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Mr. Nicholas T. Ebinger
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Reference: February Monthly (1/1/01-1/31/01), March Monthly (2/1/01-2/28/01), April Monthly (3/1/01-3/31/01), May Monthly (4/1/01-4/30/01), June Monthly (5/1/01-5/31/01), July Monthly (6/1/01-6/30/01), August Monthly (7/1/01-7/31/01), September Monthly (8/1/01-8/31/01), October Monthly (9/1/01-9/30/01), November Monthly (10/1/01-10/31/01), and December Monthly (11/1/01-11/30/01) Reports

Dear Mr. Ebinger:

This letter responds to your request that the above-referenced John Deere Political Action Committee reports (Reports) be amended or clarified to disclose the frequency and amount of each deduction set forth therein. A response was originally sent to you by certified mail on 31 January 2002 and was received by the Federal Election Commission on 19 February 2002. Consistent with your recent request to my assistant, Candace Nielsen, this response is electronically submitted.

In support of your request that the Reports disclose the frequency and amount of each deduction you reference 11 C.F.R. §104.8(b). As permitted by 11 C.F.R. §104.8(b), the Reports as filed separately itemize each additional contribution received from each contributor over the reporting threshold during the reporting period. 11 C.F.R. §104.8(b) permits, but does not require, in lieu of separately itemizing each additional contribution, reporting for each individual over the threshold the aggregate amount of contributions during the period and the amount deducted per pay period. The Committee has not elected to use the alternate means of reporting because of programming issues and the fact that deductions may vary between payroll periods. Accordingly, we believe the Reports filed comply with the reporting requirements.

We hope this information clarifies the matters referred to in your letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further; my direct telephone number is (309) 765-5847.

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Sincerely,

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