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Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination & Legal Administration
1050 First Street, NE
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Response to the MUR#7499
Re: Complaint filed by Ron "Pete" Peterson

Dear Ms. Kathryn Ross,

I submit this letter in response to the complaint filed against Cristina McNeil, Cristina McNeil for Congress, and Susan Eastlake, as the Treasurer for the Campaign Committee, as referred to in MUR#7499. I make these statements based upon my personal knowledge and the documents referred to in the statements.

Please consider the following:

1. The complaint was filed by Ron "Pete" Peterson, and not Mr. Marvin Gunning.
2. The communication in regard to this issue was directly with Mr. Marvin Gunning.
3. Mr. Gunning and Ms. McNeil had 3 emails and 33 text messages between them.
4. In one of the text messages, Mr. Gunning mentioned "Glad to help". He was excited that Cristina was running. The Cristina McNeil for Congress Campaign was having issues with connecting its website to the Internet and Ms. McNeil accepted his help.
5. Ms. McNeil was not aware that Mr. Gunning intended to charge any fee.
6. Mr. Gunning and Mr. Ron "Pete" Peterson are friends.
7. Mr. Peterson was a volunteer for the McNeil Campaign. Mr. Peterson delivered a press release without authorization to the local press. Mr. Peterson also harassed a local reporter. For this reason, Cristina asked him to step down from his volunteer position on the Campaign.

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8. On July 25, 2018 Mr. Gunning sent correspondence to Ms. McNeil, by way of an email to Mr. Nick Tinker, another volunteer on the campaign. explaining that his help was a service performed for a fee. That was contrary to what Ms. McNeil had previously understood. The text of the email is copied below.

9. Mr. Gunning said in that same email that he was going to send an additional email with an invoice and a work log.. Ms. McNeil never received it. Ms. McNeil still does not know the amount due on the invoice. Mr. Gunning had previously sent the log of the work done to Ms. McNeil on April 18, 2018, The log of the work done is also copied below. No invoice was attached to that email

10. Yesterday I spoke with Mr. Gunning. He confirmed that he did send an invoice to Ms. McNeil by regular mail. He agreed to copy it and attach it to an email sent to my email address. I have not yet received it.

11. Mr. Gunning told me that he is not filing any complaint against Cristina McNeil, her Congressional Campaign, or me, as the Treasurer.

12. Mr. Gunning repeated to me that he told Ms. McNeil not to worry about it. He said he wanted her to focus on winning the election. He stated to me that he knows of nothing that warranted a complaint to the FEC.

13. Mr. Gunning does want the Campaign to pay him when it is able. He said that this is the kind of services he provides to his regular customers.

I ask that the General Counsel take no action against Cristina McNeil, Cristina McNeil for Congress or Susan Eastlake, Treasurer. Based on my conversation with Mr. Gunning, he has no complaint against any of the above persons. He performed the work for the Campaign without a contract of any kind. He has now informed the Campaign that he wishes to be paid, but the Campaign has not yet received his invoice nor the amount he is charging for his service. Once I receive the invoice, I will report it as an outstanding debt on the next FEC report.

Please contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Susan Eastlake

Susan Eastlake, Treasurer
Cristina McNeil for Congress

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-----Original Message-----

From: Marvin Gunning

To: nrtinker

Cc: Marvin gunning

Sent: Wed, Jul 25, 2018 12:16 PM

Greetings Mr. Tinker.

I am Marvin Gunning of Gunning Telcom Consulting LLC. On I was told by Mr. Peterson that the web site for Cristina McNeil for congress was not up and that it seemed unlikely that is was going to be functional before the primary. Since that is my field I told Mr. Peterson and subsequently Ms. McNeil that I could bring it up to a functional state. This was not a donation or pro gratis or pro bono but an offer of a service. I have enclosed my work log and invoice for your consideration. The problem was quite serious and probably would not have been rectified until someone of professional ability was able to deal with the problem. At least that is my opinion. However, while I did not do this pro bono, I do find Ms. McNeil a wonderful candidate and with values that would be of great benefit to Idaho and the Nation. Furthermore, I am more than willing to avail my profession services to her successful campaign.

I will be sending the attachments in a subsequent email.

Attachments: Work Log, Invoice.

Sincerely, Marvin Gunning

Phone

Email:

Phoenix, Arizona 85053

From: **Marvin Gunning**

Date: Mon, Apr 16, 2018, 4:03 PM

Subject: Log for cristinaforcongress.com

To: Cristina McNeil <idaho@cristinaforcongress.com>

Cristina,

Here is the Log for Christina McNeil for your records.

8 to 10 analysis of account.

10-12 pm 4/15/18; Godaddy recording available.

11:55 email Smartspace 24/7 support

6:50 am 4/16/18 Call to Smartspace support work with Chris. Lost connection. Call Smartspace about 7:10 and speak with Craig B. Text of exchange follows:

Idaho

Unable to connect to domain. dns result gets following:

Host Record Required Data Current Data

Record not found

Chat started

Customer Care

A Customer Care Advisor will be with you soon. Each Advisor is highly trained, happy to help, and has deep Squarespace knowledge. We work out of our offices in New York, Portland, and Dublin.

