



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

**Response Due Date**  
**10/02/2012**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00002972

REFERENCE: AMENDED APRIL MONTHLY REPORT (03/01/2012 - 03/31/2012),  
RECEIVED 05/11/2012

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 2 item(s):

1. Schedule B supporting Line 22 of your report discloses \$91,372.13 in disbursements to several non-federal committees (see attached), for "State Refund." You are advised that 11 CFR §102.5 prohibits a non-federal account from financing activity in connection with federal elections. Previously filed reports by your committee do not appear to disclose the original receipt of the apparent impermissible contribution on Schedule A. Please amend the report covering the period during which the transaction occurred to disclose the receipt of these funds.
2. The Commission notes the refund on Schedule B to "UNION RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC" for the apparent misdeposit of contributions originally intended for the non-federal account. Please be advised, contributions deposited in the federal account must meet the following conditions: the contributions are designated or expressly solicited for use in connection with federal elections and contributors are informed that their contributions are subject to the limits and prohibitions of the Act. (11 CFR §102.5(a))

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the misdeposited funds, your prompt action in refunding or transferring out this

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amount will be taken into consideration.

**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) 694-1164.

Sincerely,



Nicole Miller  
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

**Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions  
ACTION COMMITTEE FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION. (ACRE) NATIONAL  
RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (C00002972)**

**Refunds to Non-Federal Committees**

<b>Contributor Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Report</b>
ARKANSAS ACRE	3/19/12	\$3,471.10	2012 April Monthly
Illinois ACRE	3/16/12	\$20,283.25	2012 April Monthly
Michigan ACRE	3/16/12	\$502.74	2012 April Monthly
Nebraska ACRE	3/16/12	\$10,125.51	2012 April Monthly
Electric Co-op Help Organization	3/16/12	\$1,372.00	2012 April Monthly
Tennessee ACRE	3/16/12	\$7,586.61	2012 April Monthly
Virginia ACRE Committee	3/16/12	\$2,568.37	2012 April Monthly
Wisconsin ACRE	3/16/12	\$12,741.84	2012 April Monthly
Florida ACRE	3/16/12	\$8,473.04	2012 April Monthly
NORTH DAKOTA REPAC	3/16/12	\$5,426.87	2012 April Monthly
Oregon ACRE	3/16/12	\$4,962.23	2012 April Monthly
Alaska Power Association	3/16/12	\$759.50	2012 April Monthly
GEORGIA EMC PAC	3/16/12	\$9,204.65	2012 April Monthly
WASHINGTON ELECTRIC	3/16/12	\$1,966.25	2012 April Monthly
Rural Electric Advocates of Nevada	3/16/12	\$568.40	2012 April Monthly
Delaware Electric Co-op, Inc.	3/16/12	\$2,594.35	2012 April Monthly
SOUTHERN MARYLAND ELECTRIC	3/16/12	\$1,332.79	2012 April Monthly