



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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September 8, 2006

John R. Loyack, Treasurer
PNM Responsible Citizens Group
Alvarado Square MS 2701
Albuquerque, NM 87158

**Response Due Date:
October 10, 2006**

Identification Number: C00025395

Reference: Amended July Quarterly Report (4/01/06 – 6/30/06), received on 7/13/06

Dear Mr. Loyack:

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

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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 23 of your report discloses one or more contributions to a candidate(s) for the 2006 Primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (see attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign.

If any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If the contribution(s) in question should have been designated for debt retirement, you should amend your report to indicate "debt retirement," along with the year of election.

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a refund 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.

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 this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-The totals listed on Lines 6(c), 7, 11(a)(i), 11(a)(ii), 11(a)(iii), 11(d), 19, 20, 23, 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

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"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.

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your April Quarterly Report (1/01/06 - 3/31/06). Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-Commission records indicate the name of your political committee is "PNM Responsible Citizens Group". However, your committee has filed this report(s) using the name "Responsible Citizens Group". While committees may use commonly recognized abbreviations on daily communications (i.e. letterhead and committee checks), committee filings such as disclosure reports and amendments must reflect the official name of the connected organization, as well as any abbreviation within its title. 11 CFR §102.14(c) Please amend your report(s) to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

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) 694-1398.

Sincerely,



Michael H. Hartsock
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report
Jeff Bingaman	9/08/05	\$2,000	*P2005	2005 Year-End
Jeff Bingaman	10/06/05	\$3,000	*P2005	2005 Year-End
Jeff Bingaman	6/30/06	\$4,000	P2006	2006 July Quarterly

*Schedule B of your report discloses this contribution as designated to the 2005 Primary election; however, this candidate did not participate in a Primary election in 2005. Therefore, this contribution has been attributed to the next scheduled Federal election for this candidate, the 2006 Primary election

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Election State - Date
Jeff Bingaman	6/30/06	\$4,000	P2006	NM - 6/06/06
Chet Edwards	6/30/06	\$1,000	P2006	TX - 3/07/06

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