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December 23, 2002

 John D. Gibson  
 Assistant Staff Director  
 Reports Analysis Division  
 Federal Election Commission  
 Washington, D.C. 20463

ID #: C00113811

 RE: Oct. Quarterly Report (7/1/02-9/30/02)  
 RE: FEC-69346

Dear Mr. Gibson:

This letter is in response to your letter of December 12, 2002 and that of Nicholas T. Ebinger of Nov. 20. In July of this year we had finally had enough of problems with GR Office PAC Software provided to us by Vocus. We had used this software for three years, and had never been able to generate an accurate report except for the FEC filings.

So, in July we began to transition to the Public Affairs Technologies PAC software package called GR Powerbase. This transition, which began at the end of July, has been anything but seamless. Data conversion has been inaccurate; implementation has been slow beyond comprehension; and report generation has been unreliable.

Because this transition has covered the most active part of an election year and the software is not yet operational, we had to have Public Affairs Technologies file our reports for us, beginning with the one in question. In filing our reports, they managed somehow to convert accurately input information into inaccurate data which led to the problems Mr. Ebinger pointed out in his Nov. 20 letter.

In actual fact, there were no excessive contributions, and nothing needs to be redesignated or refunded:

- As sent, the check for Tim Johnson for Congress dated 8/27/2002 (page 61/65, A) was designated for the General Election, not the primary. This was a reporting error generated in the new software. Our records were correct, but were somehow ended up being modified by the software in the report to you.

- The same is true of the checks to Norm Coleman's campaign. The check for \$5,000 dated 5/20/2002 was, as shown, designated for the primary election (held 9/16/2002). The check for \$2,500 on 8/6/2002 (page 54/65, C) was actually designated for the General Election, even though it was modified in the software and reported erroneously.

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- The remainder of the errors noted in your letter of November were also artifacts of the CR Powerbase software problems, and were corrected in an amended report filed with you last Thursday. Here is the electronic receipt information we received from you:

Your filing was received and accepted by our system at 12/19/2002 - 15:28:02,  
and was assigned the filing ID of: REC-69346

Since the specific contributions cited in your letter as being "after the primary election" actually were designated for the General Election, this was not an error in the timing of the contributions, but an artifact of this new software.

We still do not have the software package running to our satisfaction, and have the vendor at work debugging those errors we still find occurring. Some errors that are generated as artifacts of this process may still occur in the subsequent reports that are being filed for us by Public Affairs Technologies until the system is fully installed, debugged and accepted. We are attempting to check and correct the data before they file so far as is possible, but until we have control over the process we are simply going to have to watch for and correct any errors that the data conversion may have caused.

We apologize for these problems, and are attempting to resolve them as quickly as possible. Thank you for bringing these errors to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. White, Manager  
Electrical Construction Political Action Committee  
Of the National Electrical Contractors Association



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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December 12, 2002

J. Michael Thompson, Treasurer  
Electrical Construction PAC-National Electrical  
Contractors Association, Inc.  
3 Bethesda Metro Center, Suite 1100  
Bethesda, MD 20814

Identification Number: C00113811

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/02-9/30/02)

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This letter is to inform you that as of December 11, 2002, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated November 20, 2002. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by January 1, 2003. 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, please contact Nicholas Ebinger on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson

Assistant Staff Director  
Reports Analysis Division

Enclosure



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

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J. Michael Thompson, Treasurer  
Electrical Construction PAC-National Electrical  
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Identification Number: C00113811

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/02-9/30/02)

Dear Mr. Thompson:

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 B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount 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.

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

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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 the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-The totals listed on Lines 23, 28(a) and 28(b), Column B of the 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.

-Please amend your report by providing the purpose for each disbursement itemized on Schedule B supporting Line(s) 21(b).

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses one or more contributions to a candidate(s) for the 2002 election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (pertinent portion(s) 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 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.

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

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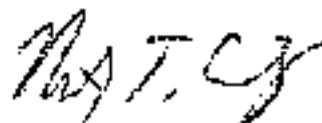
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Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 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.

