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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 21, 2006

Jay T. Downen, Treasurer
Montana Action Committee
for Rural Electrification
501 Bay Drive
Great Falls, MT 59403

Response Due Date:
May 22, 2006

Identification Number: C00139360

Reference: April Quarterly Report (1/1/05-3/31/05)

Dear Mr. Downen:

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 filed on an obsolete FEC FORM 3X. Please be advised that all political committees are now required to use the FEC FORM 3X (revised 12/04). The new form can be downloaded from the FEC web site at http://www.fec.gov, or requested through the FEC Faxline at (202) 501-3413. Please re-submit your report using the new FEC Form 3X. (11 CFR §104.2)

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Transfers to affiliate/other party committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 22 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

-For your information, all contributions received that aggregate $200 or less per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(ii). Contributions received aggregating over $200 per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(i) and itemized on Schedule A.

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-For your information, each category on the Detailed Summary Page for which your committee discloses activity must have a separate schedule. Please note this for future filings.

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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