his or her position on December 31, 2019.

Three Vacant Parcels in Polk County:

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⊚ 09/11/2020 F	Form Received	Form 1 Received, Signed	Form 1 Received by Emily Prine at COE
		From: Prine.Emily Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 8:03 AM To: 'BARBARA.STROUSE@DOT.STATE.FL.US' Subject: Financial Disclosure DELINQUENT Importance: High Good Morning, We have not received your Form 1 2019 Financial Disclosure filing based off your service with the Department of Transportation. You are now being fined \$25.00 per day with a maximum fine of up to \$1500.00. Additionally, individuals who accrue the maximum fine and fail to file the required form are subject to an investigation to determine whether the failure to	Prine

file was willful. If the Commission determines the failure to file was willful, the statute requires the Commission recommend the individual be removed from public office or public employment. Form is attached, please complete and remit today! The form can be submitted via email, see instructions on page two of the form. Thank you. Emily 09/11/2020 Filer Communication: From: Strouse, Barbara Sent: Friday, September 11, Prine 2020 3:11 PM To: Prine.Emily Subject: Read: Email Financial Disclosure DELINQUENT Importance: High Your message To: Subject: Financial Disclosure DELINQUENT Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 3:11:04 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada) was read on Friday, September 11, 2020 3:11:01 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada). From: Prine.Emily Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 Emily 09/11/2020 Filer Prine Communication: 3:17 PM To: 'Strouse, Barbara' Cc: Turlington, Nikki; Kliner, Victoria Subject: RE: Financial Email Disclosure DELINQUENT You are on the 2019 list as being required to file. I am copying Nikki Turlington and Victoria Kliner on this email to confirm if you should be removed. Sincerely, Emily E. Prine Program Specialist/Financial Disclosure 850-488-7864 Florida Commission on Ethics Post Office Drawer 15709 Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709 From: Strouse, Barbara Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 3:12 PM To: Prine.Emily Subject: RE: Financial Disclosure DELINQUENT I was told that I did not have to file this anymore. Barbara Strouse, CPM Deputy Right of Way Manager, Valuation Cert Gen RZ796 From: Turlington, Nikki Sent: Friday, September 11, Emily 09/11/2020 Filer Communication: 2020 3:22 PM To: Strouse, Barbara Cc: Kliner, Prine Victoria; Prine.Emily Subject: RE: Financial Email Disclosure DELINQUENT Hi Barbara, Your position was updated removing the financial disclosure requirement on March 6, 2020. Since your position did require financial disclosure during the calendar year 2019, you are required to file Form 1 2019. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks! Sincerely, Nikki Turlington HR Data Analyst Phone: 850-414-5340 From: Strouse, Barbara Sent: Friday, September 11, Emily 09/11/2020 Filer Communication: 2020 3:19 PM To: Prine.Emily Cc: Turlington, Nikki; Prine

	Email	Kliner, Victoria Subject: RE: Financial Disclosure DELINQUENT I will fill it out immediately and submit. I thought the law had changed but I will complete now. Thanks. Barbara Strouse, CPM Deputy Right of Way Manager, Valuation Cert Gen RZ796 407.264.3032 direct Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Bldg 5315 Turnpike HQ Building MP 263 P.O. Box 613069 Ocoee, FL 34761-3069	
09/11/2020		From: Strouse, Barbara Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 3:50 PM To: Prine.Emily Cc: Turlington, Nikki; Kliner, Victoria Subject: RE: Financial Disclosure DELINQUENT Here it is. Sorry about the misunderstanding. Have a good weekend! Barbara Strouse, CPM Deputy Right of Way Manager, Valuation Cert Gen RZ796 407.264.3032 direct Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Bldg 5315 Turnpike HQ Building MP 263 P.O. Box 613069 Ocoee, FL 34761-3069	
09/11/2020		From: Prine.Emily Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 3:54 PM To: 'Strouse, Barbara' Subject: RE: Financial Disclosure DELINQUENT Thank you! Form has been recorded. We will send information concerning your fine assessment and the option to appeal in January. We will use the 207 Mclean address.	
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