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## STATE DISCLOSURE COMMISSION RE-ACTIVATES FEC COMPUTER ACCESS PROGRAM

OLYMPIA--Washington Public Disclosure Commission Chairman Constance Proctor announced today that the Commission office, in conjunction with the Federal Election Commission, is reactivating a program for direct computer access between its Olympia office and the FEC, providing disclosure of federal campaign finance data. Computer access will make data on computer financing more readily available to the public.

The program was discontinued in March, 1986, because of cuts in the FEC budget mandated by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget reduction legislation.

In addition to indexes that were available previously, the restored FEC-State Access Program has been expanded to include computerized data from the 1983-84 election cycle to the present.

Among computer data that again will be available through the Public Disclosure Commission are: 1) indexes providing identifying information on all registered political committees, such as their sponsoring organization, frequency of filing reports and qualifying status for making contributions; 2) indexes showing total receipts and disbursements of PACs and of candidate committees; 3) listings of all contributions by PACs to federal candidates.

To be available at a later date will be an index listing individuals who contributed \$500 or more to candidates and political committees.

Included among the new indexes is a summary sheet on each candidate or PAC, showing total receipts and expenditures, cash-on-hand and debts owed. This summary is cumulative, providing financial statistics on each candidate or committee through a two-year election cycle.

Washington was one of nine states participating in the original FEC-State Access Program. The Federal Election Commission anticipates that some 25 states will be in the program before the 1988 election.

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