



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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June 8, 2005

Charlie Buckels, Treasurer
Republican Party of Louisiana
11440 North Lake Sherwood Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

**Response Due Date:
July 8, 2005**

Identification Number: C00187450

Reference: August Monthly Report (7/1/04-7/31/04)

Dear Mr. Buckels:

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:

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your **Amended July Monthly Report (6/1/04-6/30/04), Received 8/20/04.** Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-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.

-On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have failed to include the **purposes** for several joint expenditures to various vendors. Note that the activity or event identifier is not considered an adequate description of purpose. Please amend your report to include this missing information.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): **"Professional Services."** For

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further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "Facility Rental and Facility Rental-Vic 2004" on Schedule(s) B and H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24, or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

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. 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) 694-1144.

Sincerely,



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