



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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March 16, 2005

Jay T. Downen, Treasurer  
Montana Action Committee for Rural Electrification  
P.O. Box 1306 (501 Bay Drive)  
Great Falls, MT 59403

**Response Due Date:**  
**April 15, 2005**

Identification Number: C00139360

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/04-9/30/04)

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:

-Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) of your report discloses a receipt(s) for "Proceeds from Auction Items Sold." Please be advised that federal regulations require the itemization of all contributions from individuals/persons that aggregate greater than \$200 in the calendar year. Please clarify whether this figure includes any receipts that aggregate greater than \$200 from an individual/person. If this is the case, please amend your report(s) by itemizing the receipts on Schedule A. 11 CFR §104.3(a)(2)

-Schedule B supporting Line 29 of your report discloses a disbursement for "Uncollected Accounts Receivable: Recorded as Income in Sales of Auction Items." Please be advised that debt owed to the committee should be reported on Schedule D, supporting Line 9 of the Summary Page. 11 CFR §104.3(d) Please amend your report or provide clarifying information.

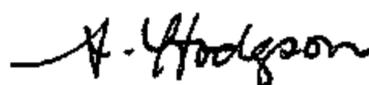
**Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee.

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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) 694-1140.

Sincerely,



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