



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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October 5, 2007

Philip Roy Jr., Treasurer
Maine Republican Party
76 Silver Street
Waterville, ME 04901

**Response Due Date:
November 5, 2007**

Identification Number: C00003111

Reference: July Quarterly Report (4/01/07 – 6/30/07)

Dear Treasurer:

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. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 7 items:

1. The totals listed on Lines 7, 21(a)(i), 21(a)(ii), 21(b), 21(c), 31, and 32, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.
2. Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash-on-hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing calendar year-to-date cash-on-hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page.
3. On Schedule H1 of your report, you have checked an incorrect fixed percentage for your allocated federal and non-federal administrative, generic voter drive and exempt activity costs. The fixed percentage for these costs is based on whether a Presidential and/or a Senate candidate appear on the State's ballot. Please amend your report to include a corrected Schedule H1 and note that a change in this ratio may make it necessary to repay your non-federal account for any overpayments that may have been made. While the Commission may take further legal action

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concerning any impermissible overpayments by the non-federal account, your prompt action will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §106.7(d)(2) and (3)

4. Schedule H4 discloses a disbursement(s) for "Direct Mail 2004" which is categorized as fundraising; however, Schedule H2 does not include an allocation ratio for this activity. Please amend Schedule H2 to disclose the omitted ratio.

5. On Schedule H4, your allocated activity or event year-to-date total calculations for the Administrative category are incorrect. Allocated activity or event year-to-date totals for administrative, voter drive, exempt activity costs and expenses for public communications made by PACs referencing only political parties are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for each separate category. Allocated activity or event year-to-date totals for fundraising and direct candidate support activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous event year-to-date total for that category or event. This running event year-to-date total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct event year-to-date totals.

6. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Non-Event Consulting." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

7. Schedule H1 of your report indicates that the federal percentage for allocated administrative, generic voter drive and exempt activity costs is 15%. However, based on Commission calculations, the federal percentage used by your committee should be 36% for the 2007-2008 election cycle. Furthermore, Schedule H4 discloses allocated disbursements based on a 15% federal ratio. Please clarify this discrepancy and transfer the excessive non-federal amount back to the non-federal account, if appropriate.

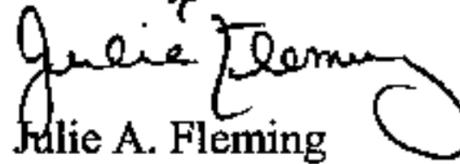
-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions from individuals which aggregate in excess of \$200 for the calendar year should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 11(a)(i) of the 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 must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. 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. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

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) 694-1206.

Sincerely,



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