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May 19, 2014

City of Bowling Green
Kay Reading
16 West Church St
Bowling Green MO 63334

MEC No. 14E073

Dear Ms. Reading:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you and the City of Bowling Green at its May 19, 2014 meeting. The Commission reviewed the allegation of failure to include a proper "paid for by" disclosure on campaign materials pursuant to Chapter 130, RSMo.

The campaign material in question was a brochure regarding Proposition S on the April 8, 2014 ballot. The brochure provided information about a ½ cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and listed the names of the Mayor, Board of Aldermen and City Administrator as contacts for additional information and included the city address and phone number. The brochure did not include a "paid for by disclosure" as required by Section 130.031.8, RSMo, and the complainant alleged that it appeared that the brochure was sent by the city and paid for with city funds.

The investigation showed that the brochure was paid for, circulated and distributed by Alliance Water Resources, Inc. and not the City of Bowling Green. Alliance Water Resources, Inc. contracts with the city to provide water services to the city. Because the complaint, as it pertains to the brochure regarding the Capital Improvement Sales Tax, was filed solely against the City, the Commission voted to dismiss the case.

Sincerely,

James Klahr
Executive Director

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