STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF RICHLAND	)	BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
IN THE MATTER OF: COMPLAINT C2013-048	)	
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, Complainant;	)	**DECISION AND ORDER**
vs.	)	
Lester L. Moulder, Respondent.	)	

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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. § 8-13-320(10)(i)(Supp. 2012), the State Ethics Commission reviewed the above captioned complaint on January 16, 2013 charging the Respondent, Lester L. Moulder, with a violation of Section 8-13-1140. Present at the meeting were Commission Members Phillip Florence, Jr., Chair, E. Kay Biermann Brohl, JB Holeman, Jonathan H. Burnett and Richard H. Fitzgerald. The following allegation was considered:

ALLEGATIONS

On October 23, 2012 the State Ethics Commission filed a complaint against Lester L. Moulder, Dorchester County Chief Financial Officer. The complaint alleged that the Respondent failed to file a 2012 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) Statement.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Having carefully reviewed the evidence presented, the Commission finds as fact:

1. The Respondent was the Dorchester County Chief Financial Officer, which is a position required to file an annual SEI.

2. On November 1, 2012 the Respondent advised a Commission investigator that he had retired from his position with Dorchester County on February 12, 2012. He stated

he would submit documentation to support this statement. Documentation was received at the Commission office.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Commission concludes, as a matter of law:

1. The Respondent was a public employee as defined by Section 8-13-100(25).

2. The State Ethics Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.

3. In accordance Reg. 52.601 (D), "A person required to file a Statement who is no longer in office on April 15 of the year following the first filing, is not required to file an updated Statement."

DECISION

THEREFORE, based upon evidence presented, the State Ethics Commission has determined that there is not probable cause to indicate that the Respondent, Lester L. Moulder, violated Section 8-13-1140. The Commission has therefore dismissed the charges in accordance with Section 8-13-320(10)(i), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 14th DAY OF February, 2013.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

PHILLIP FLORENCE, JR.
CHAIRMAN

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA