



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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Walter L. Smitherman, Treasurer  
Mississippi Power Company Federal PAC  
A/K/A/ MS Pwr. Co. Employees' Comm.  
for Responsible Federal Government  
2992 West Beach Boulevard  
Gulfport, MS 39502

SEP 26 2001

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Dear Mr. Smitherman:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution(s) to a candidate(s) for the Primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (pertinent portion(s) 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 the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an impermissible contribution, you should notify the recipient and request a refund and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent

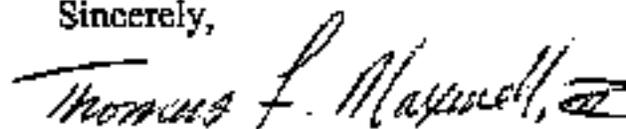
to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during 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.

-Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) of your report discloses contributions received through what appears to be a payroll deduction plan. Please amend your report to disclose the amount deducted per pay period. 11 CFR §104.8(b) Please refer to the enclosed sample of properly reported payroll deductions.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Thomas F. Maxwell, III  
Reports Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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Committee Name : Mississippi Power Company Federal PAC

Full Name Mailing Address and Zip Code	Purpose Disbursement for	Date	Amount
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Friends of Bernie Thompson - H P.O. Box 100 Bolton, MS 39041	Purpose:  Contribution MS-002; Democrat For: Primary 2000	8/30/2000	1,000.00
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PRIMARY Date: 3/14/00 TFM

TOTAL This Period : 1,000.00

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page 1,000.00

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