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Via Electronic and Hand Delivery

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Re:RFAI Response by Murray Energy Corporation PAC (C00410985)

Dear Ms. Juris:

This letter is in response to the three RFAIs of March 8, 2012 referenced below related to potential 'excessive contributions to candidate committees' and 'contributions made after election dates':

- RFAI - July Quarterly Report (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)
RFAI - October Quarterly Report (7/1/12 - 9/30 12)
RFAI - 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/12 - 10/17/12)

As addressed further below, most of the issues referenced by the FEC in the RFAIs are the result of inadvertent reporting errors by Murray Energy Corporation PAC (MECPAC) where contributions made for candidates' general elections were mistakenly attributed to candidates' primary elections in the relevant FEC reports. MECPAC will promptly amend the relevant reports to correct these inadvertent errors.

'Contributions Made After Election Date'

The FEC identified six contributions that MECPAC disclosed in its 12 Day Pre-General Report as for the 2012 Primary election, although the 2012 Primary election had passed. This was an inadvertent reporting error. The contributions at issue were intended for the 2012 General election, as evidenced by the contribution checks in question and also the recipient committees' designations. Please see Exhibit 1 for a copy of the relevant contribution checks. It is important to note that none of the contributions were designated on the checks, thus supporting the fact that these were undesignated contributions attributable to the 2012 General election. Also see Exhibit 2 for the relevant pages from the recipient committees' filings, all of which report the contributions in question as for the 2012 General election. In order to correct this inadvertent reporting error, MECPAC will amend its 12 Day Pre-General Report to reflect that the contributions in question were intended for the 2012 General election. See Figure 1 below for a summary of the relevant contributions and the corrections being made.

Figure 1

Table with 3 columns: Recipient, Date, Contribution Amount. Rows include Ted Cruz for Senate, Hoekstra for Senate, Johnson for Congress, and Snuffer U.S. Congress.

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Committee to Elect Charlie Summers	10/15/2012	\$3,000.00
Tommy Thompson for Senate, Inc.	10/15/2012	\$4,000.00

2012 Primary	2012 General
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'Excessive Contributions to Candidate Committees'

George Allen for U.S. Senate

In its 12 Day Pre-General Report, MECPAC mistakenly reported that an October 15, 2012 contribution of \$4,000 to George Allen for U.S. Senate was for the 2012 Primary election, when it was in fact for the 2012 General election. This was the same inadvertent mistake referenced in the 'Contributions Made After Election Date' discussion above. Because of this error, it looked as though MECPAC made an excessive contribution to George Allen for U.S. Senate of \$4,000, as it had already contributed \$5,000 to the primary election in March of 2011.

Please see Exhibit 1 for a copy of the relevant contribution check. Again, it is important to note that the check did not designate an election, and accordingly the contribution should be attributed to the 2012 General election. Also see Exhibit 2