



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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September 1, 2006

Patrick Gioffre, Treasurer  
Action Committee for Rural Electrification  
(ACRE) National Rural Electric Coop. Assoc.  
4301 Wilson Boulevard  
Arlington, VA 22203

**Response Due Date:  
October 2, 2006**

Identification Number: C00002972

Reference: July Monthly Report (6/1/06-6/30/06)

Dear Mr. Gioffre:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule A of your report discloses the receipt of funds from your connected organization totaling \$989.76. 2 U.S.C. §441b prohibits the receipt of funds from national banks, corporations, and labor organizations. Under 11 CFR §114.5(b)(3), however, a separate segregated fund may be reimbursed for any solicitation or other administrative expense provided that the reimbursement is made no later than thirty days after the expense was paid by the separate segregated fund.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with the clarifying information. Please provide further clarifying information regarding the date(s) on which the committee made payments for any solicitation or other administrative expenses.

To the extent that the reimbursement was made beyond thirty days after the expense was paid, you may have to make a refund. If within 30 days of receipt you (1) transferred the prohibited amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to your connected organization of the option of receiving a refund, you may retain

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the contribution in an account not used to influence federal elections. Any request from your connected organization for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 30 days of receipt, the prohibited amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR §103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a copy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfer-out or refund made should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the date on which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of a prohibited contribution, prompt action by your committee to refund or transfer-out the amount will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report

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covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR  
§110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the  
excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or  
redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses one or more  
contributions to a candidate(s) for the 2006 Primary election; however, the  
funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (see attached). Please note  
that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already  
occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's  
debts incurred during that election campaign.

If any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely  
or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with  
clarifying information. If the contribution(s) in question should have been  
designated for debt retirement, you should amend your report to indicate  
"debt retirement," along with the year of election.

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a  
refund or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the  
contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the  
treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days  
of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in  
writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request  
sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be  
disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the  
period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be  
disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report  
covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR  
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Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this  
impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or  
redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

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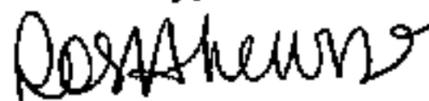
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-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Other federal operating expenditures should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

**Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1152.

Sincerely,



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Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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Excessive Contribution to Candidate

| Recipient Name  | Date    | Amount     | Election | Report             |
|-----------------|---------|------------|----------|--------------------|
| Colin Peterson  | 5/19/05 | \$3,000    | P-2006   | 2005 June Monthly  |
| Colin Peterson  | 6/09/05 | \$343.06   | P-2006   | 2005 July Monthly  |
| Collin Peterson | 3/06/06 | \$1,000    | P-2006   | 2006 April Monthly |
| Collin Peterson | 6/20/06 | \$246.11   | P-2006   | 2006 July Monthly  |
| Collin Peterson | 6/20/06 | \$656.94   | P-2006   | 2006 July Monthly  |
| Collin Peterson | 6/20/06 | \$2,046.18 | P-2006   | 2006 July Monthly  |

Contribution after Election Date

| Recipient Name  | Date    | Amount  | Election | Election<br>State - Date |
|-----------------|---------|---------|----------|--------------------------|
| Hensarling, Jeb | 6/29/06 | \$1,000 | P-2006   | TX-3/7/06                |

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