Idaho

thank you

Customer Care

All of our Advisors are currently helping other customers. While you wait, reply with the URL of the site you have questions about.

Idaho

christinaforcongress.net

Customer Care

We apologize for the delay. We're still helping other customers, but an Advisor will chat with you as soon as they're available. If you'd prefer not to wait, you can send us an email here: <http://sqsp.link/zhkbFc>

Craig P. joined the chat

Craig P.

Hi there, thanks for reaching out, I'd be happy to help you here.

I'll just take a moment to bring up your account.

Thanks. I'd just need you to verify the site for me so I can take a look for you..

To verify the site, please log in at the following link:

<http://squarespace.com/login>

This will bring you to your Account Dashboard where you'll see a unique code in a pop-up message.

I'd just need you to copy and paste that code into our chat.

Idaho

ok

Craig P.

Just checking to see if you're still with me?

It seems that you've stepped away, and we're more than happy to help you further should you pop back into chat.

From the information you provided, it looks like you may be missing our verification CNAME record, which should look something like this:

We have a reference for adding this record here:

<https://support.squarespace.com/hc/en-us/articles/205812378-Connecting-a-domain-to-your-Squarespace->

[site#toc-step-5---add-the-first-cname-record](#)

If you're struggling to add this record you could reach out to your domain provider for help. We have a sample message here (step #1):

<https://support.squarespace.com/hc/en-us/articles/217783698-Requesting-third-party-domain-help#toc-connecting-help---adding-dns-records>

If you continue to have trouble with this record not coming through, you could try verifying with a TXT record:

<https://support.squarespace.com/hc/en-us/articles/205812388-Domain-verification-with-a-TXT-Record-alternative-method->

Before attempting to verify with a TXT Record, ensure you've waited the full 72 hours for your domain changes to resolve, as some domains take this amount of time to connect to a site.

I hope this information helps in the meantime, but please reach out again if you have more questions you'd like to cover in chat!

Craig P. left the chat
Chat rated Bad
Comment submitted

Idaho

Hello. Need help with cname. Already have gone to 3rd party who has referred back to Squarespace.

Chris B. joined the chat

Chris B.

Hi there, I'm Chris. I'll be glad to assist you today.

Idaho

Thank you.

web site christinaforcongress.net

Chris B.

Before we proceed, I need to verify that you have access to this website. This is for your security and will only take a moment.

To verify, please go to <https://account.squarespace.com/> . This will bring you to your Account Dashboard. You'll see a unique code in a pop-up message. Copy and paste that code into our chat.

Idaho

Chris B.

Thanks so much. So, I am seeing that the verification CNAME is not connected correctly, based on the information on our end. Were you able to update this with your domain host?

Idaho

I spoke to domain host tech last night at abt midnight and they acknowledged the error and deemed it a matter that should be addressed to squarespace.

Does this answer your question Chris?

Chris B.

Sort of. Did you domain host indicate if the record is present on their end?

Idaho

Which record are you referring to specifically? I was unable to connect the domain to the webpage because of the issue with the cname.

Chris B.

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Right, the verification CNAME, the one that is and points to verify.squarespace.com . Was your domain host able to confirm if they saw this domain setting within your DNS Records on their end?

Idaho
No

Chris B.
Ok, so that would be our first step is to confirm if your domain host is seeing this record. If it's not present, we'll need to add it.

Idaho
They are not seeing it. Based on what they told me last night.

Chris B.
Gotcha. So, if you're able to log into the domain host's end, we can walk through adding it right now.

Idaho
Ok. Thank you. Stand by.

Ok. I am logged into godaddy,

Chris B.
Ok, great! Now, we'll want to go to the DNS Records for your domain. Please let me know once you're there.

Idaho
Ok, Chris. I am in the DNS records.

Chris B.
Ok, great! Now, do you see an option to add a new record?

Idaho
Yes.

Chris B.
Let's choose that option. Under type, we'll choose CNAME from the dropdown menu. In host, we'll input (I suggest copying and pasting that value). For the points to, input verify.squarespace.com

The TTL value can be left as-is.

Idaho
Ok. Done!

Chris B.
Perfect! So, you may not see the update take place right away. The site is now going to go through what we call the propagation process. Basically, this is how a site "spreads" across the Internet. I'd suggest checking back in an hour or so. However, it can be up to 72 hours, but it is typically significantly faster than that. We have a great guide on this here: <https://support.squarespace.com/hc/en-us/articles/206206678-Why-domain-updates-take-up-to-72-hours>

And for what it's worth, I'm already seeing the record go in and out on my end, which is an indication that it's propagating already.

Idaho
Thank you. One question. The Godaddy tech when I first called stated that she found the domain pointing to 4 or 5 "directions." And, that

was keeping it from working. she deleted them though.

Great! Sounds of bliss!

Chris B.

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