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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 4, 2005

P. James Nicholson, Treasurer
Maine Republican Party
76 Silver Street
Waterville, ME 04901

Response Due Date:
April 4, 2005

Identification Number: C00003111

Reference: Amended July Quarterly Report (4/1/04 - 6/30/04), received 2/12/05

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

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:

-Your report was not signed by the treasurer or designated agent listed on your Statement of Organization. Please amend your report by providing the signature of an individual that is authorized to sign the report. 2 U.S.C. §434(a)(1) and 11 CFR §104.14(a) and (d). If a new treasurer has been appointed, please file an amended Statement of Organization (FORM 1) or a letter (if not an electronic filer) to reflect this change.

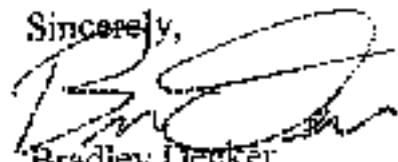
-On Schedule H2, you disclose the ratio for "May Convention 2004" to be the same as previously reported; however, it appears that this activity/event was not previously reported. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy. 11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Disbursements for PEA payroll should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 30(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

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 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1301.

Sincerely,



Bradley Decker
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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