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Pat Elliot, Treasurer
Ecolab Inc. Political Action Committee
Ecolab Center
St. Paul, MN 55102

Identification Number: C00101485

Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/93-6/30/93)

Dear Ms. Elliot:

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 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 frequency of deduction and amount deducted per pay period. 11 CFR §104.8(b) Please refer to the enclosed sample of properly reported payroll deductions.

Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

Neil Evans
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

SCHEDULE A — ITEMIZED RECEIPTS — PAGE OF

Contributions from Individuals — FOR LINE NUMBER 11(a)(i)

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full): National Organization PAC C00000001

Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
Anne Sullivan, 21 16th Street, City, State ZIP	National Organization, Inc. / Branch Manager	payroll deduction	$72.00 ($12 biweekly)
Rodney Jones, 881 Hainsbury Road, City, State ZIP	National Organization, Inc. / Vice President	payroll deduction	$120.00 ($20 biweekly)

Itemize payroll deductions only after they have exceeded $200 per calendar year from an individual.

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

SCHEDULE A — ITEMIZED RECEIPTS — PAGE OF

Contributions from Individuals — FOR LINE NUMBER 11(a)(i)

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full): National Organization PAC C00000001

Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
Martin L. Kress, 4 River Road, City, State ZIP	National Organization, Inc. / Chairman	8/19/92	$5,999.00 (IN-KIND) (RAFFLE Prize)

SCHEDULE B — ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS — PAGE OF

Operating Expenditures/Other Federal — FOR LINE NUMBER 21(b)

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full): National Organization PAC C00000001

Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Martin L. Kress, 4 River Road, City, State ZIP	raffle prize	8/19/92	$5,999.00 (IN-KIND DONTRIBUTION)

Itemize in-kind contributions on both Schedules A and B so as not to inflate the cash-on-hand amount.

Payroll Deductions

Once an individual's deductions aggregate over $200 in a calendar year, report the total amount deducted from the donor's paychecks during the reporting period on Schedule A. In parentheses indicate the amount that was deducted each pay period. Instead of stating a specific date of receipt, write "payroll deduction" under "Date." The other itemized information, including the year-to-date total, must be completed for each donor. 104.8(b).

EXAMPLE: During an election year, a corporate manager authorizes her employer to deduct $12 per pay period (each pay period is two weeks) for the company's SSF. The SSF, which files FEC reports on a quarterly schedule, includes the manager's contributions as "unitemized contributions" in its April and July quarterly reports. By June 30, the closing date for the July report, the manager's aggregate contributions are $195 — still below the $200 itemization threshold. By September 30 — the closing date for the October quarterly report — the manager's contributions reach $228. Therefore, the committee itemizes the total contributions received from the manager during the third quarter ($120), providing the year-to-date total in the appropriate space. (See Item A in the illustration above.)

In-Kind Contributions

When determining whether to itemize an *in-kind contribution*, follow the same guidelines listed above under "When to Itemize Receipts." See Chapter 2 for information on how to determine the dollar value of an in-kind contribution.

In addition, add the value of the in-kind contribution to the *operating expenditures* total on Line 21(b) (in order to avoid inflating the cash-on-hand amount). 104.13(a)(2).

If the in-kind contribution must be itemized on Schedule A, then it must also be itemized on a Schedule B for operating expenditures. See the illustration at right.

Appreciated Goods

When a committee receives an in-kind contribution whose value may

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