

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

COA-NCR Bldg., Batasan Road, Quezon City

FRANCIS N. TOLENTINO,

Protestant,

SET Case No. 001-16

-versus-

LEILA M. DE LIMA,	
	Protestee.
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RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 74

Resolution No. 16–65 dated 14 September 2017 which set the commencement of the revision proceedings on 16 October 2017, also required, among others, that the parties attend the pre-revision conference scheduled on 26 September 2017; and that Protestee de Lima deposit the amount of Thirty-Two Thousand Pesos (P32,000.00) not later than 05 October 2017 as her share in the revision cost.

At the pre-revision conference, counsel for Protestee de Lima suggested that the Revision Report Form be amended to include a portion for "Additional Comments and Observations" to reflect the data on the Voter's Receipts.

Although the SET Rules and Procedures Governing the Revision of Ballots Under the Automated Election System contain no provision or guideline on the recording of data relative to the Voter's Receipts, the Revision Report, in its final form, prepared by the Canvass Board Service, included a page for "Comments and Observations" not only for the Voter's Receipts but also for the Minutes of Voting, Audit Log, Initialization Report, and Other Election Documents that may be found inside the ballot boxes.

Unaware of this development, Protestee De Lima filed on 18 October 2017 a Manifestation and Motion dated 16 October 2017, reiterating her request for a page on "Additional Comments and Observations" to reflect the data on the Voter's Receipts.

As to the required cash deposit, records show that Protestee de Lima deposited the aforesaid amount on 09 October 2017, as evidenced by Official Receipt No. 2183830.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, the Executive Committee of the Tribunal hereby Resolves to:

- NOTE without action Protestee de Lima's Manifestation and Motion dated 16 October 2017 for being moot and academic; and
- NOTE the compliance, albeit belatedly, of Protestee de Lima with Resolution No. 16–65 dated 14 September 2017, by making a cash deposit on 09 October 2017 in the amount Thirty-Two Thousand Pesos (P32,000.00), as evidenced by Official Receipt No. 2183830.

SO ORDERED.

24 October 2017.

Servita Lemardo de Caulso TERESITÀ J. LEONARDO-DE CASTRO

Associate Justice Acting Chairperson

UCAS P. BERSAMIN

Member

JOELVILLANUEVA

Member