

2009 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Eddie Davidson

FINDINGS

Eddie Davidson's audit report contains no findings.

EMPLOYER

- Piedmont Natural Gas

REGISTRATIONS

Mr. Davidson registered as a lobbyist for one employer during 2009. Based on the documentation provided, Mr. Davidson appears to have registered his lobbying relationship with his employer more than seven days after the employer of the lobbyist registered him as one of their lobbyist, which would indicate late registration. However, based on the statements of the lobbyist, he started his employment on January 5, 2009; his registration as a lobbyist was then made the following day. Piedmont Natural Gas registered their lobbyists for the 2009 year on December 17, 2008, including Mr. Davidson. The employer's registration appears to be time saving effort by the employer by early registering Mr. Davidson in anticipation of his employment. Since, the greater than seven day separation between the employer and lobbyist registration appears to be the result of the early registration by the employer, no finding was noted for failure to register timely.

LOBBYING AGREEMENTS

Based on a review of the documentation provided by Mr. Davidson, he is a direct employee of the employer of the lobbyist. The employer of the lobbyist has no employment contract with the lobbyist employee. However per statements of the lobbyist and a review of lobbyist employment evaluation criteria the terms of employment appear to be within the statutes for lobbying activities including having no terms for contingency payments based on lobbying success.

FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Mr. Davidson reported he had no business or family relationships with persons who are officials in the legislative branch or officials in the executive branch.

TRAINING & FEES

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Mr. Davidson completed his required lobbyist training for the 2009 registration year and paid all associated registration and training fees.

IN-STATE EVENTS

Mr. Davidson did not participate in paying the costs of any in-state events.