



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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MICHAEL E. WHELAN, TREASURER
THE NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION ACTION
COMMITTEE FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION (ACRE)
4301 WILSON BOULEVARD
ARLINGTON, VA 22203-1860

Response Due Date
09/22/2016

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00002972

REFERENCE: APRIL MONTHLY REPORT (03/01/2016 - 03/31/2016)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report 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 1 item(s):

- Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses contributions to political committees however, you have also disclosed federal candidates for these transactions (see attached). Please clarify whether these were earmarked contributions made by your committee through these committees to each candidate, or if you made the contributions to the political committees exercising no direction or control over how the funds were to be used. If the latter is the case, please do not include the candidates' names on your report. Please amend your report to clarify the ultimate recipient of these contributions. (11 CFR §104.3 (b)(3))

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)

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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) 694-1185.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samantha Hay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "H" and a trailing flourish.

Samantha Hay
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Failure to Properly Itemize Contributions to Political Committees**The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE) (C00002972)****Unclear Recipient Committees**

Committee	Date	Amount	Federal Candidate
AMERIPAC	3/4/16	\$5,000.00	STENY HOYER
THOROUGHbred PAC	3/28/16	\$5,000.00	Ed Whitfield
GOAL PAC	3/16/16	\$5,000.00	SANDER LEVIN
BRIDGE PAC	3/16/16	\$5,000.00	Jim Clyburn
TRUST PAC	3/4/16	\$5,000.00	FRED UPTON
COUNTRY ROADS PAC	3/4/16	\$5,000.00	JOE MANCHIN
GOLD PAC	3/28/16	\$5,000.00	SANFORD BISHOP
FREEDOM AND SECURITY PAC	3/31/16	\$5,000.00	JOHN KLINE
SAWTOOTH PAC	3/4/16	\$5,000.00	MIKE SIMPSON
HOOSIERS FIRST PAC	3/16/16	\$5,000.00	JOE DONNELLY
MAJORITY COMMITTEE PAC	3/4/16	\$5,000.00	REP KEVIN MCCARTHY
EUREKA PAC	3/4/16	\$5,000.00	REP KEN CALVERT
SECURE PAC	3/7/16	\$5,000.00	REP BENNIE THOMPSON
EYE OF THE TIGER PAC	3/28/16	\$5,000.00	REP STEVE SCALISE
PROMOTING OUR REPUBLICAN TEAM PAC	3/28/16	\$5,000.00	SEN PORTMAN
GREAT LAKES PAC	3/28/16	\$5,000.00	SEN. DEBBIE STABENOW
PRESERVING AMERICAS TRADITIONS PATPAC	3/4/16	\$5,000.00	PAT ROBERTS
RELY ON YOUR BELIEFS FUND	3/4/16	\$5,000.00	ROY BLUNT
OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY RESTORES IN OUR NATION PAC	3/4/16	\$5,000.00	ORRIN HATCH
VALLEY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	3/4/16	\$5,000.00	COLLIN PETERSON
CONSERVATIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR A NEW AMERICA PAC	3/4/16	\$5,000.00	MICHAEL CONAWAY
HELP AMERICAS LEADERS PAC	3/7/16	\$5,000.00	HAROLD ROGERS
PIONEER POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	3/7/16	\$5,000.00	PATRICK TIBERI
SHORE PAC	3/7/16	\$5,000.00	FRANK PALLONE
REACHING FOR A BRIGHTER AMERICA PAC	3/28/16	\$5,000.00	ROBERT ADERHOLT
TEXAS FIRST PAC	3/28/16	\$5,000.00	HENRY CUELLAR
COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF CAPITALISM	3/31/16	\$5,000.00	CHARLES BOUSTANY