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designation 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 need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Nicholas T. Ebinger  
Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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**SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 3X)  
ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS**

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)  
Electrical Construction PAC - National Electrical Contractors

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>A. John D Dingsell For Congress Committee</b>		Date of Disbursement 07 25 2002	
Mailing Address 807 Fourteenth Street NW City Washington State MI Zip Code 20005		Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 1000.00	
Purpose of Disbursement		Transaction ID: 2176	
Candidate Name		Category/Type	
Office Sought: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> House <input type="checkbox"/> Senate <input type="checkbox"/> President	Disbursement For: 2002 <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▼		
State: MI District: 18			

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>B. Tim Murphy For Congress</b>		Date of Disbursement 07 25 2002	
Mailing Address PO Box 11721 City Pittsburgh State PA Zip Code 15228		Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 2000.00	
Purpose of Disbursement		Transaction ID: 2177	
Candidate Name		Category/Type	
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State: PA District: 18			

**NTC**

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Norm Coleman For US Senate		Date of Disbursement 08 06 2002	
Mailing Address 1410 Energy Park Dr #11 City Saint Paul State MN Zip Code 55108		Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 2500.00	
Purpose of Disbursement		Transaction ID: 2178	
Candidate Name		Category/Type	
Office Sought: <input type="checkbox"/> House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senate <input type="checkbox"/> President	Disbursement For: 2002 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▼		
State: MN District:			

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)  
Electrical Construction PAC - National Electrical Contractors

**A. Gordon Smith For U S Senate**

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)  
Gordon Smith For U S Senate

Date of Disbursement  
05 / 20 / 2002

Mailing Address  
1901 Skyline Drive  
City: Pandemon State: OR Zip Code: 97801

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period  
3000.00

Purpose of Disbursement  
YTD: \$4000.00 Gordon H. Smith, U.S. SENAT

Candidate Name  
Gordon H. Smith

Office Sought: House  Senate  President   
Disbursement For: 2002 Primary  General  Other (specify)

State: OR District:

Transaction ID: 100000058320038

**B. Norm Coleman For U S Senate**

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)  
Norm Coleman For U S Senate

Date of Disbursement  
05 / 20 / 2002

Mailing Address  
1410 Energy Park Dr #11  
City: Saint Paul State: MN Zip Code: 55108

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period  
5000.00

Purpose of Disbursement  
Norm Coleman, U.S. HOUSE MN

Candidate Name  
Norm Coleman

Office Sought: House  Senate  President   
Disbursement For: 2002 Primary  General  Other (specify)

State: MN District:

Transaction ID: 100000058330038

**C. Gil Gutknecht for Congress**

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)  
Gil Gutknecht for Congress

Date of Disbursement  
05 / 20 / 2002

Mailing Address  
1530 Greenview Dr, SW  
City: Rochester State: MN Zip Code: 55902

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period  
1000.00

Purpose of Disbursement  
YTD: \$0.00 Gil Gutknecht, U.S. HOUSE 1st

Candidate Name  
Gil Gutknecht

Office Sought: House  Senate  President   
Disbursement For: 2002 Primary  General  Other (specify)

State: MN District: 1

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**A. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)**  
Electrical Construction PAC - National Electrical Contractors

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)  
Tim Johnson For Congress

Date of Disbursement  
08 / 27 / 2002

Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 2778  
City: Arlington, State: VA, Zip Code: 22202

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period  
1000.00

Purpose of Disbursement  
Candidate Name  
Category Type  
*IL primary: 3/11/02*

Office Sought:  House,  Senate,  President  
Disbursement For: 2002,  Primary,  General,  Other (specify)

State: IL, District: 15  
Transaction ID: 2197

**B. Friends of Ray LaHood**

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)  
Friends of Ray LaHood

Date of Disbursement  
08 / 27 / 2002

Mailing Address  
8311 N. Starling Ave #10  
City: Peoria, State: IL, Zip Code: 61604

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period  
2000.00

Purpose of Disbursement  
Candidate Name  
Category Type

Office Sought:  House,  Senate,  President  
Disbursement For: 2002,  Primary,  General,  Other (specify)

State: IL, District: 15  
Transaction ID: 2198

**C. Volunteers for Shimkus**

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)  
Volunteers for Shimkus

Date of Disbursement  
08 / 27 / 2002

Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 5458  
City: Springfield, State: IL, Zip Code: 62705

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period  
2000.00

Purpose of Disbursement  
Candidate Name  
Category Type

Office Sought:  House,  Senate,  President  
Disbursement For: 2002,  Primary,  General,  Other (specify)

State: IL, District: 20  
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