



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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January 10, 2002

Patrick E. Gioffre, Treasurer
Action Committee For Rural Electrification
(ACRE) National Rural Electric Coop. Assoc.
4301 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22203

Identification Number: C00002972

Reference: July Monthly Report (6/1/01-6/30/01)

Dear Mr. Gioffre:

On December 19, 2001, you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your January 4, 2002 response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-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.

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)

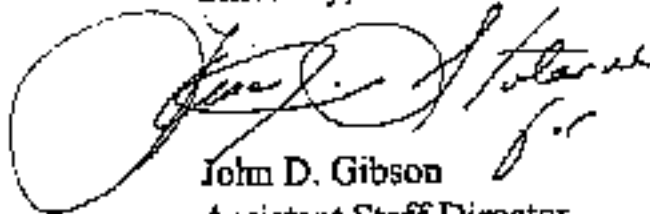
Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 23 by providing the office sought (House, Senate or President), state and Congressional district, if applicable, for each contribution made. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(ii) and (v) Each entry for House candidates must include the district.

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by January 30, 2002. 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 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 related to 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
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