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The Committee responds to the August 30, 2017, RFAI with a response due October 4, 2017, as follows:

The increase in debt on the pre-run-off report covering a portion of November was reported to reflect the amounts related to an independent expenditure estimate filed November 1, 2016 (FEC-1121826) covering the entire month of November that was later broken down between the two relevant reports.

The original independent expenditure estimate filed on November 1, 2016, was for the entire month of November.

The Committee had two reports covering the month of November: the pre-run-off (10/20/2016-11/20/2016), with a report due on 11/28/2016, and post-run-off (11/21/2016-12/30/2016), with a report due on 1/9/2017.

The Committee received the invoice related to the November estimated IE after the filing deadline for the pre-run-off report, and that invoice covered activity spanning both reports. Consequently, the Committee could not have reported debt related to the pre-run-off period on the pre-run-off report.

The Committee received an invoice from and made a payment to the sub-vendor on November 29, 2016, for \$484.58 of the independent expenditure at issue.

The Committee received an invoice from and made a payment to the vendor on December 21, 2016, for \$75,008.70 of the independent expenditure at issue (in addition to the smaller invoice of \$484.58 received and paid on 11/29/2016 - still after the filing deadline, totaling \$75,493.28).

In response to the 4/12/2017 RFAI, the Committee amended the relevant report, and because it now had the invoice information, added the "debt" amount to coincide with the payment in the subsequent period to accord with the general practice - where an invoice and amounts due are known - of reporting a debt for an expense incurred in one period but paid in another. Here, there was no way to record this "debt" because the relevant services had not finished rendering and had not been billed.

The Committee also updated its memo text language for those transactions to include the original transaction ID of the estimate filed so that the amended amounts were properly attributed to the original estimate, as suggested by the Committee's RAD Analyst.

Upon the advice of the Committee's RAD analyst, the Committee now reports transactions related to estimates with memo text linking the transactions via transaction ID in an effort to reduce reporting errors and improve the accuracy of our reporting.