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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

May 12, 2004

Hobson Waits, Treasurer
Mississippi Acre Committee
Post Office Box 3300
Ridgeland, MS 39158

Response Due Date:
June 11, 2004

Identification Number: C00004952

Reference: Year End Report (7/1/03-12/31/03)

Dear Mr. Waits:

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

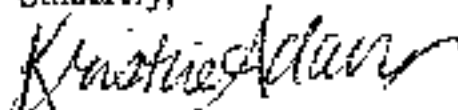
Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule B supporting Line 29 of the Detailed Summary Page discloses a disbursement in the amount of \$2,900.00 for "State Disb. Below Reporting Threshold." Note, "Other Disbursements" that aggregate \$200 or less (per payee) need only be disclosed on Line 29 of the Detailed Summary Page. Therefore, please clarify whether this figure includes any disbursements to a payee that aggregate greater than \$200 in the calendar year. If this is the case, please amend your report by itemizing the disbursements on Schedule B. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(4)(H)(V)

Unlike previous election cycles, 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 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1141.

Sincerely,



Kristine Adams
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Excessive Contribution to a Candidate with an Affiliated Committee:

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report	Contributing Affiliate
Chip Pickering	3/21/03	\$5,000.00	*P2004	2003 April Monthly	Action Committee for Rural Electification (ACRE)-National Rural Elec. Cooperative Assn.
Pickering, Charles W. Chip Jr.	10/6/03	\$2,500.00	P2004	2003 Year End	Mississippi Acre Committee

*Report reflected contribution to 2003 primary election, however, there was no primary election in 2003 in which the candidate participated. Therefore, contribution attributed to the next scheduled election, the 2004 Primary.

