
IN THE MATTER OF
RICHARD E. GERARDI,
FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE RESIDENTIAL
ENERGY AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM
FOR THE NEW YORK STATE
ENERGY RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

NOTICE OF REASONABLE CAUSE

Pursuant to Executive Law §94(12)(a), the Commission on Public Integrity (“Commission”) finds that there is sufficient evidence establishing reasonable cause to believe that you violated Public Officers Law §§73(5), and 74(2), and (3)(d), (f) and (h) when, in or around April 2006, you accepted and/or received a gift in the form of 12 tickets to New York Yankees baseball games from Linda Russo, an employee of Conservation Services Group, Inc., an entity under contract to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“NYSERDA”) and with whom you regularly interacted in carrying out your official duties. The total value of the gift received by you was \$820.00.

As required by law, a copy of this notice is retained by the Commission for public inspection and copies are forwarded to the NYSERDA President, your appointing authority. Please be advised that an individual who, following a hearing, is found to have knowingly and intentionally violated the provisions of Public Officers Law §73(5) shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each violation or the matter may be referred to the appropriate prosecutor and punished as a class “A” misdemeanor pursuant to Executive Law §94(13).

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Please be further advised that an individual who violates Public Officers Law §74 may be fined, suspended or removed from office or employment by their appointing authority in the manner provided by law.

Because the acts alleged herein occurred prior to the enactment of the Public Employee Ethics Reform Act of 2007, the applicable laws shall be those in effect at the time of the alleged violations.

Dated: ASJ October 7, 2008

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Teitelbaum', written over a horizontal line.

Herbert Teitelbaum
Executive Director
Commission on Public Integrity

Attachment

cc: Robert Callender
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