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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 COUNTY OF RICHLAND )  
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 IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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 COMPLAINT C2012-022 )  
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 Annie Jeter, )  
 Respondent. )  
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 State Ethics Commission, )  
 Complainant. )  
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BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

**CONSENT ORDER**

This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission by virtue of a complaint filed by Kristi Woodall on August 26, 2011. The complaint against the Respondent, Annie Jeter, was considered by the Commission on November 16, 2011 and probable cause found to warrant an evidentiary hearing.

Prior to the call of the case Respondent agreed to entry of the following statement of facts, admission, discussion, and disposition in this matter as follows.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

1. The Respondent, Annie Jeter, was a public employee with the Union County School District during the period of the alleged violations
2. Respondent also provided secretarial services for Bethel Baptist Church. She received between \$100 and \$400 per year from the church in appreciation of her services.
3. Union County School District Superintendent Kristi Woodall advised that Respondent was terminated from her position following an internal investigation conducted by she and the Union County School District IT Director, Timothy Barnado. Ms. Woodall stated that the investigation revealed that Respondent was using district equipment for personal gain.

4. Timothy Barnado advised that the district computer used by Respondent is named PERC-FCSEC with a Dell printer. In his review of activity on this computer Barnado identified the following dates and pages printed for programs and church bulletins for Bethel Baptist

Church:

Date	Pages printed
7-03-2011	200
7-07-2011	200
6-22-2011	200
12-11-2008	200
12-05-2008	201
11-21-2008	236

5. Respondent stated that her supervisor at the district office, Susanne Floyd Gunter, was aware that Respondent used district equipment to print out church bulletins.

6. Susanne Floyd Gunter advised that while she was employed at the Union County School District she never gave authorization to Respondent to use district equipment to print church material.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based upon the Statement of Facts, the Commission concludes, as a matter of law:

1. During all times relevant, the Respondent, Annie Jeter, was a public employee, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-100(25)(Supp. 2006).
2. The State Ethics Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.
3. Section 8-13-700(A) prohibits a public employee from using his official office to obtain an economic interest for himself or a business with which he is associated.

### **DISCUSSION**

Ms. Jeter has represented that she was not aware of any ethics violation. She did not use

paper supplied by her employer and offered to provide reimbursement for any costs associated in the printing of the bulletins. Ms. Jeter is sincerely regretful for the embarrassment caused by her mistake.

**ADMISSIONS**

The Respondent, Annie Jeter, admits she unintentionally violated of Section 8-13-700(A) of the Ethics Reform Act.

**DISPOSITION**

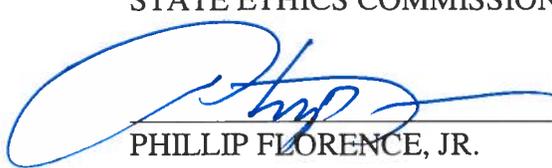
The State Ethics Commission hereby finds Annie Jeter in violation of Section 8-13-700(A) of the Ethics Reform Act and hereby adopts the Statement of Facts, Conclusions of Law, Admissions, Discussion, and Disposition as agreed upon by the Respondent.

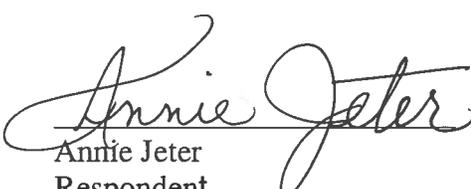
THEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission hereby issues this written warning to Annie Jeter for her violation of Section 8-13-700(A) of the Ethics Reform Act,

AND, orders Respondent to pay an administrative fee of \$500.00 within 60 days of receipt of the signed order,

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2012

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

  
PHILLIP FLORENCE, JR.  
CHAIR

  
Annie Jeter  
Respondent