



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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August 4, 2015

LORNA KUNEY, TREASURER
BIG SKY OPPORTUNITY PAC
PO BOX 1618
HELENA, MT 59624

Response Due Date

09/08/2015

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00542027

REFERENCE: JULY QUARTERLY REPORT (04/01/2015 - 06/30/2015)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report 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 3 item(s):

1. The totals listed on Line(s) 6(c), 11(a)(i), 11(a)(iii), 11(d), 19, and 20, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Column B figures for the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages should equal the sum of the Column B figures on your previous report and the Column A figures on this report. Please file an amendment to your report to correct the Column B discrepancies for this report and all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction. Note that Column B should reflect only the Calendar Year-to-Date totals. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)))
2. Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash on hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing calendar year to date cash on hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)))
3. Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30116(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441a(a)) prohibits a non-multicandidate committee from making contributions to a state, district or local party committee (combined) in excess of \$10,000 per calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or

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incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have made an excessive contribution, you must notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$10,000. The refund of the excessive amount must be made within sixty (60) days of receipt of the contribution.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund 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.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (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) 694-1172.

Sincerely,



Jack Baisden
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Impermissible, Excessive, and Prohibited Contributions
Big Sky Opportunity PAC (C00542027)

Excessive Contributions PAC to State Party

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Report
Montana Republican State Central Cmte	1/2/15	\$10,000.00	2015 April Quarterly
Montana Republican State Central Cmte	4/6/15	\$10,000.00	2015 July Quarterly