



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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October 3, 2007

Philip Roy Jr., Treasurer
Maine Republican Party
76 Silver Street
Waterville, ME 04901

**Response Due Date:
November 5, 2007**

Identification Number: C00003111

Reference: April Quarterly Report (1/01/07 – 3/31/07)

Dear Treasurer:

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. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 7 items:

1. The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your Amended Year-End Report (11/28/06 – 12/31/06), received 7/16/07. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.
2. Schedule D supporting Line 10 of your report discloses debts with negative closing balances owed by your committee to "Nicholson & Associates C. P. A." and "Augusta Fuel Company". Please provide further clarification regarding these debts.
3. Schedule D supporting Line 10 of your report discloses a -\$3,000 debt incurred this period by "City of Augusta" for "Adjustment to Bill". Please amend your report to provide additional clarifying information regarding this transaction and be advised that all debts and obligations must be disclosed until extinguished. 11 CFR §104.11
4. Schedule H1 indicates that the federal percentage for allocated administrative, generic voter drive and exempt activity costs is 15%. However, based on Commission calculations, the federal percentage used by your committee should be 36% for the 2007-2008 election cycle.

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Furthermore, Schedule H4 discloses allocated disbursements based on a 15% federal ratio. Please clarify this discrepancy and transfer the excessive non-federal amount back to the non-federal account, if appropriate.

5. On Schedule H1 of your report, you have checked an incorrect fixed percentage for your allocated federal and non-federal administrative, generic voter drive and exempt activity costs. The fixed percentage for these costs is based on whether a Presidential and/or a Senate candidate appear on the State's ballot. Please amend your report to include a corrected Schedule H1 and note that a change in this ratio may make it necessary to repay your non-federal account for any overpayments that may have been made. While the Commission may take further legal action concerning any impermissible overpayments by the non-federal account, your prompt action will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §106.7(d)(2) and (3)

6. Schedule H4 discloses a disbursement(s) for "Direct Mail 2004" which is categorized as fundraising; however, Schedule H2 does not include an allocation ratio for this activity. Please amend Schedule H2 to disclose the omitted ratio.

7. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) B and H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Event Expense". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. 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. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

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) 694-1206.

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Sincerely,

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