WAC 390-16-042 Debts and obligations—Contingent liabilities—How to report. (1) As used in chapter 29B.10 RCW and RCW 29B.25.100, "promise," "promise to pay," "debt" and "obligations" mean:

(a) Any oral or written order or agreement placed for goods, services, or anything else of value;

(b) Any offer to purchase advertising space, broadcast time, or other written, broadcast, or digital advertising-related product or service;

(c) Any contractual contingent liability; or

(d) Provided that the amount of the debt or obligation in (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection owed to a vendor is more than $1,000, and the vendor has not been paid in full for the goods received, invoices submitted, or services performed within the time periods specified below:

(i) For reports due within 30 days of an election, debts or obligations of more than $1,000 must be reported if the debt or obligation has been outstanding for more than five business days as of the last day of the reporting period.

(ii) For reports due during any other reporting period, debts or obligations of more than $1,000 must be reported if the debt or obligation has been outstanding for more than 10 business days as of the last day of the reporting period.

(2) A contractual contingent liability (e.g., an additional fee to be paid to a political consultant or other person conditioned upon the candidate winning the election) is reportable as a debt or obligation from the time the contract or agreement is entered into until the liability is voided, paid or otherwise satisfied.

(3) Regularly recurring expenditures, of the same type and same or similar amount that have been reported at least once, need not be reported as debt unless they are past due as of the last day of the reporting period. Examples of recurring obligations that can be reported as recurring expenditures rather than debt include rent, utilities, insurance, cellular phone costs, and payments to campaign staff.

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