

3. The Court now further finds and concludes that there is no evidence of record that the Petitioner, through direct communications *or activities* with a designated individual or that designated individual's immediate family, engaged in influencing or attempting to influence legislative or executive action, or both, with respect to, or on behalf of, Sigma, EEPC, Star Pipe, Capitol Foundry, SIP or General Foundries

4. Therefore, the Court further finds and concludes that the Petitioner did not engage in "lobbying" based on his "activities" under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 120C-100(a)(9)(a).

4. Having so found, the Court adopts each of its previous conclusions of law and corresponding rulings as set out in its previous Memorandum of Decision and Order.

5. The Court, on its own motion, further finds and concludes that Respondent shall be taxed with costs, as enumerated in N.C.G.S. § 7A-305(d)(1)-(11), incurred by Petitioner in this cause, exclusive of attorneys' fees. The Court concludes, in its discretion, that each party shall bear its own attorneys' fees. The amount of costs allowed herein shall be set by a separate order of the Court.

This the 23rd day of May, 2014.



Paul C. Ridgeway, Superior Court Judge

Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing was served upon all parties by depositing the same in the sole custody of the United States Postal Service, First Class Postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

Michael L. Weisel
Sabra J. Faires
Adam N. Olls
Bailey & Dixon, LLP
P.O. Box 1351
Raleigh, NC 27602

M. Jackson Nichols
Anna Baird Choi
Allen, Pinnix & Nichols, PA
P.O. Drawer 1270
Raleigh, NC 27602

Daniel S. Johnson
Brandon L. Truman
Lareena J. Phillips
N.C. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 629
Raleigh, NC 27699-9001

This the 23rd day of May, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Johnson", is written above a horizontal line.