



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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February 6, 2009

D. Eric Schippers, Treasurer
Penn National Gaming Inc Political Action
Committee
825 Berkshire Boulevard, Suite 200
Wyomissing, PA 19610

**Response Due Date:
March 9, 2009**

Identification Number: C00423814

Reference: 30 Day Post-General Report (10/16/08 – 11/24/08)

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 2 items:

1. Your filings disclose that your committee may have satisfied the criteria set forth at 11 CFR §100.5(e)(3) for becoming a multicandidate committee; however, the Commission has no record of a FORM 1M (Notification of Multicandidate Status) filed by your committee. Please be advised that once a political committee meets the certification requirements or becomes affiliated with an existing multicandidate committee, whether or not that political committee has certified its status as a multicandidate committee, it automatically attains multicandidate status and must file a FORM 1M (Notification of Multicandidate Status) within ten (10) calendar days. The certification requirements for multicandidate status have been satisfied when a political committee:

1. Has received contributions for federal elections from at least 51 persons;
2. Has been registered with the Commission for at least 6 months; and
3. Has made contributions to at least five federal candidates.

For further guidance on the multicandidate certification requirements, please see 11 CFR §§102.2(a)(3), 110.2(a)(1) and (2). Please submit a

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FORM 1M to disclose the required information for the public record. A copy of FEC FORM 1M can be downloaded from the FEC website at <http://www.fec.gov>, or requested through the FEC Fax line at (202) 501-3413.

2. Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution(s) to "OHIO DEMOCRATIC PARTY;" however, you have also disclosed "NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE" for this transaction. Please clarify whether this was an earmarked contribution(s) made by your committee through "OHIO DEMOCRATIC PARTY" to this political committee, or if you made the contribution to the party committee exercising no direction or control over how the funds were to be used. If the latter is the case, please do not include the political action committee's name on your report. Please amend your report to clarify the ultimate recipient of this contribution(s).

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) 694-1394.

Sincerely,



Marlene R. Daughtrey
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division