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KENTUCKY STATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
PO BOX 694
FRANKFORT, KY 40602

Response Due Date 05/12/2011

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00011197

REFERENCE: YEAR-END REPORT (11/23/2010 - 12/31/2010)

### 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 9 item(s):

- 1. Your report(s) was not signed by the treasurer or designated agent listed on your Statement of Organization. Please amend your report(s) by providing the signature of an individual that is authorized to sign the report(s). 2 U.S.C. §434(a)(1) and 11 CFR §104.14(a) and (d) If a new treasurer has been appointed, please file an amended Statement of Organization (FORM 1) or a letter (if not an electronic filer) to reflect this change.
- 2. Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses one or more contributions to a candidate(s) for the 2010 general election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (see attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign.

If any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If the contribution(s) in question should have been designated for debt retirement, you should amend your report to indicate "debt retirement," along with the year of election.

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a refund or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

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If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation 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. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

**3.** Schedule A supporting Line 15 of your report discloses a payment from "Insight" and "Paducah Power." It appears this receipt was for goods and/or services provided by your committee. Pursuant to Advisory Opinion 1979-18, the sale/purchase price paid to a political committee could involve the receipt of a contribution from a purchaser if the purchase price exceeds the "usual and normal charge". The term "usual and normal charge" for goods is defined as the price of those goods in the market from which they ordinarily would have been purchased at the time of the contribution. Examples of goods and services include equipment, supplies, personnel, advertising services, membership lists, and mailing lists. 11 CFR §100.52(d)(1) and (2)

Please clarify whether your committee assessed the usual and normal charge for the goods and/or services you provided and explain the steps your committee took in determining the amount charged. If your committee provided the goods and/or services at more than the usual and normal charge, the difference between the two is considered to be an in-kind contribution received by your committee from a corporation and is prohibited subject to the limits set forth at 2 U.S.C. §441b(a)

**4.** The totals listed on Lines 7, 21(b), 21(c), 25, 30(b), 30(c), 31 and 32, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

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- **5.** The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your 30 Day Post-General Report (10/14/10-11/22/10). Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.
- **6.** Schedule A of your 2010 reports combined discloses transfers totaling \$22,500 from "DSP Senate Joint Victory Fund-Kentucky Account", which is a joint fundraising committee(s) affiliated with your committee. Please be advised that a memo Schedule A must be provided to itemize your committee's share of the gross contributions received through the joint fundraiser(s). The memo schedule should itemize each individual who has contributed an aggregate in excess of \$200 during the calendar year, and provide the amount of unitemized contributions received. In addition, the memo schedule should itemize your committee's share of all contributions from political committees, regardless of amount. Please amend your report by providing the omitted memo schedule(s). 11 CFR §102.17(c)(8)(i)(B)
- 7. Schedule H4 of your report discloses a reimbursement(s) to an individual(s) for apparent travel and subsistence advances in which the total amount reimbursed exceeds \$500. When the reimbursement amount to staff for travel and subsistence advances exceeds \$500, the payments by committee staff that make up the reimbursement have to be itemized as memo entries regardless of the amount. Each memo entry must include the complete name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and an adequate purpose. Please amend your report to include the missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule H4, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. 11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17, and Advisory Opinion 1996-20, footnote 3
- **8.** The coordinated expenditure schedule (Schedule F) should disclose the following information: the identification of the designating committee, the payee's name and address, the purpose of the expenditure, the identification of the candidate supported, the office sought, state and district (if applicable), the date and amount of the payment and the aggregate general election expenditure total for each candidate supported. Please amend Schedule F by providing the candidate name. 2 U.S.C. §441a(d)
- **9.** Schedule F supporting Line 25 of your report discloses coordinated a expenditure(s), which appears to have been made after the general election date. Please be advised that if a service is provided or a communication is aired in one reporting period and the payment is made in a later reporting period, the coordinated expenditure should be reported as a memo entry on Schedule F when the service is provided or the communication is publicly

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disseminated or distributed, and on a Schedule D if it is a reportable debt under 11 CFR §104.11. When the payment for the coordinated expenditure is made, the report should show a payment on Schedule F and the same payment on Schedule D, if applicable.

Please amend your report to provide further clarifying information regarding the coordinated expenditures disclosed after the general election date.

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) 694-1133.

Sincerely,

Christopher Morse

Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

Reports Analysis Division

# Contribution After Election Date:

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	General Election
Conway for US Senate	12/29/10	\$5,000	G-2010	<b>Date</b> 11/02/10
Conway for US Senate	12/29/10	\$5,000	*G-2010	11/02/10

\*Schedule B of your report discloses this contribution with no designation to a federal election; the report also discloses an additional contribution to this candidate designated to the 2010 general election. Therefore, this contribution has also been attributed to the 2010 general election.