STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF RICHLAND	)	BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
In the Matter of: COMPLAINT C2013-007	)	**DECISION AND ORDER**
Lonnie Randolph, Jr., Respondent,	)	
State Ethics Commission, Complainant.	)	

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This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission by virtue of a complaint filed by the Commission on July 12, 2012. On September 19, 2012, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §8-13-320(10)(i)(Supp. 2011), the State Ethics Commission reviewed for probable cause the above-captioned complaint charging Respondent, Lonnie Randolph, Jr., 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, Priscilla L. Tanner, George Carlton Manley, Jonathan H. Burnett and Richard H. Fitzgerald. Also present were the Commission's Executive Director, Herbert R. Hayden, Jr., and his immediate staff.

The following allegations were considered:

On July 12, 2012 the State Ethics Commission filed a complaint against Lonnie Randolph, Jr., Commissioner, SC Department of Consumer Affairs. The complaint alleged that the Respondent failed to file a properly completed Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) report for the year 2010.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

1. The Respondent, Lonnie Randolph, Jr., until April 13, 2010, was a member of the SC Department of Consumer Affairs and he was required to file an annual Statement

of Economic Interest form annually by April 15th.

2. According to the Director of the SC Department of Consumer Affairs Respondent's last day as a commissioner with the department was April 13, 2010.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

1. The Respondent, Lonnie Randolph, Jr., during the time of the allegation, was not a public member, as defined by Section 8-13-100(26).

2. The State Ethics Commission does not have personal, or subject matter jurisdiction.

DECISION

Based upon the evidence presented, the State Ethics Commission has determined that there is not probable cause to indicate that the Respondent, Lonnie Randolph, Jr., violated Sections 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 1st DAY OF Oct., 2012.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

PHILLIP FLORENCE, JR.
CHAIR

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA